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Newsletter No. 17 – Wednesday, 8 November 2017

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Well, one week in and I am thoroughly enjoying my time at Boulcott School. A big thank-you to one and all for the warm welcome I have received. I thoroughly enjoyed our powhiri ceremony last Monday, that was performed by the students, it was a fitting way to start my time here at Boulcott. Thank you to everyone involved for making it happen. The highlight of the past week and a half has been meeting all the Boulcott students. I have been incredibly impressed with their confidence, spirit and politeness. They are a credit to the school and the families they come from. I am slowly getting to know all the names and faces! Not only do we have great children but a great teaching and support staff too! I have been impressed with the professionalism and commitment I have seen in my short time here.

We are fast approaching the mid-point of the term and before we know it, we will be finishing up for the academic year. Of course, there is plenty of work to be done before we get there. The teaching staff are currently in the process of completing testing so they have valuable information for writing end of year progress reports for individual students. Another important task is creating class lists for 2018. The teachers work together on this process and take all information into account to find the 'best fit' for your child. If you have information that you think may be useful to us for making these class placements, please let your child's classroom teacher or team leader know. If you have shared information with us in previous years which you still think is relevant, please feel free to let us know again, so we can assure it is taken into consideration again.

We would also appreciate if you can let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Boulcott School in 2018. Please contact the school office if this is the case.

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce Claire Williams, Lisa Hassell and Roanna Reidy are returning to full time classroom teaching in 2018. Corrina Rayson will also be joining the team next year. Corrina has had several years teaching experience at Cashmere Avenue School in Khandallah and before that on the Kapiti Coast.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Ashley Chesterfield at the end of this year. Ashley has been successful in securing a position at Maungaraki School, teaching in the Year 7/8 area. Although I've only been at Boulcott for a week, I've been told Ashley will be a great loss for our school as she has given valuable contributions over her time here. Congratulations Ashley.

The Senior Management Team are currently in the process of short-listing for a Year 5/6 Team Leader and Deputy Principal. Once these appointments have been made we can confirm the school structure with you all.

Recognition Awards

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: Addison Khaw, Freddie Gilbert, Isla O'Brien, Micah Irwin, Stella Hartley Mooar, Kelsey Tye, Marley Oldfield, Nayla Syahrana, Eric Wen, Regan Khaw, Ashton Lythe, Daksh Sehrawat.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Alex Jamieson, Flynn Mildenhall, Issy Hourigan, Thomas Jones, Reuben Coetzee, Riley Donoghue, Brooklyn Manu, Joshua Farrington, Holly Goad, Joshua Van Rij, Madi Tuia, Albin Mowat.

Congratulations to Senior Syndicate: Austin Voller, Joelynn Wormington, Ellie McDougall, Xaviera Xu, Henry Chamberlain, Kezia Cooper, Aaron Mattsen, Caleb Monk.

Sports

Cricket – On Friday, 27 October, 18 Year 6 students had the opportunity to participate in a 'Have a go day' playing cricket. Many of our students had not played cricket before. We were lucky enough to be coached by the Wellington Firebirds for the day. Everyone got an opportunity to bowl, bat and field. Everyone gave 100% and we are proud to say we were the winning school making the final and coming home with the winning trophy. A great day with many children now signing up for cricket this season.



Tee-ball Tournament – On Tuesday, 31 October, 4 teams from Boulcott School headed off to the Tee-ball tournament at Fraser Park. The Years 1- 4 students had a wonderful time playing against a number of other schools. A big thank you to Mrs Skinner for doing such a fantastic job of organising the teams, bus and help. A big thank you to all the parents for your support in coaching the teams and lastly a big thank you to the students for being wonderful students and participating really well. You showed your CHEER values well.



Year 3-6 School Athletics Day

What a fantastic day we had on Monday! We were all very pleased the weather was kind to us after making the call to postpone last Friday. It was wonderful to see all the children striving to do their best at every event while supporting their peers at the same time. There was a 'healthy' sense of the competition in the air that made for a very successful day. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day, including running in the final relay, we could not have done it without you. Also, a special thanks to Dana Skinner for co-ordinating the day. The organisation was seamless and the events ran like clockwork.

We look forward to seeing our top Year 4-6 athletes compete at the Central Zone Athletics next Wednesday, 15 November, at Naenae Park. Again, we will require parent assistance for this day so please email Dana Skinner: dana_skinner@boulcott.school.nz if you can help.



Lunchboxes

A friendly reminder that Boulcott is an Enviro School therefore we endeavour to keep our waste to a minimum. We encourage the student's lunchboxes to have 'Nude Food' which means no wrappers or plastic waste left behind after it is eaten. This helps in reducing the waste at school and unsightly litter in the playground. Thank you for your support on this initiative.

Home and School

Sausage Sizzle – Boulcott's Home and School Committee are assisting the Student Council with a sausage sizzle on Thursday, 16 November. The money raised from this will go towards the new Boulcott School mural. Order forms will go home today with your child and need to be returned by 3pm, Tuesday, 14 November. **Cash only please.** If you are able to assist with the sausage sizzle please email homeschool@boulcott.school.nz. Thank you for your support.

Quiz Night – Thank you to all those who attended the Home and School Quiz Night. A big thanks to all the wonderful helpers and sponsors, we appreciate you supporting Boulcott School. \$4500 was raised from the Quiz Night and this will go towards extra things for our children at Boulcott School.

Library

Book Fair – Our annual 'Scholastic Book Fair' starts this **Thursday at 8:30am** in the library and finishes on Tuesday, 14 November at 3:30pm. The Book Fair will remain open till 5:30pm on Thursday. Come and have a look at a great range of books and do some early Christmas shopping. Thank you to those parents who have offered their help.

The first few days of the Book Fair are very busy and the library does become very congested. Students are asked not to bring their school bags into the library.

Poetry from Room 11

In Room 11 we have been revisiting 2017 and all the fun things and learning we have done this year. Here are a couple of poems that we have written about this year.

That was 2017

Remember when we first read our pen pals awesome letters?

Remember when our awesome teacher taught us NZSL?

That was 2017.

Remember when Mrs McKeivitt came to visit us with her baby?

Remember when it was a skip off at school skipping day?

That was 2017.

Remember when Mrs Kamal first came here. I was excited?

Do you remember we had a shared lunch?

That was 2017.

By Jakaya Hemera

That was 2017

Remember at the disco we danced heaps?

Remember when Mrs Kamal threw the quoit and it was still in her hand?

That was 2017.

Remember at the party we played the chocolate game and I got two pieces of chocolate?

Remember when we were doing vortex and Issachar was the best?

That was 2017.

Remember in Room 11 when Mrs Kamal was first starting in Room 11. I was feeling excited and nervous?

Do you remember at the talent quest when Josh was doing it everyone screamed and screamed?

That was 2017.

By Louis Dhlamini

We need a Christmas Angel

Boulcott School wants to purchase a long-lasting macrocarpa compost bin with 3 bays. This will be delivered from Auckland to a depot somewhere in Wellington. The bin is in kitset form. We will need to pick it up and bring it here to school, so this will require a ute or a trailer. The macrocarpa will be heavy and some of the pieces could be up to 2700mm in length. It will arrive at the depot in a pack which will need to be unpacked and loaded onto the ute/trailer. If you are able to help with this project we would love to hear from you. Please email gaylene_nankivell@boulcott.school.nz. The compost bin will be ordered once the delivery has been organised, so it will be a week or two away. Thank you for your support.

Coming Events

Thurs 9 Nov:	Boulcott Scholastic Book Fair begins
Fri 10 Nov:	Yr 0-2 Boulcott Athletics (no postponement date set at this stage) Kapa haka Exchange at Eastern Hutt School
Weds 15 Nov:	Central Zone Athletics (pp Fri 17 Nov) at Naenae Park
Thurs 23 Nov:	World of Waste trip for our Boulcott Greenie team
Fri 24 Nov:	Year 3-4 Talent Quest Finals (2:10pm)
Tues 28 Nov:	Inter-zone Athletics (pp Thurs 30 Nov)
Fri 1 Dec:	Assembly and Year 5-6 Talent Quest Finals (2pm)
Tues 5 Dec:	Cushion Concert & Road Patrol Fun Day Regional Athletics (pp Thurs 7 Dec) Junior Syndicate trip to Te Papa
Weds 6 Dec:	Thank you afternoon tea for parents (2:45pm)
Thurs 7 Dec:	Year 1 & 2 River Walk and Picnic
Fri 8 Dec:	Final Prizegiving Assembly
Tues 12 Dec:	Junior School Fun Day
Weds 13 Dec:	Year 6 Leavers Function at 6:30pm
Fri 15 Dec:	Term 4 ends
2018 School Year:	
Weds 31 Jan:	2018 Boulcott School year begins
Fri 14 Dec:	Term 4 ends

Nga Mihi nui,

Stu Devenport
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tennis Coaching – Term 1, 2018, for children from Year 2-6. Places are available in this programme, which takes place at Boulcott School, on Mondays from 3:10pm-3:50pm, starting on Monday, 12 February, 2018 and continuing for 6 consecutive weeks or on Wednesdays, from 8:10am to 8:50am, starting on Wednesday, 7 February, 2018 and continuing for 6 consecutive weeks. Cost is \$50-00 and this is to be paid at the first lesson. All equipment is provided. Please phone Gary Nelson on 589 7178 to enrol your child.

Sanitarium Weet-Bix TRYathlon – This very popular event run by the Hutt City Council is back next year on Thursday, 15 March.

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