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Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

What a privilege it is to work at a school where our students have the opportunity to participate in such a wide range of extra opportunities. We have had a busy term of learning, sporting and cultural events. Last week we celebrated the Arts. A collection of visual art from across our school was displayed for the thousands of visitors to the Michael Fowler Centre to admire. Boulcott's largest ever choir proudly performed at ArtSplash, an event where hundreds of children gather to sing together with orchestra and band musicians. Then an inaugural group performed a beautifully choreographed piece at DanceSplash. We extend our thanks to Mrs McGregor, Miss Jellie and Mrs Anstiss for their dedication to preparing students for these events.

So many of our Boulcott students are willing to take up roles of extra responsibilities and give service to our school. Did you know we have a group of 76 active Year 5 and 6 Peer Mediators? Last week, the visiting facilitator we hosted, emphasised to both staff and students "the difference between conflict (school, home, community), violence (both physical and psychological) and bullying (on-going threatening behaviour used to humiliate or loss of self-esteem)". The Cool Schools Peer Mediation Programme is a whole school programme that teaches essential life skills for peaceful conflict resolution. The skills taught empower individuals to build positive, caring relationships with others especially when conflict arises over differences. We are grateful for the service our 2017 team of Peer Mediators provide in our Boulcott playground.

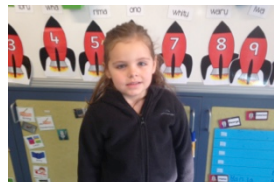
Last week we held a successful Lock Down drill. There are many reasons why during the course of a school day it may be most appropriate, or safest, for everyone to be inside. Classes have discussed how to safely meet in classrooms if ever necessary.

Those of us over 18 participated in the General Election on Saturday, but a day earlier, the Cottage at Boulcott was transformed into a polling booth! This was the accumulation of learning linked to New Zealand politics and the formation of government. Our Senior students designed posters, prepared voting papers, signs and more. This learning has sparked a huge interest in following New Zealand's current events. Our Juniors voted on whether or not students at Boulcott should wear a school uniform, interestingly, our students are in favour of a uniform! Our Middle and Senior Boulcott results were comparable to the country's results for the Hutt South electorate. We will have to keep an eye on our student community, we wonder how many will get involved in politics in the future.

We continue to welcome new students and their families to Boulcott School.
It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott:
Year 1: Stella Hartley Mooar and Ryan Kim

We wish you a safe and fun filled holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting final term of the 2017 school year.

Thank you for your continued support.



ArtSplash, DanceSplash and Boulcott Election



BOT Staffing Update

Staff Change - Veronica Sawers

We are sad to inform you that Veronica Sawers has tendered her resignation to take up the exciting challenge of leading St Brendan's School in Silverstream as their new Principal.

Veronica has made a huge contribution during her four years at Boulcott School, undertaking many different roles including Associate Principal, Literacy Leader, Board of Trustees Representative and Coordinator of Senior Leadership roles. Many families will also know Veronica as our Room 1 Year 5/6 teacher and the chief organiser of our fantastic Senior camps! The Board were privileged when Veronica stepped up as Acting Principal on two separate occasions in which she has gained invaluable experience going into her new position. To every role, Veronica has brought expertise, ideas, organisation, warmth and energy.

Veronica will take up her new role at St Brendan's at the start of 2018. During Term 4 at Boulcott School, Veronica will continue as Acting Principal until Stu Devenport starts on Monday, 30 October. Veronica will then finish off the term in a dual capacity as Acting SENCO/Gifted and Talented teacher, as well as having continued involvement with teaching in Room 1 and leading the Senior Syndicate. We are very grateful for Veronica's contributions and wish her all the best for her new role.

Regards

Boulcott School Board of Trustees

Recognition Awards (CHEER)

Congratulations to recipients of our school-wide 'CHEER' awards from our last school assembly. A student at Boulcott School who earns a 'CHEER' from the school community will have been displaying one or more of the following values: Confidence, Honesty, Enthusiasm, Excellence, and Respect.

Congratulations to Junior Syndicate: Abigail Jones, Abigail Kumar, Harlyem Patau-Singh, Molly Williams, Nathan Sutcliffe, Christopher Moore, Jacob Williams, Micaela De La Rosa, Zoe Worthington, Chante Goonewardene, Paxton Stothers, Ryan Benseman.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Rebecca Whalen, Dharmik Patel, Ashlee Fitness, Joshua Young, Arabella Bradley, Amelia Robson, Olivia Harris, Hosanna Shandil, Jackson McDougall, Miley Wilson, Ella-Rose Monk, Max Fafeita.

Congratulations to Senior Syndicate: Erik Falmann, Shaydon Black, Harry Mort, Sienna Frickleton, Louie Lust, Harry Birchler.

Congratulations to Paxton, Miley, Max and Sienna, whose names were drawn out to have fish and chips with the Principal, Thursday, 19 October.

Library

Thank you to those parents who offered, and are currently, helping in the library covering books. Your help is appreciated.

Book Fair – our very popular ‘Scholastic Book Fair’ takes place in early November. If you are able to help with the fair, before or after school, please contact Tania in the office.

Overdue books – there are still a large number of overdue books. Please return these through the library slot before the end of term.

Greenie News

We Greenies have been working hard this term, determined to help our environment. We have succeeded in persuading our Wednesday Thai Food provider to send their food in compostable containers. So now we have no polystyrene going to the landfill! We have continued to sell Munchwraps (\$10) to decrease the amount of gladwrap we bring to school. This term we presented the results of the rubbish audit to everyone. We were very happy with the results, but we can try to do even better. We have also been getting dirty in the garden, planting delicious produce and gorgeous flowers. We are not going to stop there, we have big plans for Term 4 and can't wait to get started!



By Ellie, Gabby and Melissa, from the Boulcott Greenie Group

Running Club

Running Club is back in Term 4 commencing on Tuesday, 17 October at 8am on the field. Running Club will run every Tuesday of the term, unless it is wet.

FREE Dental Checks!

Students at our school are due for their *free* annual dental check-ups. The Dental van is ahead of schedule and is already on the school site, and will continue in the first week of next term. Once seen your child will be given a letter that may include details of another appointment. Please contact us to change this appointment if required. Please search your child's school bag!

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583).

We look forward to seeing you soon!
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Home and School

Bring-a-Week

We are half way through “bring-a-week”! We would like to encourage everyone to make a contribution. This could be anything new and unused such as grocery items (expiry in 2018 or later please!) pamper gifts, bottles, new toys. All items will be used to create baskets of goodies for the Quiz Night, which is going to be held on Saturday, 28 October 2017.

We are always on the lookout for extra helpers so if you would rather help out at the quiz than be on a table, or, you would like to help out with wrapping the quiz raffle prizes let us know by emailing homeschool@boulcott.school.nz.



Quiz Night

Saturday, 28 October 7-10pm in the school hall, \$20 per person (includes nibbles). Tables of up to 8. Book your table by emailing homeschool@boulcott.school.nz. Please note your table is not confirmed until payment is received into the following account: 12 3478 0056621 00.

Uniform

Students who play Touch Rugby in Term 4 will be required to wear a Boulcott School sports top. A school hat, with a wide brim, will also be compulsory for all students in Term 4. Order forms are available from the school office for both these items.

Pita Pit Drawing Competition

Congratulations to Maddison from Room 8 for winning a prize from Pita Pit for a beautiful picture in their colouring competition. Well done.

Dates

Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December (9 weeks)

2018: Wednesday 31 January – Friday 14 December

Coming Events

Thurs 28 Sept:	School photos continue
Fri 29 Sept:	School Assembly 2 pm, Term 3 ends at 3pm
Mon 16 Oct:	Term 4 begins
Week of 16 Oct:	Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, Boulcott's Got Talent Heats begin
Thurs 19 Oct:	Yr 5-6 Tennis Tournament
Fri 20 Oct:	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Fri 27 Oct:	Yr 1-2 Touch begins School Assembly (2:10pm)
Mon 30 Oct:	Stu Devenport, our new Principal begins at Boulcott
Tues 31 Oct:	Yr 1-4 T-Ball Tournament (pp Thurs 2 Nov)
Fri 3 Nov:	Yr 3-6 Boulcott Athletics (pp Mon 6 Nov)
Tues 7 Nov:	Yr 1-2 Boulcott Athletics (pp tbc)
Thurs 9 Nov:	Boulcott Scholastic Book Fair begins

Kind regards,

Veronica Sawers
Acting Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lower Hutt Athletics Club - Is the next Tom Walsh or Eliza McCartney living in your house? Lower Hutt Athletics Club can help you find out. Registrations for the 2017/18 track and field season are now open. Learn basic movements and skills for throwing, jumping and running events. Compete with children from other parts of Wellington and New Zealand. Registrations are now open online www.lhaac.org.nz or come along on Wednesday, 18 October from 6pm, at the upstairs long room, Hutt Rec Grandstand.

Hutt City Inline Hockey Club – Returning to Lower Hutt in Term 4. Walter Nash Stadium, Thursdays from 4pm to 5:30pm. \$5 per session or \$30 for 7 sessions, cash only. For more information email sanimmo@xtra.co.nz or ph 027 663 4344.

You and Your Child Expo – Sunday, 15 October at Westpac Stadium, 10am – 6pm. \$10 per adult with tickets available from Ticketek.

Free Curtains - We provide free, lined curtains to families with a Community Services Card to help them keep their homes warm. Anyone with a CSC can get free curtains, but through the year we partner with community organisations to make it easier for people not in Wellington city to access the service. From September 25 to October 6, we'll be based at Timberlea Community Centre. The centre will be open from 12pm to 2pm, weekdays. Outside of those hours people can text 027 474 4900 to make arrangements.

Holiday Programmes

Mediterranean Food Warehouse – Children's pizza making classes. Tuesday, 3 October, Thursday, 5 October and Thursday 12 October from 3pm to 4:15pm. \$30 includes making your own pizza, small drink and gelato. Suitable for ages 5-11 years. For further information email michele@medifoods.co.nz.

Learn To Play Tennis – For children from 5-13 years. Monday, 9 October to Wednesday, 11 October at Mitchell Park. \$33 for the 3 days payable on the first day. For more information contact Gary Nelson on 589 7178 or email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz.

SGCNZ National Shakespeare Schools Production 2017 - Saturday, 7 October 7:30pm at Te Aro Room, Mac's Function Centre, Taranaki Street Wharf, Wellington and Sunday, 8 October 2:00pm at Wild Theatre, Wellington Zoo. To make a booking for Mac's go to www.iTICKET.org.nz, door sales available (cash only). For the Zoo go via the SGCNZ office, email Shakespeare.et.al@gmail.com, or ph 04 384 1300. Find the online booking form under www.sgcnz.org.nz, pre-booking is essential, NO door sales. Ticket prices for Mac's: \$12-\$25, for the Zoo: \$2.50-\$10 + \$15 p.p. for Zoo entry.

Animates Lower Hutt – Free holiday seminars on how to educate children to behave around dogs. Thursday, 5 & 12 October, 11am. Bookings not necessary. For more information please contact Animates Lower Hutt.

Racquet and Paddle Sports Holiday Programme – Tuesday, 3 October and Wednesday, 4 October, 9am to 2:30pm at Hutt Valley Badminton Hall, 25 Vogel Street, Naenae. Sports include – Badminton, Pickleball, Tennis and Table Tennis. To register email Simone Naylor on s-g@clear.net.nz.

GKR Karate – Free Self Defence Class. Waterloo School Hall, Saturday, 7 & 14 October from 10:30am to 12pm or Petone School Hall, Tuesday, 10 October from 10 – 11am. For more information call or text Sensei Anthony on 027 765 3935.

YMCA Camp - Every child deserves to experience a Y Camp or holiday programme! At our Y camps and holiday programmes, kids and teens learn values and positive behaviours. It is an opportunity to explore their unique talents and interests, helping them realise their potential. That makes for confident kids today and engaged adults tomorrow. Our camps and holiday programmes are a truly memorable experience and can be a life changing one for many people and families. To find out more, and to book, visit ymcawellington.org.nz. For more information please contact Elyse 06 377 5499 or email marketing@ymcawellington.org.nz.

Hutt City Council Holiday Information – Te Whiti Riser Nightwalk -Saturday, 7 October, 6pm-9pm. Dive in Movie – Sunday, 8 October, 6pm-8:30pm, Naenae Pool, \$5 entry fee. Starlight picnic at Percy's, Tuesday, 10 October, 6pm-9pm, Percy's Reserve. For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/events>.

Artrageous Holiday Programme - Artrageous kids provide creative experiences. We offer two programmes one for children age 5-12 years and the other for children aged 10-15 years. To find out more please go to our website. www.artrageouskids.co.nz

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