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Kia ora koutou katoa,

The weather has continued to be kind to us over the past fortnight so the students have been able to make the most of the calm days and warm sun. We are looking forward to this continuing over the next few weeks as the teams have many outdoor activities planned as we lead up to the end of the year.

Staffing Update

As reported in the last newsletter, the Senior Management Team have dedicated much of our time over the past few weeks appointing teachers for our two vacancies at management level. We have been incredibly fortunate to have had a high calibre of candidates for both positions. I can now confirm these appointments with you.

Jodi Mitchell will be joining us next year as our Deputy Principal. For the past 8 years Jodi has worked as a local RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour) where she has had considerable experience working with students that struggle with their learning. She also has sound knowledge of restorative practice for dealing with behaviour. This experience has given her a huge amount of expertise for the role of SENCO. Her curriculum passions are Literacy and The Arts.

Melissa Coton will be joining us next year as Year 5/6 Team Leader. Melissa has spent the last 7 years at Muritai School where she has been leading Mathematics development plus taking the lead with their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiatives over the past two years. Melissa is currently completing her Masters in Education. Her passions are Maths, Science and computer coding.

Finally, I received confirmation from Roanna Reidy last week that she has accepted a position at Khandallah School for 2018. Although she is sad to not be returning to Boulcott, this move fits well for her and her family as it is closer to home. This of course created another vacancy in our Junior School. Fortunately, we had many strong applicants from the recent teacher advertisements. Kaajal Patel will be also joining us in 2018. Kaajal knows Boulcott School well as she recently completed a successful teaching experience in Jo Lock's classroom. Kaajal is starting her teaching career - it is fantastic to have a beginning teacher join the team for next year. Her passions are Literacy and Numeracy, along with Dance and Sport coaching.

Fencing Project

If you've visited school over the past week you would have seen our fencing project has commenced and the new fence is looking very smart. The construction team are very used to working at schools and are familiar with the busyness of the environment. They are keeping current construction zones coned off to ensure they have clear 'no go' areas for the public. Please be mindful of this over the next couple of weeks.



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: Oliver Mould, George Shirley, Simar Kaur, Oliver Bristow, Sanders McLean, Olive Kerr, Grace Robinson, Riley OByrne, Jada Tetevano, Lachlan Farrington, Chloe Wang, Frances Mosen, Edward Taylor, Dana Asfari.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Lucas White, Benjamin Peacock, Issachar Utuie, Oksa Va'a, Paxton Tuhoro, Alana Tye, Eleesha Joby, Damien Connan, Hunter McLean, Vihini Abayarathna, Liam Paterson, Maya Christiansen.

Congratulations to Senior Syndicate: Fin Hourigan, Dineth Abayarathna, Nephi Tuia, Megan Small, Jack Hutchings, Eunice Young, Kaylee Black, Rishma Sheriffdeen.

Junior Syndicate Athletics

On Monday, 13 November the Junior Syndicate had its athletics celebration. The children came to school in their house colours and ran, jumped and threw just like the big children did. Best of all our students showed the CHEER values in their approach to all the activities they did. Thanks to all the families who came along to support.



Kapa haka Exchange

On Friday, 10 November many of our Year 5/6 students attended our annual Kapa haka Exchange with Eastern Hutt and Waterloo schools. This year it was Eastern Hutt's turn to host the event which started with a powerful powhiri. Boulcott students performed exceptionally on the day. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the skills and talents they have developed over their time at Boulcott.



Central Zone Athletics

I had the pleasure of attending the end of this event last Wednesday at Naenae Park, so was able to see our relay teams excel in the final races of the day. It was great to see and learn about our Boulcott students continuing to show our CHEER values throughout the day while competing and supporting their peers. Well done to everyone who represented our school with pride and big congratulations to the following students that were selected to represent the Central Zone at the Inter-zone event next week:

Long Jump – Sam, Phoenix, Ellie, Lynmari, Kezia, Skylah, Judy, Acacia, Michael, Maz, Jet.

High Jump – Maz, Joshua, Jet, Rishma, Paige, Sophie.

Quoit Throw – Fin, Paige.

Sprints – Ellie, Eunice, Phoenix, Hollie, Oska, Charlie, Rilshan, Sophie, Fin.

Vortex – Everett, Jet, Jay, Wairangi.

Relays – Cooper, Max, Emma, Miley, Isla, Charlotte, Hopoate, Lochy.



Thank you to our wonderful parents who helped out on the day, we simply can't do these events without your continued support.

Wheels at School

Wheels Day

The Middle Syndicate held a very successful Wheels Day yesterday as part of their Education Outside the Classroom programme. It was great to see the wide variety of wheels and very creative safety gear!



Scooters at School

It is great we have so many students traveling to school on scooters and bikes each day. What is not so great is the large amount of scooters that are left behind at school at the end of every day.

Mr Rubick has been very kind over the past term and has collected up unclaimed scooters at the end of every day and stored them safely indoors overnight. This of course is not his responsibility, so it would be great if all scooters could be taken home at the end of every day. Having them named will also be useful in returning 'lost' items to the rightful owner. We cannot be responsible for any scooters left in the playground at the end of the day. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Running Club

Yesterday was the last day for our Running Club for the year. It was great to see a large turnout of students and parents for the last session. A big thank you to the teachers that have co-ordinated these sessions over the year. What a great way to start the day!

Book Fair

Thank you to the Student Librarians, parents, support staff and Clifford the Big Red Dog, who helped make this year's Book Fair such a success. The library looked amazing and there was a great selection of books to choose from. We sold a record number of books, which has resulted in a greater commission for the school to spend on books for your children. Thank you for supporting our annual event.



Board of Trustees Survey

The Board of Trustees would appreciate your help with our 10-minute survey on Health and Religious Education at Boulcott School. This survey closes at 3pm on Friday, 24 November 2017. As a thank you, you can donate 20 House points to your family's House group at the end of the survey.

<https://goo.gl/forms/91G349tnSThnlw1>

Please note - Boulcott School is a secular state school, which currently under the terms of the Education Act, offers students voluntary Religious Education classes for half an hour a week. Currently this provision is for students in Years 3 to 6. On starting at Boulcott School you had the option to enrol your child in Religious Education. The Christian Values programme at Boulcott School is taught by community volunteers. Students who do not participate are supervised by Boulcott teachers.

Many thanks

Boulcott Board of Trustees

ICAS Certificates

Congratulations to the students that received their ICAS Certificates in English and Writing in assembly last week. We are proud of all student's achievement, notable mention to students who gained Distinction:

English - Year 6 - Michael, Olivia.

Writing - Year 4 - Phoebe, Judy; Year 6 - Zara, Olivia, Frankie.

Science - Year 5 - Dineth; Year 6 - Michael.

High Distinction:

Writing - Year 6 - Michael.

Mathematics certificates will be handed out in the next school assembly.

Home and School

Sausage Sizzle – A successful sausage sizzle was held last Thursday with \$250 raised. This money will be used for our new school mural. Thank you to the parents and Student Council who helped with the organisation and cooking.

Cushion Concert – Tuesday, 5 December starting at 5pm. There will be lolly bags and raffles tickets on sale for baskets of goodies and a voucher for 1 night at the QT Museum Hotel in Wellington. At the conclusion of the concert there will be ice blocks for sale.

Ice Block Friday – Ice blocks are on sale this Friday, for \$1, under the shade sail. There will also be raffle tickets on sale for the next two weeks.

Camp Out 2018 – Save the date for **Saturday, 24 February**.



Lost Property

Our Lost Property cupboard by the hall is overflowing. Please check to ensure there are no articles of clothing belonging to your child. It is helpful if your child's clothing is named so it can be returned.

Boulcott's Got Talent

Year 3 & 4 finals are this Friday, 24 November at 2pm in the school hall. The Year 5 & 6 finals will take place next Friday, 1 December at 2pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Skylah Langstraat who has been offered a position in the New Zealand School of Dance Scholars programme for 2018. Skylah auditioned with other classical ballet students from all over the Wellington region and was one of a small number of dancers to be selected for this programme. All those hours of training have resulted in this wonderful achievement. Well done Skylah!

Coming Events

Thurs 23 Nov:	World of Waste trip for our Boulcott Greenie team
Fri 24 Nov:	Year 3 & 4 Talent Quest Finals (2pm)
Tues 28 Nov:	Inter-zone Athletics (pp Thurs 30 Nov) Middle Syndicate River clean up trip Senior Syndicate Water Safety Skills
Weds 29 Nov:	Senior Syndicate Walk & Explore
Fri 1 Dec:	Assembly and Year 5 & 6 Talent Quest Finals (2pm) Christmas Road Show – RE show in the hall Senior Syndicate Water Safety Skills
Mon 4 Dec:	Middle Syndicate Water fun day Senior Syndicate tour of Parliament & Wellington Writers Walk
Tues 5 Dec:	Road Patrol Fun Day Cushion Concert – picnic and raffle tickets on sale from 5pm concert will start at 5:30pm 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
Mon 11 Dec:	Middle Syndicate X-race
Fri 8 Dec:	Final Prizegiving Assembly (1:30pm), Reports to go home
Tues 12 Dec:	Junior School Fun Day
Weds 13 Dec:	Year 6 Leavers Function at 6:30pm, Meet the Teacher for 2018
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

Do you have a story that you'd love to share? – Christina Gillmore from Little Hutt is on the look out for Hutt residents stories for a new narrative enewsletter and blog. Please contact Christina Gillmore on 027 526 2129 or email Christina@littlehutt.co.nz.

Holiday Programmes

Learn To Play Tennis – For children from 5 years to 13 years. Thursday, 25 and Friday, 26 January, 2018 at Mitchell Park. Cost \$22 for the 2 days payable on the first day. To register please contact Gary Nelson ph 589 7178 or email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz. Enrolments must be received by 11 January 2018.

Kids Domain School Holiday Programme – Bookings are now online. 5-14 year olds, lots of fun trips and activities, WINZ subsidies. To book or for more information go to www.kidsdomain.biz.

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