

Kia ora koutou Boulcott Whanau,

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended our Learning Conversation evenings last week. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed the process of sharing your child's successes with you. They equally appreciated the time to listen to your feedback on the progress they have made over the first two terms of 2018.

We are now in full swing with the learning programmes for Term 3 with production preparation being a top priority. It has been wonderful to see the children getting creative with their dance moves, exploring different shapes, patterns and levels. We also have a group of Senior children that are rehearsing speaking roles for the big show. It is really exciting seeing it all come together. Check out further messages about our production on the next page.

SCHOOL CLOSED - Wednesday, 15 AUGUST due to Strike Action

The Board of Trustees can't provide teaching for students during the upcoming strike.

The NZEI has advised the Boulcott School Board of Trustees that Stu Devenport and staff at our school will be taking strike action from 7am to 7pm on Wednesday, 15 August 2018.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

The school will need to close during this strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Stu Devenport if you have any queries relating to this decision.

If you would like more information on our current offer from the Ministry of Education, please follow this link:
<https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/first-offer-ptca-ppca/>



PRODUCTION

'A Night at the Movies' update!

The countdown for our production 'A Night at the Movies' continues. Our costume crew have begun planning and shopping for exciting outfits for the items. Some items will be purchased and others will be sewn. A note will be sent home with any pieces your child needs to bring for their costume.

We need lots of helpers, so please contact Jodi Mitchell or your child's teacher if you can help with any jobs, sewing or prop making. We also need help backstage before or during any of the shows, Wednesday matinee, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with makeup, hair and getting students into costumes, or supporting teachers with supervision and getting students to the hall for their items on time.

We also need:

- Kids sized suits and sparkly glam dresses for our presenters
- Circus ringleader long waistcoats and top hats x2 and canes x2
- Spraypaint (if anyone has any contacts)
- Silver or white helmets (or donating old helmets that we can paint)
- Old black sunglasses (donations)
- Neon/fluro material or accessories (donation)
- 2L soft drink bottles
- Hairspray/gel/coloured spray, hair ties (anyone have a hairdresser contact?)
- Ping pong balls
- White gloves x2 pairs
- Any sparkly fabric or card - to go with our 'Oscar/Academy award glam look'

Please do not feel you have to purchase materials. If you have things lying around and have a clean out we would love to have any items that might be useful.

Thanks for your support.

Jodi Mitchell

SUMMERSET

A huge thank you to the parents and members of the wider community that have shown their support to us and have shared their concerns about the Resource Management Application that has been lodged by Summerset Retirement Village. Summerset's application outlines plans to construct a multi storey village, up to five stories high on a small pocket of land, right next to our school. Because of the size and scale of these proposed buildings, the impact of construction on our school community will have a significant effect on the teaching and learning programmes for all our young learners and staff. Noise, dust and vibrations from this construction will all contribute to an extremely unpleasant environment for teaching and learning.

The Board of Trustees have listened to the concerns of the parent community, students and staff and are currently drafting a submission opposing this development. We hope to have this submission finalised and ready to share with you by the end of this week. We welcome you to utilise our submission to help guide you in writing your own submission.

If you would like assistance in writing your submission there is a useful notice board in the foyer that explains the process. We also welcome you to pop into school this Saturday between 3:30pm-5pm where a Board representative will be present to answer any questions you may have.

It is essential that the Hutt City Council hear your concerns as a parent of Boulcott School.

Click on the link to download your submission form:

<http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/Your-Council/Have-your-say/Consulting-on/resource-consent-application-a-t-32a-hathaway-avenue-boulcott/>

Please check out the Community Notices section below for information from the Boulcott Preservation Society.

STAFFING UPDATE

We received the wonderful news earlier in the week that Fiona Ranchod and family now have a beautiful baby girl. Quinn Rami Marguerite Ranchod was born at 10:17am on Monday, 6 August. Both baby and Mum are doing well. On behalf of the Boulcott School Community, congratulations to Fiona and family.

More exciting news on the baby front... Both Claire Williams and Dana Skinner are expecting a new arrival in the new year. A huge congratulations to them both. Claire and Dana will be working through with their classes through to the end of the year.

We have a couple of staff members that are on extended sick leave. Matt McDowell has had an extended stay at Hutt Hospital with cardiac concerns. He is now at home with family but will be away from school for several more weeks. Ruth Hooke had a nasty fall at the beginning of the term and has broken her wrist. She had surgery last week and will be away for a couple more weeks. We wish both Matt and Ruth a speedy recovery!

FRENCH LESSONS!

We have an exciting opportunity available for students who are interested in learning the french language:

Fun French for kids at Boulcott School at lunch time for ages 5-10

- Experience French learning the fun way! Children speak French from the first lesson
- Lots of interactive activities, role play, crafts, active games and music
- Free trial lesson. After that \$14.50 per lesson, siblings 10% discount
- To register your interest please contact Stefi on Stefi@funlanguages.co.nz or 021 178 2099
- visit the website www.lcfclubs.co.nz

REMINDERS

Dogs at Boulcott School

Dogs are an important part of life for many families, and as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership as an educational experience, it also acknowledges other families (and individuals) can find contact with dogs stressful, even frightening.

If you are bringing your dog to school when dropping off or picking up your child they must be kept on a lead. We also ask you (as the adult) to stay with your dog at all times, please do not leave them unattended. The Boulcott children have been taught not to approach and pat dogs without the permission of their owner so when you stay with your dog you are able to monitor this.

Staff Car Park

A reminder our school car park is for school staff only. If you are picking up and dropping off your child, please do not use this car park. Instead, utilise the car parks on Boulcott Street. Please remind your child if they are scooting to school that they must walk their scooter through the school grounds.

Thank you for your support on both of these matters.

Online Absentees

Thank you to those parents who use our online absentee system. This is available on our school website under 'report absence'.

WALKING POU

An alternative to dropping your child at the school gate is to start utilising our Walking Pou which has been erected in Ariki Street!

Today we "unveiled" our Walking Pou. The purpose of the Pou is for children to have a recognised meeting place where parents who drive their children to/from school can swing by Ariki Street and drop/pick up their children at the Pou. The children can either walk to/from school through the shortcut or (in the morning) wait at the pou for others to join them and in a small group then walk together through the shortcut to school. The cars can continue driving without having to turn around, it is best to travel in a West East direction so the children don't have to cross the road.



Here is the suggested path from the Pou to school.

Of course parents may prefer their children to walk along the street instead so they don't have to cross the street until they get to the pedestrian crossing.

ICAS SCIENCE

In last week's assembly we celebrated student successes in the ICAS Science Exam which was administered in Term 2. We congratulate the following students who achieved excellent results:

	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
High Distinction <i>Top 1% of participants</i>	Issy (Rm 15)		
Distinction <i>The next 10 % of participants</i>	Joshua (Rm 15)		Dineth (Rm 4)
Credit <i>The next 25% of participants</i>	Franco (Rm13) Isabella (Rm15) Akshaya (R14) Jake (Year 3 sitting a Year 4 exam, Rm15)	Judy (Rm3)	Melissa (Rm3) James (Rm1)
Merit <i>The next 10% of participants</i>	Elina (Rm14) Luke (Rm13) Alana (Rm14)		

POLYFEST ART COMPETITION

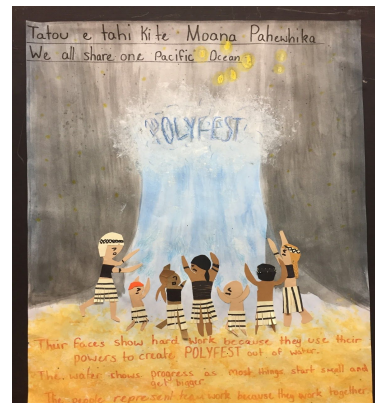
Congratulations to Lucy E in Room 3 who won 2nd place in the Polyfest Art Competition at the end of last term. Lucy received a pack of goodies for her outstanding effort. What a wonderful piece of art!

WELCOME

Welcome to the following students and their families who have started at Boulcott School this term:

Room 5a - Emily and Evan

Room 5 - Emily



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, 3 August: Teacher Award Student Award

Room 5a	Harry	Kailani
Room 5	Emily	Alice
Room 6	Violet	Emma
Room 7	Ruby	Emma
Room 8	Lexi	Chelsea
Room 9	Taylor	Luke
Room 10	Luke	Jasper
Room 11	Gavin	Brandon
Room 12	Shamil	Angel
Room 13	Cassidy	Hugo
Room 14	Amelia	Akshaya
Room 15	Ishanvi	Thomas
Room 1	Kelly	Sophia
Room 2	Jayden	Brooklyn
Room 3	Catherine	Brooke
Room 4	Poppy	Kaylee

Library

Scholastic Book club - The last day for online orders for Issue 5 is 3pm, **Thursday, 9 August**. We are no longer accepting visa or cash payments for book club orders. Books can be ordered online using the LOOP payment system.

Overdue Library books - There is a large number of students with overdue books. Please return these books to the library. Invoices will be issued for any books not returned. Please see Tania in the office with any concerns.

Home and School - Next meeting, Tuesday, 14 August, Boulcott School Staffroom, 7:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Important Dates for Term 3	
Date	Event
14 August	Central Zone Volleyball Tournament, Stargazing Evening at school, Home and School meeting, 7:30pm staffroom
16 August	Stargazing Evening pp
17 August	Assembly 2:10pm
28 August	Central Zone Swimming Sports (Y4-6)
4 September	Production Matinee
5 September	Production Evening #1
6 September	Production Evening #2
11 September	Hockey in Schools start - Whole School
14 September	Assembly 2:10pm
17 September	Central Zone Hockey
18 September	ArtSplash!
20 September	Interzone Swimming
21 September	DanceSplash!
28 September	Assembly End of Term 3 (3pm)

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marrzipan Drama - Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be crazy?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and hilarious. You can sign your child up for a trial lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz.

BOULCOTT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The BPS and school are aligned on trying to reduce the scale and height of the development to achieve a retirement village that is more in keeping with the existing amenity values of the school and the surrounding Boulcott community. We welcome members of the school community to write their own submissions against this development.

We also welcome parents of Boulcott School to join the Boulcott Preservation Society. Please note, members don't have to pay levies or fees. When you become a member of BPS - we will add you to our community email group to keep you informed with the latest information on Summerset developments.

If you are interested in joining, membership forms can be collected from the school office.

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