

Guten Tag Boulcott Whanau,

Welcome to Term 2! It is great to see all the children back, looking refreshed for another exciting term. There has been a lot happening around the school over the holiday period. Our two new entrant classes are making themselves at home in their new learning environment. Our school foyer is looking very colourful with two new displays. Our fantastic collaborative mural is finally in pride and place, with every child in the school contributing 'their hands' to our tree. We also have a fantastic welcome display created next to the office which reflects the many cultures that make up our wonderful community. A big thank you to Carol Healy, Karleen Wilkins and the students they work with, who contributed to this creation.

We have also had a lot of activity outside the school buildings.

- We have a great looking sandpit next to our Junior playground, which is proving a big hit with all the children. This project was fully funded by the Home and School Team and was constructed by Kendall Payne. On behalf of all the children at Boulcott we thank you for making our play space even better! If your child is enjoying the sandpit, it would be a good idea for you to send them to school with a spare change of clothes in case they get messy during the day.
- Room 9 and the old Boiler Room have had a good lick of paint and are looking fantastic.
- Our school field has been re-sown with grass seed to remove the bare patches. You will see most of the field has been cordoned off while we wait for the new grass to establish. Thankfully there are plenty of other spaces for the children to play while we watch the grass grow!
- The large gum tree at the back of the field was felled and in its place is a grand looking throne! We had originally planned to raffle this off but have decided the easiest solution is to share with the community. If you would like to bring your trailer down to school to fill it up with wood this coming Saturday, please feel free to. Please enter the school through the gates by Room 1 and drive your car down pass the kindergarten to fill your trailer. All we ask is a \$100 donation/koha to the school which can be paid at the school office or online to account 12-3142-0062729-00. Please use the reference: firewood. We are keen for the wood to be removed as soon as possible so the children can play again in this area.



THE TERM AHEAD

The classroom teachers have an exciting term planned for the Boulcott students. Term 2 is traditionally the term where loads of momentum starts to happen, as the classroom routines have been established, relationships have been formed and children are settled in their learning environment. Later in the week you'll receive a newsletter from the team leaders which will outline the learning programmes in more detail for you. Don't forget to keep up to date with important dates by visiting the school calendar on our website.

SEESAW

No doubt you would have seen your child's goal setting posts on Seesaw at the end of last term. A big thank you to all the parents who have provided online (and face to face) feedback to your child. Your child will be giving you regular feedback on their progress throughout this term.

CHROMEBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!

40 new chromebooks have been purchased for our 4 Senior classes and will slowly start to be rolled out over the next couple of weeks. These students are currently spending time discussing the importance of being a good cyber citizen and revisiting the guidelines of the 'cybersafety user agreement' that was signed when they first enrolled. As we all know, when we are online there are certain responsibilities that need to be upheld to ensure our school values are reinforced. The Year 5 & 6 students will be coming home with an updated internet safety agreement next week. Please take the time to read this with your child. We are really excited about these new learning devices as it will support us in enhancing our collaborative approach to learning.

SUMMERSET

You may have seen in the newspapers or on Stuff this week, resource consent has been lodged for the Summerset retirement village on the vacant land behind the school. We have been communicating with Summerset regularly over the recent months. Look out for an additional newsletter from the Board of Trustees later in the week, dedicated to Summerset developments.

SPORT @ BOULCOTT



WINTER SPORTS

Our winter sports seasons will be kicking off this month. Best of luck to all the students that have signed up to play Netball, Miniball and Waterpolo for the school this year - we are really proud of you for getting involved. A big thank you to all the parents who are volunteering their time to coach or manage a team - we simply cannot offer these opportunities without your involvement.

Thank you to all the families that have signed and returned the Code of Conduct forms for these sports. If you haven't received one already, you should have it by the end of this week.

Just a reminder that the Waterpolo season commences on Wednesday, 23 May.

LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 3 will be issued this week. We are now only accepting **online orders** so please do not send your order forms with cash back to school. To order via the LOOP system go to scholastic.co.nz/LOOP or download the app.

Book Week is happening later this month, in Week 4, with lots of exciting things planned. Watch this space!

OBSERVATION EVENING AT BOULCOTT - JOIN US FOR SOME STARGAZING!

On the evening of Wednesday, 23 May the Wellington Astronomical Society will be bringing their telescopes to school to give students and their families a chance to get a closer look at objects in the night sky. The telescopes will be set up from 7:30pm until 9pm, come along at any point between these times.

There is no charge for this event but between 7:30pm and 8:30pm Senior students will be selling hot chocolate to fundraise for their 2019 El-Rancho camp.

If there is too much cloud cover, the postponement date is Thursday, 24 May.

If you have any questions about the evening please contact Melissa Coton

melissa_coton@boulcott.school.nz. Everyone is welcome.



SPACE AND SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2018

The annual Space and Science Festival is an event run by a group of passionate scientists, technologists, teachers and volunteers to inspire our next generation of scientists. The events give young people and their families an opportunity to participate in hands on science activities, watch awesome demonstrations and to talk to scientists about their work.



This year there are two events in Wellington, both are being held at Onslow College.

The '@ Night' evening will be held between 6 and 10pm on Saturday, 19 May. There will be a range of hands on activities, including exploring telescopes, tesla coils and glow in the dark bacteria and talks from scientists on a range of interesting subjects.

The '@ Day' event will be held between 12 and 4pm on Saturday, 26 May. There will be a range of science demonstrations and hands on activities. Support from the US Embassy has allowed the festival to host two incredible scientists, NASA's Dr. Yvonne Cagle and Dr. Jen Blank who will deliver talks about their experiences.

Further details about events can be found, and tickets purchased, at <https://spacesciencefestival.org/>

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, 13 April:	Teacher Award	Student Award
Room 5	Chloe	Christopher
Room 6 & 7	Emma	Lily
Room 8	Ashton	Ben
Room 9	Sofia	Isla
Room 10	Micah	Luke
Room 11	Konatsu	Raya
Room 12	Lawrence	Jyotika
Room 13	Jaimin	Kelly
Room 14	Taine	Jakaya
Room 15	Thomas	Issy
Room 1	Trillan-Rei	Ella-Rose
Room 2	Hollie	Maddie W
Room 3	Lucy	Thomas
Room 4	Eva	Eloise

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Lunch orders are available on **Wednesdays** from Ban Mai Thai (Thai restaurant). All orders must be completed and put in the lunch box in the foyer, with the correct money, before school starts at 8:55am. Students are not to put their orders in their classroom black bags, as these often don't get to the office until after 9am. Please note that each food item ordered is now \$6. On **Fridays** we have Pita Pit lunch, which is ordered online. To register go to www.lunchonline.co.nz and follow 4 easy steps to get started.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

The very popular Boulcott School Disco is back on Friday, 18 May from 6pm to 9pm in the Boulcott School Hall. Tickets are \$5, which gets you in the door, a drink and a snack. Glowing items will be on sale as well as chocolate fish/buzz bars. A price list will be put up around the school the week of the disco. Due to safety issues with the number of people in the school hall, preschoolers are unable to attend.

Our disco night runs as follows:

Junior (Years 1-3) Disco 6pm-7pm

Senior (Years 4-6) Disco 7:30pm - 9pm

Forms will be sent out later this week to your eldest child and tickets will be issued on **Thursday, 17 May**. Tickets are collected at the door and the child receives a stamp on their hand. All students will need to be collected by an adult from the main Hall door.

If you would like to help out with hall set up, selling items or serving the food and drink to the children please email: homeschool@boulcott.school.nz. Thanks.

Important Dates for Term 2	
Date	Event
11 May	Assembly 2:10pm
14 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm. Out of Zone ballot applications close
16 May	School Cross Country
17 May	School Cross Country pp
18 May	Pink Shirt Day, Out of Zone Ballot, School Disco
21 May	Book Week all week, Cycle Skills all week - Seniors
22 May	National Young Leaders Day, Home and School meeting, 7:30pm. All welcome
23 May	Waterpolo League begins - Naenae Pool, Stargazing Evening at school
25 May	Assembly 2:10pm
31 May	Te Papa Trip - Seniors
4 June	Queen's Birthday - school closed
5 June	Central Zone Cross Country
7 June	Central Zone Cross Country pp
8 June	School Assembly 2:10pm
9 June	40 hour Famine
11 June	Junior Swimming programme starts - Naeane Pool

May 14-18 is Bully Free Week. We will take this opportunity to raise awareness of bullying behaviour and promote what our school is doing to become a Bullying-Free NZ School. Friday the 18th is **Pink Shirt Day** where we encourage everyone to wear something pink!



Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marsden Whitby Open Day - Open Morning, Sunday, 6 May between 11am and 1pm. Information Evening, Thursday, 7 June, 6:30pm at Marsden Whitby, 2 Starboard Lane, Whitby. Enrolments and Scholarships for Year 7 entering in 2019 are now open. For more information ph 04 234 1070 or visit marsden.school.nz/whitby.

Korokoro Kids Drama Classes - Open to all students 9-12 years. Explore creative ideas voice/character/movement. Every Thursday 3:30pm - 4:30pm at Korokoro Scout Hall, 36 Singers Road, Korokoro. Please contact Vanessa Rhodes on 021 042 1964 or korokorokidsdrama@gmail.com for more information.

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