



Mālō e lelei Boulcott Whanau,

March has seen a change in the weather with the temperature dropping slightly. Thankfully, we are still having plenty of sunny days where the children can play outside and explore the environment. We are continuing to reinforce our CHEER values both in and out of the classroom to ensure Boulcott is a safe and happy place for our tamariki to learn and play together.

Walking around the place before and after school it is wonderful to see all the parents visiting classrooms and checking out the learning that is taking place. The teachers and students enjoy sharing their learning with you. Thank you to parents who have made time to meet with their child's classroom teacher to get more information on their child's learning. Remember you are welcome to make a time with teachers at any time. At the end of this term you will be receiving your child's learning goals they have set for themselves via Seesaw. These are based on their current level and what they need to improve to get to the next level. There will be further opportunities to gain information on your child's achievement and progress throughout the year. Below is a quick outline of the reporting to parents timeline:

Term 1

Wk 2: Meet the Teacher
Wk 11: Goal Setting via Seesaw

Term 2

Wk10: Celebration of Learning Evening
Written report on Achievement and Progress

Term 3

Wk3: 3 way Learning Conversations

Term 4

Wk9: Celebration of Learning Evening
Written Report on Achievement and Progress

The Senior Leadership Team are currently looking at our existing written report format for mid and end of year. The catalyst for this is due to the removal of National Standards in reading, writing and maths but we also want to ensure we are providing you the best information on your child's learning. To assist us with this, we invite you to complete a short online survey so we can gather some 'parent voice' on our written reports. Simply click on the link [here](#) or on the email that will be sent out today. We'd appreciate your time and feedback and every submission will give your child's House Group 20 points!



MOVIN' MARCH - READY, SET, GO!

It has been wonderful to see the children continuing to use their bikes, scooters or feet to get them to and from school. Many children have already completed their Movin' March passport and are in the draw for some cool prizes! There are still a couple more weeks in March to get into the draw.



MOVIN'MARCH
5 - 29 March 2018

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Te Pūnaha Matua Teāroa

We had a fantastic Fancy Feet Parade last Friday with some colourful, zany creations on display! A huge thank you to our Greenie Group and Ms Nankivell for making it all happen. Check out our write up on the [Movin' March website!](#)

A reminder that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds before and after school. Thank you for your support on this matter.

SPORT @ BOULCOTT

We are starting our preparation for winter sports for 2018. Expressions of interest newsletters have been sent home about Netball (Year 3-6) and Waterpolo (Year 5&6 only). A big thank you to the parents that have already offered their time to support the teams.

Our Senior Syndicate have commenced their swimming lessons at Naenae Pool. Please ensure your child has the appropriate gear for these lessons everyday so they do not miss out on their paid lessons. This leads in nicely to our annual Swimming Sports Day on Friday, 6 April. Please note, our Interschool Swimming event has moved to Term 3.

RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Boulcott School entered four teams in a Rippa Rugby Tournament at Hutt Park yesterday. It was a very successful day for our school with three teams making it through to the InterZone event. Each team played 5 hard games in very warm and dry conditions.

Congratulations to our two Senior school teams (Boulcott Blues and Boulcott Chiefs) and our Middle school team (Boulcott Hurricanes) for progressing to the next round.

A massive thank you to the magnificent parent helpers on the day - Evivi, Duane, Deena, Paula, Will, Tony, Janette, Isaiah and Carol.

JUNIOR SCHOOL RIVER TRIP

Our Junior classes had a wonderful time visiting the Hutt River - Te Awakairangi over the past couple of days. It is fantastic for the children to be able to connect with their local environment through their learning around road safety, self-management, safety around water, maths and of course having fun!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Boulcott School has been offering Christian Religious Education (CRE) for over 10 years. The programme runs on Friday mornings from 9 to 9:30am for Years 3 to 6, and parents have the choice to opt their children out of the lessons if they wish. The programme uses an approved curriculum called Life Choices and every lesson is aligned with the key competencies and values of the NZ School Curriculum. The lessons encourage children to make positive life choices and include teachings based on Christian values, games and fun activities the students work on in their own workbook. The teaching is open and non-judgemental, and appropriate for all children no matter what their belief system.

The Life Choices Curriculum and Student Workbook are available at the office for your perusal. Their website also provides information about the programme for parents www.cec.org.nz/Our-Programmes/CRE. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Leigh, the CRE coordinator at Boulcott School, on 027 631 7890 or at tennenthorne@xtra.co.nz.

EASTER BREAK

A friendly reminder that Boulcott School is closed on Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April and **Tuesday 3 April**. Hopefully this will be a great opportunity to make time with friends and family.

LIBRARY

We have had a number of school library books being returned to the Hutt City Library. Please check your books before returning them to ensure they are not Boulcott School books.



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, 16 March:	Teacher Award	Student Award
Room 5	Simar	Freddie
Room 6 & 7	Preston	Ruby
Room 8	Ethan H	Kelsey
Room 9	George	Molly
Room 10	Waimaarie	Thomas
Room 11	Timothy	Lily O
Room 12	Lucy Y	Chante
Room 13	Abbie	Toby
Room 14	Elina	Finley
Room 15	Rebecca	Joshua
Room 1	Allie	Lucy
Room 2	Jackson O	Ben
Room 3	Ashton	Jamieson
Room 4	Ollie	Erik



HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

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

Coming events:

Term 2

Disco - Friday, 18 May.

Sausage Sizzle, Firewood raffle, Entertainment Books and Calendar Arts, (dates to be confirmed).

Term 3:

Movie - 'Incredibles', Sunday, 29 July, Monterey Cinema, Upper Hutt.

Term 4:

Pizza Lunch - date to be confirmed.

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.

Important Dates for Term 1	
Date	Event
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
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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Holiday Programmes

The YMCA Easter - The Easter programme will be running activities such as Staglands, Embassy Theatre, Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre and Laserforce. Our locations are Mount Cook, Khandallah, Raroa, Silverstream, Belmont and Titahi Bay. Easter holiday camps will be running from Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre. To find out more about the Easter programmes and the April School Holiday programmes visit ymcawellington.org.nz.

Oscar House Holiday Programme - 16-27 April. Programme plans, information and enrolments are now available. For more information go to:

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/> - **Years 0-3**

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-senior/> - **Years 4-8**

Early Bird enrolments close, and fees are due on, Wednesday, 4 April 2018.

Learn to Play Tennis - Holiday programme for children aged 5 years to 13 years. Monday, 23 April to Wednesday, 25 April at Mitchell Park. Cost \$33 for 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Timetable:

- 9am - 10am - Girls from 5-8 years
- 10am - 11am - Boys from 5-8 years
- 11am - 12 noon - Girls from 9+
- 1pm - 2pm Boys from 9+

To register please contact Gary Nelson on 589 7178 or email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz. Enrolments must be received by Monday, 16 April.

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