

BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK INC

Tena koutou katoa te whanau whanui o tenei rohe, greetings to the Belfast community!

Our apologies for the lateness of our newsletter, however the CCC printer who does our copying is in the CBD.

Our community was able to support those in need following the devastating event on 22 February. While Belfast had a lot less damage than many of our neighbouring communities, there were still a number of homes that were damaged. Our team collaborated with Belfast Rugby Women's team members, Belfast Community Trust, and many other local residents and business' who wanted to help to provide 14 events in parks in the eastern suburbs over 9 days following the earthquake. These events reached over 4500 people and gave children, families and individuals something fun to focus on for a few hours. Our heartfelt thanks to the NZCT and Kensal Investments for providing the financial support for us to be able to do this. Our thoughts are with those in our community who lost family, friends and colleagues.

Below are some contacts that may assist you during this stressful time, you do not need to be alone, there are many supports to help you get through this tough time:

- **EQC** 0800 Damage (0800 326243) or www.eqc.govt.nz
- **Earthquake Government Helpline:** 0800 779 997
- **Christchurch City Council**

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/homeliving/civildefence/chcheearthquake/index.aspx>

Please do not hesitate contacting us on **ph: 323 9731, fax ph: 323 9732 or email** belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz www.belfastcommunitynetwork.co.nz

BELFAST AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM 2 MAY 2011

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 2nd May** (Please note this is a changed date to our usual monthly meeting due to Easter) at 7.30pm at the Belfast Bowling Club. If you have some great ideas for Belfast we would like to hear about your ideas!

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 - HELPERS NEEDED!

Our garden has been supplying fresh veggies to our local foodbank and was also extensively used during the earthquake to provide fresh veggies for people in need. 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 have a cup of tea and help with the garden, sharing ideas and just to learn some new skills etc.

The garden is open to our community to come along and take enough for a couple of meals. 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 on **ph: 323 8088** or email belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz.

BELFAST SCHOOL POOL IN SHELDON PARK

All keys are now required to be returned to the school and for you to be able to collect your bond. We hope that the pool will be up and running again next summer!

TAI CHI IN BELFAST

This is 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**. Come and play Rugby in 2011 at the Club of Sonny Bill Williams. **Ph: 323 8024** or belfast.rfc@xtra.co.nz Web: 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 during the school term 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. 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.

BELFAST SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Belfast School wish to invite the Belfast community to view our fantastic new classrooms and Administration building. We will be holding an open morning on Friday, 13 May between 9.30 and 11.00 a.m., so come along and see our new building. We look forward to meeting with you. Visit www.belfastschool.co.nz

SALVATION ARMY

We know that many people in our community are supporting family and friends since the February earthquake. The Salvation Army Foodbank operates from 10am-1pm on Monday's and Wednesday's. If you need some support to get through this time please come along for some support. We are situated on the corner of Donegal Street and Main North Road. Please contact the Salvation Army on **ph: 323 8257** if you have any enquiries.

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 or www.ero.govt.nz

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**.

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**.

BELFAST TOASTMASTERS

Do you want to improve your public speaking skills, self confidence and communication skills? Belfast Toastmasters can help you. We meet every Monday evening, 7.30pm at Belfast Rugby Club rooms, March Place. Don't be shy, give us a try! Call Fay on **ph: 327 6076** or John on **ph: 338 3814**

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

Belfast Community Network • Ph: 323 9731 • PO Box 26 • Belfast
or email belfastcommunity@paradise.net.nz

All notices must have a contact name and telephone number

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