

Kia ora koutou,

We are now well and truly into the learning programmes throughout the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits into the classrooms over the past few weeks. The classrooms are looking bright and colourful with all the childrens' work and it is pleasing to see all the students working hard in all areas.

HOUSE CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED!

Last week ended in excitement with the announcement of our House Captains for 2018. The teachers were incredibly impressed with all the candidates who demonstrated confidence in putting themselves forward for the elections. It was very tricky for the school to decide on captains to lead their House as there were so many worthy students, passionate about their House and dedicated on doing a great job. I'm sure the captains that were chosen are thrilled to know they have so many of their peers that will be able to support them in their leadership throughout the year. Congratulations to the following students who will be our House Captains for 2018:

Tui: Kezia & Kobe

Kakapo: Fin & Krista

Kea: Charlotte & William

Pukeko: Sam W & Skylah

STRATEGIC PLANNING

At the first Board of Trustees meeting of the year, I presented our updated Charter and Strategic Goals for 2018. These documents outline our direction for the year ahead, with actions in place on how we intend to get to our destination. To accompany these, our Road Map has also been updated which provides a visual of projects that have recently been completed and a wishlist of things to come, through the coordinated efforts of the Board of Trustees and the Home and School Committee. You can read all these documents on our new Board of Trustees noticeboard in the foyer at school and on the school website, under the 'Information' link.

ROAD SAFETY

As you are all no doubt aware, drop off and pick up times on Boulcott Street are always BUSY! Car parks are at a premium and children are out and about heading to or from class. Please ensure you reduce your speed in the school zone and be patient finding a park. The school car park is not to be used to pick up or drop off your child as it is a pedestrian area at these times. If you are parking your car please do not park on the yellow lines, especially around the crossing area as this restricts the vision of oncoming traffic for our patrollers. I also ask you to use the school crossing if you are crossing the road, especially if our Road Patrol team is out. Remember we are all role models for the children. Thank you for your support on this matter.



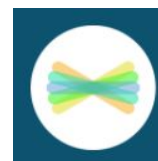
Speaking of transport to school, Boulcott School is taking part in an exciting initiative next month - Movin'March! As a Movin'March school we are participating in this month long active travel celebration. Movin'March is organised by Greater Wellington Regional Council and our local council. It's all about walking and wheeling to school and everyone can take part. Yes! Even if you live too far away to walk or bike, Movin'March can still work for you. Our Greenie Group will be sharing more information with you next week in an email but in the meantime check on this [video link](#) to learn more.

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Interviews in Week 2. The teachers found this process extremely valuable in learning more about your child and their learning. Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be administering various assessments in class to learn more about your child's strengths and next steps. This will further inform the teaching and learning programmes for the year ahead. If you are interested in learning more about your child's results, you are welcome to make a time to meet the teacher. The best way to get in touch with a teacher is via email, using firstname_surname@boulcott.school.nz You can also find all emails on our website, under 'Our People.'

SEESAW

Our Seesaw sharing app is now up and running. Many of the teachers have already started posting learning stories on their class page or in your child's student journal. We will be using this tool regularly to share your child's learning with you. At the end of Term 1 your child will also be sharing their learning goals with you using Seesaw. If you haven't already been invited to Seesaw by your child's classroom teacher, you should receive one by the end of this week. We are more than happy to assist you in downloading the app for your smartphone or with logging in on your computer.



PBL - PASSION BASED LEARNING

Mrs Ruth Olds will be coordinating and teaching Boulcott School's PBL programme this year. PBL stands for Passion Based Learning. It will allow selected students from our Middle and Senior school to learn more about their passions to further extend, enrich and empower their learning. If your child is involved in PBL there will be further communication between home and school throughout the year. If you have any questions or comments about PBL, please don't hesitate to contact Ruth (ruth_olds@boulcott.school.nz) or your child's classroom teacher. This is an exciting opportunity for the students at Boulcott School!

CAMP OUT!

Excitement is building for our annual Camp Out this weekend. The Home and School Committee have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure it will be another memorable evening. A huge thank you to the committee for their time and dedication so far! We are hoping the worst of the weather will be gone by the weekend so bring the family down for a fun night at school.

UPDATE SCHOOL RECORDS

Tomorrow your child will be bringing home a one pager which outlines your contact details, important medical information on your child and emergency contacts that we have on record. In addition to this, we are asking you to provide two names of adults that can collect your child in the event of a Civil Defence emergency, if you are unable to collect them. Please take the time to review and change any information on the page and return it to the school office immediately. It is essential that the school has up to date information on your child.

Boulcott School
Campout



Saturday 24th February 2018
from 3pm with
BBQ starting at 5pm

Come along, pitch your tent and stay the night at school!
Non-campers are welcome to just come along for dinner, fun and socialising!
(Please note if it is really wet there will be no tenting but most other events WILL go ahead in the school hall.)

Delicious food and activities available for purchase:
Sausages, pork dumplings, wraps, donuts,
lolly bags, coffee & cake, ice blocks, drinks
Fingermeal painting, face painting, glowing things,
dunk the teacher
FREE activities for all:
scavenger hunt, lolly scramble, movie

Please Note: No DOGS are allowed at School during Campout



CHEER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have been our CHEER recipients from the last two assemblies. This year each class awards two students a certificate; one chosen by the teacher and the other chosen by the class.

Friday, 9 February: Teacher Award

Room 5	Jamieson
Room 8	Harlyem
Room 9	Vishaant
Room 10	Sanders
Room 11	Lucas W
Room 12	Eric
Room 13	Lucas M
Room 14	Dhilan
Room 15	Benjamin
Room 1	Jay
Room 2	Skylah
Room 3	Kijiana
Room 4	Aiden

Student Award

Nate
Hollie
Maddison
Grace
Samantha
Archie
Stella
Madilyn
Frances
Krista
Lucy
Wairangi
Isabel

Friday, 16 February:

Room 5	Jayden
Room 6 & 7	Ryan
Room 8	Indie
Room 9	Oliver
Room 10	Jasper
Room 11	Tamati
Room 12	Ella
Room 13	Mabel
Room 14	Ashlee
Room 15	Tyler
Room 1	Sophie
Room 2	Hunter
Room 3	Jesse
Room 4	Hosanna

Abigail
Melody
Kristian
Taylor
Indie
Charlee
Nayla
Logan
Reuben
Bronte
Louie
Isla
Keiara
May



Room 1 students investigating vitamin C levels in Science. Room 8 students making lanterns for Chinese New Year.

WELCOME TO BOULCOTT

We welcome the following students and their families to Boulcott School. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott:

Year 1: Ethan G, Jessica

WANTED!

We are looking for some old picture frames to use for an art project we are planning. Ideally, we would like them to fit an A3 piece of paper or bigger. We are not fussy on the shape, in fact the more ornate the better! Please bring them into the office if you have any spare.

BOULCOTT'S LOVE CONNECTION!

Several weekends ago, I was witness to a wonderful event that occurred in the Boulcott School grounds... a wedding proposal! Robin Milne proposed to his sweetheart Sharon one sunny Saturday afternoon. The two ex-Boulcott School pupils met way back in Standard 4/5 class in 1958. Life took them in different directions, but they reconnected 18 months ago. Talking to them on the day, they both expressed their love for the school and the special memories they have of their time here. Robin and Sharon's wedding is planned for Easter and what makes this story even more exciting, is their old teacher from 1958, Charles Brown, will be their wedding celebrant at the right old age of 85! How cool is that! We wish them well for a great life together.



RUNNING CLUB

Get your running shoes dusted off as Running Club is back, starting Tuesday, 27 February at 8am, outside Room 12. All students are welcome to attend with appropriate footwear. If it is wet it will be cancelled.

SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday, 6 April, we will be having the Boulcott School swimming sports for Middle and Senior Syndicate students. It will run from 9:30am to 12:30pm at Naenae Pool. This is a great event for the students, but we also require parent help to run this event. If you can help in any way please email Craig O'Connell (craig_oconnell@boulcott.school.nz) or Dana Skinner (dana_skinner@boulcott.school.nz). Mark the date in your diary and there will be more details to follow.

SICKNESS

If your child is sick please keep them at home to recover. If their sickness is due to vomiting or diarrhea they need to be kept at home and away from swimming pools for **48 hours** from their last episode, so the bug doesn't get passed onto other students in their class. Please inform the school before 9am if your child is away by using our school absentee line or email the school office.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates for Term 1	
Date	Event
23 Feb	Religious Education starts: Year 3-6
24 Feb	CAMP OUT!
27 Feb	Central Zone Cricket Tournament
1 Mar	Greenie Group - Walking Pou
2 Mar	Assembly 2:10pm
3 Mar	Camp out postponement
9 Mar	WOW - Fancy Feet Parade
12 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
15 Mar	Weetbix Tryathlon
16 Mar	Assembly 2:10pm
19 Mar	Senior Swimming starts
20 Mar	Central Zone Rippa Tournament
30 Mar	Good Friday - school closed
2 Apr	Easter Monday - school closed
3 Apr	Easter Tuesday - school closed
6 Apr	School Swimming Sports Yr 3-6
9 Apr	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
10 Apr	UKTV Show visit
12 Apr	Goal Setting via Seesaw
13 Apr	Last day of Term 1

Home & School News

Boulcott School Camp Out - Saturday, 24 February from 3pm, BBQ starting at 5pm. There will be delicious food and activities for purchase. Come along, pitch your tent and stay the night at school. Non campers are welcome to just come along for dinner, fun and socialising.

Ice Block Friday - Every Friday after school for Term 1. Ice Blocks are \$1 and are available under the shade sail.

Community Notices

Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day - Sunday, 4 March, free entry into The Reserve for all children. For more information go to www.staglands.co.nz.

Kerry School of Irish Dancing - Beginner classes are held at Randwick School Hall. Contact Sharon at kerrydancers@xtra.co.nz.

Hutt City Dance Centre - Hip Hop courses for kids who want to give it a try. The 6 week courses will suit 7-9 year olds and each class will run for 45 minutes. There are two options - Tuesdays at 5:15pm, starting 27 February, and Wednesdays at 6pm, starting 28 February. \$80 for 6 weeks, no experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. For further information please contact lynn.hcdc@gmail.com.

Petone Rugby - Petone Junior Rugby Club welcomes all junior players from nursery grade through to under 13s to pre-register for the upcoming season. For more information go to <http://www.sporty.co.nz/2018-junior-Registrations>.

Scouts - Scouting offers fun and friendship, challenge and adventure. For more information call or email 0800SCOUTS or LNI@scouts.org.nz.

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