

## BELFAST COMMUNITY NETWORK INC

### *Nga mihi o te Kirihimete, Wishing you a happy Christmas*

We had another fantastic event in Sheldon Park on 28<sup>th</sup> October! A huge thank you to everyone who made it happen and for the estimated 3000 people from our community who came along and enjoyed themselves.

Our staff and volunteers wish you all a happy and safe time over the Christmas break. Come along to breakfast Christmas morning, there's no need to be alone. Our office will close from 22 Dec and reopen on the 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. Messages and emails will be checked throughout this period.

Our website has lots of information about Belfast on it, please check it out regularly and if you have events that you want on it let us know!

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## BELFAST COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Our Belfast Community Christmas Brekkie will be at the **Belfast School Hall, 700 Main North Road**, from **8am to 9.30am on Christmas morning**. Come along and enjoy a fantastic breakfast, great company and some Christmas cheer. If you require transport could you please contact our office before 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec and we will organise for our van to pick you up and take you home. If you would like more information please contact the BCN office on **ph: 323 9731** or email [info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) or text 021 280 6962. This is an event for everyone to enjoy! Kindly funded by the Belfast Community Trust and organised by community volunteers.

**VOLUNTEERS** – if you would like to assist with our breakfast Shelley would love to hear from you! We need electric fry pans/spatulas and tea towels! Even if you would just like to come along have breakfast and give a hand to clean up that would be awesome! Call Shelley or Tiko on **ph: 323 7518**

## BELFAST COMMUNITY POOL - KEYS ON SALE NOW!

Belfast School is again operating the pool in Sheldon Park over summer. There will be no lifeguards on duty this year. Keys are now on sale at the school office until 7 December from 8.30am-3.30pm, cost is \$70 which includes a \$15 refund when the key is returned at the end of the season. Contact the school on **Ph: 323 8849** for any further information. ***Please purchase your key as soon as possible!*** Under 5's must have someone in the water with them at all times, under 8's must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over – **active supervision means be able to give immediate assistance**. Our pool is operated in partnership with the CCC, Belfast School and BCN.

## POOL ACTIVITIES

The BCN summer team will run events Monday's, Wednesday's & Friday's from 12-4pm – check the [belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](http://belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) website for the programme some activities are dependent on weather. Each Friday afternoon the pool will be open to the community and a lifeguard will be working.

## BRAINWAVE TRUST – THE FIRST 3 YEARS LAST FOREVER !

Redwood/Belfast Plunket and BCN are pleased to bring a Brainwave presentation to Belfast on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2pm** at CHCH North Elim. Did you know that the way you speak, handle & respond to a baby shapes the baby's brain? Come along and hear Nathan Mikarere-Wallis tell us about this and other fascinating facts. Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$5 if you or someone you know is pregnant or has children this is something every parent needs to come to! Contact the BCN on 323 9731 for further info or tickets.

## SUPPORTS OVER CHRISTMAS

Salvation Army Foodbank will be operating Monday, Wednesday & Friday's 10am to 1pm **except** for statutory holidays on Monday 26 Dec & Monday 2 Jan.

Belfast Medical – closed from 24<sup>th</sup> Dec to 4<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Belfast North Mediquel – closed for statutory days only.

Belfast Community Garden – between the CHCH North Elim & BCN open for you to take enough food for 1 or 2 meals.

## CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

St David's Anglican Church Main North Road, Christmas Day Service - 9.30am family communion. A community Christmas Concert will be held at St Silas in Redwood, 237 Main North Road at 7pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December all welcome.

Salvation Army Christmas Day Service corner of Main North Road & Donegal Street - 9.30am service. A Christmas display will be open for people to view from 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23 December from 10am to 1pm. Christchurch North Elim Church – Christmas Day Service at 10am children bring your favourite gift to show.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our winter Simply Soup group has kept meeting each Thursday for lunch. We invite you to Come along to our end of year Christmas lunch on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 11.30am at the BCN 807 Main North Road. To assist with catering could you please contact Nyrene on 0800 Timebank if you would like to come.

## BELFAST OSCAR

**Belfast Oscar** - afterschool care operates from the BCN facility at 807 Main North Road for children aged 5-13 years, children are picked up from school at 3-5.30pm each day and the cost is \$12 per session. We do have vacancies for 2012 if you require care for your child/ren. Our programme is Child, Youth & Family approved and subsidies are available for qualifying families.

**January Holiday Programme** – our programme will run from **16-20 Jan and 23-27 Jan** from 8.30am to 5.30pm cost is \$32 per day.

**Youth Holiday Programme** – Waipara Camp 17-19 January call the office for details.

**Morning OSCAR** – with the new Standards of Approval it may be possible for us to look at providing a morning programme from 7 to 8.30am during the school term. The cost would be \$8 per day. If you would be interested in this could you please contact Simon at the BCN office on 323 9731 or email [simon@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:simon@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) if there are sufficient numbers we will look at establishing a new programme. Please go to our website [www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](http://www.belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz) for more details or contact our office on 323 9731.

### **BELFAST FARMERS MARKET**

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the market due to the unavailability of stall holders and low numbers attending. We hope to re-establish it in the future. A huge thank you to everyone who was visiting each week and who supported the Farmers Market idea.

### **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**. **Merry Christmas everyone!**

### **TIMEBANKING IS HERE IN BELFAST!**

TimeBanking is a safe, new and exciting way for people to help others and help themselves at the same time. Members 'deposit' time in the bank by giving practical help and support and are able to 'withdraw' time when they need something done themselves. Everyone's time is valued equally – you give an hour and you get an hour back. Contact our TimeBank Coordinator Nyrene on **ph: 0508 TIMEBANK (84632265)** or go to the BCN website!

### **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. Our last day for 2011 will be 9 December and we will start back 03<sup>rd</sup> February. For further information please contact Sarah on **Ph: 323 5441**. **Merry Christmas!**

### **Baby Sitting**

If you need a responsible babysitter please contact Lizi on 022 0811072 I am Nanny trained.

**To place community notices in the February 2012 newsletter please contact:**

- Belfast Community Network • Ph: 323 9731 • PO Box 76126 • Northwood
- Christchurch 8548 or email [info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz](mailto:info@belfastcommunitynetwork.org.nz)

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

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