

## **BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK INC**

*Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011.*

We had a fantastic turnout for breakfast on Christmas day with over 100 people coming along. A huge thank you to Shelley and Tiko Toganivalu for co ordinating the event, Belfast Community Trust for their financial contribution, Belfast Rugby Club for allowing us to use their facilities and the awesome volunteers from our community who came along and cooked for everyone – THANK YOU!

The BCN will continue to develop its GROW Belfast campaign this year along with the other community organisations in Belfast. This work ensures that there is strong communication within our local groups to ensure the right supports are available to our community.

Our team looks forward to another productive year of supporting our community. Please do not hesitate contacting us on **ph: 323 9731, fax ph: 323 9732 or email [belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz](mailto:belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz) [www.belfastcommunitynetwork.co.nz](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.co.nz)**

## **BELFAST AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The Belfast Area Resident's Group meet on the last Monday of the month at the Belfast Bowling Club, Sheldon Park. We welcome you to come along and perhaps become a part of this group. Everybody is welcomed to attend these meetings and learn a little about the community you live in. For further information contact Gavin Stanbury on **ph: 323 8283**

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN – SEEDS PLEASE!!!**

Our community garden needs seeds and seedlings! If you have any left from your own planting please drop them into the BCN office or come along on a Friday. Our garden has been supplying fresh veggies to our local foodbank, the City Mission and families at our local pool over summer. The volunteers are at the garden on Friday mornings from 11am – 1pm every week (fine weather only). This is a chance for people to pop down to the Community Garden and bring a shared lunch and help with the garden, sharing ideas etc. The garden is open to our community to come along and take enough for a couple of meals, we have a koha box in the garden so if you can, please leave a few coins or even a packet of seeds to help our garden to continue to GROW! The garden is situated between the Belfast Community Network and the CHCH North Elim Church at 805 Main North Road (at the back of the telephone exchange. For enquiries contact Kim Gregson **ph: 323 8088 or email [belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz](mailto:belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz)**.

## **BELFAST SCHOOL POOL IN SHELDON PARK**

The pool has been widely used throughout summer and will remain open as long as possible. Thank you to our community who have purchased keys and taken such good care of this community facility over summer. With such wonderful weather it was great to see over 200 people on some days cooling off in the pool. The partnership between the CCC, Belfast School and the BCN has worked extremely well and we are sure next season will be another fantastic time at the

pool. For further information on the pool contact Belfast School on **ph: 323 8849.**

## **TAI CHI IN BELFAST**

Introductory classes for men and women over 65 years. Regular practice reduces stress, increases lung capacity and improves balance, coordination and memory. Happy relaxed classes at your pace taken by a qualified tutor. Please phone Hilary on ph: 373 8280

## **BELFAST RUGBY CLUB**

Pre-season training is underway on Monday nights 6.15 at Sheldon Park. New players are more than welcome. Contact Don Fisher 0274489026 or Simon Wilson 021716262. Junior registration will be held on every Sunday in March from 11-1pm and every Wednesday in March from 5-7pm. Come and play Rugby in 2011 at the Club of Sonny Bill Williams. **Ph: 323 8024 or [belfast.rfc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:belfast.rfc@xtra.co.nz)**  
Web: [www.belfastrugby.co.nz](http://www.belfastrugby.co.nz)

## **OSCAR AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

Our Oscar programmes operate from the BCN at 807 Main North Road. We offer after school and holiday programmes for 5 to 13 year olds. Children are picked up by van from Belfast School each day and provided with afternoon tea. The programme closes at 5.30pm. Holiday programmes run from 8.30am to 5.30pm. The programme is approved by Child, Youth & Family Services and families may be eligible for a subsidy to cover costs. We welcome Lizi Sutherland as Assistant Supervisor on our 5 to 9 year old programme and Kim Gregson who will be working with the Big Kids (10 to 13 year olds) to our team this year. This term we are able to offer free ukulele lessons to children! If you would like further information on these programmes please contact the BCN office on **ph: 323 9731 or Vicki, Oscar Supervisor on 021 URKIDS (021 875 437) or go to our website [www.belfastcommunitynetwork.co.nz](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.co.nz).**

## **BELFAST NETBALL CLUB 2011 REGISTRATIONS/TRIALS**

**Registration Day** – All Grades – 10-12pm Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2011 \*A non refundable \$20 deposit must be paid on the day\*

### **Trial Dates**

**2A & Under 19's** – 6.30-8pm Tues 1st & Thurs 3rd March Rain Days - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am-12pm

**2B** – 6.30-7.30pm Wed 2nd March Rain Day - 12-1pm 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Under 13's-Under 17's** – 5.30-7pm Tues 8<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March Rain Days – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am-12pm

**Future Ferns-Under 12's** – 5.30-7pm Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March Rain Day – 12<sup>th</sup> March 12-1.30pm

**Venue:** Belfast Netball Club Courts, Main North Road (Sheldon Park – Behind Belfast Primary School).

For any further information please contact Jeana Purvis, Secretary on **ph: 323 9693 or 021 244 4473**

### BELFAST SCHOOL ERO REPORT

Belfast School has recently been reviewed by the Education Review Office with outstanding results. ERO state "the school is providing high quality education for an increasingly culturally diverse and growing student roll."

Both the School and Community are very proud of our achievements. To view the full ERO report visit [www.belfastschool.co.nz](http://www.belfastschool.co.nz) or [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz)

### SHOPPING AT THE PALMS

Each fortnight the BCN take a group of residents to the Palms to shop, pay accounts, go to the library or Service Centre and have lunch. We leave from the Salvation Army Church at 10am and we drop everyone home by 12.45. Our next trip will be **Thursday 17 February**. If you would like to come along please book a place by calling the BCN on **ph: 323 9731 or txt 021 2806 962**.

### PLUNKET PLAYGROUP

Our Friday morning playgroup operates from the BCN at 807 Main North Road during school term. This is a great opportunity for mums, dads, whanau to come along and have a play with your children, coffee and a chat. For further information please contact Sarah on **Ph: 323 5441**. We start back on 11th Feb, 9.30am to 12 noon.

### SALVATION ARMY – FOOD BANK & SERVICES

The food bank is open each Monday and Wednesday if you require support. For further information or support please contact the Salvation Army on: **323 8257**.

### MAINLY MUSIC

Mainly Music for ages 0-5 runs at Christchurch North Elim, 803 Main North Road, Belfast - Mondays from 10am – 11.00am. Mothers and caregivers enjoy participating, meeting and socialising with each other and enjoying a relaxed cuppa with morning tea. \$2 per child or \$3 per family. Enquiries to **ph: 323 7212**

### HOUSE CLEANING AND GARDENING & SMALL ODD JOBS WANTED

All jobs quoted for free. Reliable, honest lady with great references. Please phone Lynn on 323 6020.

**To place community notices in the April 2011  
newsletter please contact:**

Belfast Community Network • Ph: 323 9731 • PO Box 26 • Belfast  
or email [belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz](mailto:belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz)

*All notices must have a contact name and telephone number.*

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