

Bula Boulcott Whanau,

Wow! It is hard to believe we are at the halfway point of Term 1! Most of the classroom assessments have been completed and teachers are now taking time to analyse the data they have collated.

Our Home and School Committee hosted another successful Campout at the end of last week, with a record turnout of families pitching tents in the sun, on the school field. It was a wonderful atmosphere around the place, with yummy food, face painting, bouncy castles and drenching of staff with wet sponges!! A huge thank you to the Home and School Committee for all their time and dedication before and during the event to make it such a hit for everyone. A total of approximately \$3000 was raised which will go towards enhancing the learning programmes at Boulcott School.

If you have been following the media lately you would have noticed that education is currently a hot topic. Workload and stress for Principals and school leaders have been highlighted, along with lack of funding for supporting students that require additional support. You may also be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching.

Teachers at our school are joining a NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time* to address these issues. NZEI's goal is to free teachers to teach, and Principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. We'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are. NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that they can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations. The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and Principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents. Teachers at Boulcott will be attending meetings on the **20th and 21st March at 2pm**. This means the school can remain open with classes merged to cover absent teachers. Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

On a lighter note, you may be interested in listening to speaker Sir Ken Robinson who was interviewed on RNZ last Sunday. Sir Ken is an 'Education Guru' who advocates for an education system which is sensitive to individual differences and values them equally. He is thought provoking and entertaining! Check out the interview [here](#)

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Our school is holding its **WOW Fancy Feet Parade on Friday, 9 March**. This is all about giving it a go on your feet and leaving your car at home... even if it's just this one day! Live too far away? You can park a few streets away from the school and let your children walk from there. Better yet, join them on their walk to school. Check out the movie made by the Greenie Group [here](#)

CHECK OUT OUR NEW ADDITIONS!

If you've visited school over the past week you would have spotted our new additions at the school's main entranceway, a mural to represent each House group as you enter our school. This has been created collaboratively by the talented artist Joe McMenamin and our Student Council. A huge thank you to Hutt City Council's Creative Communities Fund and our Home and School Committee who kindly co-funded the project. A special mention to Karen Jellie too for leading this project over the past 4 months!

SPORT @ BOULCOTT

The Middle School have completed their swimming lessons at Naenae Pool and the Seniors will be commencing their lessons next week. Our Junior School will be starting the 'ShuttleTime' programme in the next week which is focused on developing racquet skills through playing badminton.

Last week, 24 Year 5/6 students represented Boulcott School at a cricket tournament run by Cricket Wellington. We sent three teams along to Hutt Park to play against some other local schools. There was a mixture of wins, losses and a draw right at the end! It was a great day and we had loads of fun.

A massive thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supervising teams on the day - Duncan, Shane, Deena, Jennifer, Lois, Ali and Tania.

Girls Futsal Tournament - *'There were 16 girls who signed up for the Futsal tournament at Walter Nash Stadium on Tuesday. Both teams were awesome, scoring heaps of goals and winning most of our games. The goalies did an awesome job stopping the other teams scoring. Everybody played well and showed all the CHEER values all the time, even when things were tough and weren't going so well. Some girls got bruised and battered but kept on going. We were all pooped at the end, but it shows how hard we worked. We all showed teamwork and a positive attitude. It was a great day. A big thank you to all the parents who came and helped out carpooling, coaching and supporting. We couldn't have done it without you.'* By Krista

PROPERTY UPDATE

Our refurbishment of Rooms 6 & 7 is coming along well. Most of the new joinery work has been completed along with painting and new internal doors. The contractors are on target for completing their work by the end of March so hopefully our youngest students will have their new learning home ready to move into by the end of the term!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees offers Religious Education for those families who wish their children to participate in a Christian based education programme. This programme commenced on 23 February and runs on Friday mornings between 9 – 9:30am for Y3–Y6 students. Effectively, Boulcott School is closed for normal instruction during this R.E. time slot. The children who do not participate in R.E. are supervised by teachers in a classroom or the library. On enrolment, all families were asked whether or not they wished their children to be involved. However, if you do not wish your child to take part in R.E. lessons this year, please let the office know so we can update our records.



UPDATED SCHOOL RECORDS

Thank you to all the families who have returned their updated school record form. We still have a large number of forms outstanding and these need to be returned to the school office urgently, so our records are kept up to date.

CHEER AWARDS

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

Friday, 2 March:	Teacher Award	Student Award
Room 5	Alice	Addison
Room 6 & 7	Ethan	Jessica
Room 8	Lucy	Kaleb
Room 9	Sophie	Azariah
Room 10	Clare	George
Room 11	Albert	Hannah
Room 12	Shamil	Ameenah
Room 13	Flynn	April
Room 14	Rosy	Alana
Room 15	Zoe	William
Room 1	Aaron	Harry
Room 2	Callum	Emma
Room 3	Caleb	Sophie
Room 4	Dineth	Damien



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the 44 Boulcott students who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, 'The Big Read'. We had 5 students complete the Bronze level, 3 Silver level, 11 Gold level and 25 Platinum level. To achieve Gold level you are required to read a minimum of 9 books and Platinum level 17 books. What a fantastic effort.

WANTED!

We are still looking for more 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.

RUNNING CLUB

Every Tuesday 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

Important Dates for Term 1	
Date	Event
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 Rugby Tournament
29 Mar	Assembly 2:10pm
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

school office.

9 Apr	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
10 Apr	UKTV Show visit
12 Apr	Goal Setting via Seesaw
13 Apr	Assembly 2:10pm, Last day of Term 1 ends at 3pm

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Home & School News

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

Community Notices

Marsden School Whitby - Information Evening, Tuesday, 13 March at 6:30pm at Marsden Whitby, 2 Starboard Lane. Open Day, Friday, 23 March, between 10am and 2pm. The Open Day will include a tour and there will be staff and students to talk to afterwards. For more information and to register visit marsden.school.nz/experience. Enrolments for 2019 and Year 7 Academic Scholarships are now open, you can find more information and apply online at marsden.school.nz.

Grand Training - School Holiday and After School Computer Classes for ages 5-15. 2 Woodward Street, Wellington. Teachers required for school holiday computer classes. For more information call 499 2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

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