

Mālō e lelei Boulcott Whanau,

Well, it is hard to believe we are at the halfway point of Term 3! It is great to see the days are starting to get a little longer and signs of spring are starting to pop up around the place.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support last week when the school was closed for teacher strike action. This was the first time primary school teachers and principals have been on strike for 24 years. We know this was a huge disruption to you and our students, but the reality is we are facing a crisis of losing great teachers and principals in the future - and we really don't want this to happen.

Thankfully, at Boulcott School, we are fortunate enough to have a high calibre of teaching and support staff who provide exceptional learning opportunities for our tamariki. In order for us to continue to attract staff like this it is important for us to continue to negotiate for better work conditions and remuneration for them.

We hope that an agreement can be reached between NZEI and the Government very soon, so that we can get back to what we love doing.

Last week Zoe from Room 15, Thadius from Room 3, Emma from Room 2 and myself visited the Hutt City Council to drop off over 50 submissions made by students, staff, parents and the Board of Trustees opposing the Summerset Resource Management application. We were met by Deputy Mayor David Bassett and Town Planner Tim Johnstone who accepted the submissions. Later David gave the students a tour of the recently refurbished Council Chambers - Thadius even had an opportunity to sit in the 'hot seat' for a few minutes! Once again, the Board of Trustees thank all the members of our community who have taken their time to write their own submission - we sincerely appreciate the support.



CHEER VALUES - HONESTY

Last week the school was focusing on the CHEER value of Honesty. This is an important value for us at Boulcott School. We understand that as children (and adults) we can make mistakes, sometimes these mistakes can hurt or upset others. Putting things right by owning our behaviour and apologising if needed is essential to maintaining a restorative and nurturing environment.

At our school assembly last week Room 9 and Room 15 did a fantastic job at hosting for us. It was an audio visual feast with some excellent movies created by the children. Check out this great movie focusing on Honesty made by the students in Room 9 and 15. <https://youtu.be/Jyu7BEJ6iao>

PRODUCTION

'A Night at the Movies' is now on!! Two weeks to go until we see our shining stars under the big lights!

Please note that production is a school activity through which the students develop so many skills and self-confidence! We expect every student to be at school for every performance. Classes have practiced for many hours - it is important they arrive on time to get ready, bring what they need and are prepared to give their ALL in each show. If students are missing from any parts of the show it upsets the organisation. We know the students will LOVE this experience - we are providing amazing sound, lighting and staging so they have a very special experience!!

If your child has a speaking part - please support them to learn their words (this is their current homework) - they need to work on character, speed (slow down!!), volume, clarity and expression.

Ticket information will be coming out to you via email later this week.

We need helpers to:

- Help with make-up, hair and getting kids into costumes in every class for the tech dress rehearsal and 3 performances - please see your child's class teacher if you can help out at a couple of these - dress rehearsals are on Mon 3 Sept (x2), Tue 4 Sept (technical rehearsal)
- Matinee is Wednesday at 1pm (getting students ready from 12)
- Night performances (lead parts for opening number arrive at 5:30pm, students arrive at 6pm, show starts at 6:30pm)

Costuming and props we still need:

- Old, pale coloured sheets to spray paint for alien costumes!!
- 3 pairs of white fairy wings
- Plastic 2L bottles
- Gold or red fabric
- Thick opaque black stockings (14 pairs)
- Velcro

Please see Jodi Mitchell if you have any questions or email jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz.

ONLINE PERMISSION FORMS

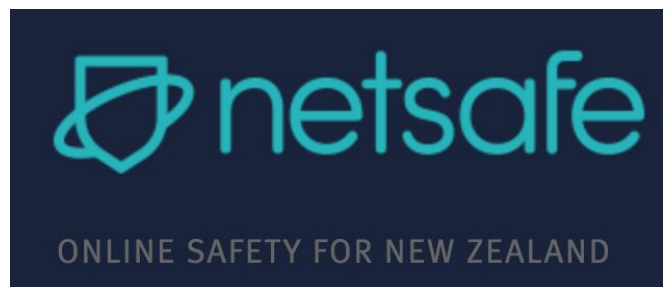
Our office staff are trialing a new platform for sharing notices and permission forms with you - Google Forms. If your child is involved in ArtSplash or DanceSplash at the end of the term you should have received an online notice from us, asking you to complete a form for permission and details on purchasing tickets. We hope that this new platform will make our systems more streamlined at home and here at school. Hopefully this first attempt at online forms will work seamlessly. Please be patient with us as we perfect our systems!

WAY TO GO SKYLAH!

During the last school holidays, Skylah from Room 2 auditioned for a child extra role for the Royal New Zealand Ballet's up and coming production of 'The Nutcracker'. After auditioning with over 600 talented dance students from all over NZ, Skylah was one of the dancers selected by the RNZB and offered a role in their production. She will be rehearsing with the RNZB dancers and other successful Wellington child dancers, and will be performing on stage with the Royal New Zealand Ballet during their Wellington performances in October/November this year. What talented students we have at Boulcott School - we are very proud of you Skylah!!

NETSAFE - KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Netsafe New Zealand has recently updated its website with a variety of useful tips and guides to help New Zealanders navigate the challenges of digital technology. They work to help people in New Zealand take advantage of the opportunities available through technology by providing practical tools, support and advice for managing online challenges.



This is an incredibly useful website for parents to visit if your child is spending time online at home or school. I thought it would be useful to share some of these tips with you each fortnight in this newsletter.

Online safety for parents is more important than ever. As young people begin to spend more time online, it's important that parents start to teach them how to stay safe. So, how do you get started? Check out the first two tips from Netsafe:

1. SET EXPECTATIONS

Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you'd like them to adopt. For example, how long they should spend online, what apps and social media sites you'd like them to use and what is appropriate content to view. This will be different depending on the age of your child, and what you feel comfortable with. Technological options like parental controls can help, but it needs to be teamed with online safety education.

Find out more about [how much time kids should be spending online.](#)

Find out about [how to use parental controls.](#)

2. UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY DO ONLINE

Talk to your kids about what they're using the internet for. What's involved? Who's in their network? What information do they share? Are they using the internet to learn? To communicate and create friendships with others? To create music or videos? Really listen to what they have to say – what might seem like 'just a game' to you, could in fact be a way for them to connect with

people who have similar interests.

Showing an interest in the things they do helps to build your understanding of what their online world looks like and creates an environment that makes it easier to have more difficult conversations about in the future.

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 after school on Thursdays for ages 5-10

- Experience French learning the fun way! Children speak French from the first lesson
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- To register your interest please contact Stefi on Stefi@funlanguages.co.nz or 021 178 2099, visit the website www.lcfclubs.co.nz

WELCOME

Welcome to the following students and their families who have started at Boulcott School this term:
Room 5a - Hana, Charlie and Nathaniel

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, 17 August: Teacher Award

Room 5a Riley
Room 5 Freddie
Room 6 Kobe

Room 7 Phoenix
Room 8 Kristian

Room 9 Isla

Room 10 George

Room 11 Addyson

Room 12 Riley
Room 13 Stella
Room 14 Neev
Room 15 Chloe

Room 1 Kobe
Room 2 James
Room 3 Jack

Room 4 Lynmari

Student Award

Heidi
Micah
George

Boston
Indie

Olive

Alexandra

Eva

Archie
Lily
Louis
Tyler

Aaron
Jorja
Danielle



Production Bake Sale!



With the support of our wonderful Home and School Committee the Senior Syndicate will be selling delicious baking prior to the evening performances of our "A Night at the Movies" production.

Slices, cookies and cupcakes will be on sale for \$1 - \$2 each. We will also have a small selection of lollies and chocolate for sale.

Proceeds will go towards subsidising the Senior Syndicate 2019 El Rancho Camp.

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RANCHO



CAN YOU HELP?

We have new netball posts that have been installed on the courts but have since discovered the holes in the concrete are not in the right place! We were hoping there might be a community member who has a post hole digger that we can use to dig new holes in the asphalt. If you think you can assist please contact the school office by emailing info@boulcott.school.nz. Thank you!

Home and School

Upcoming Events in Term 4:

- Ice-block Friday,
- Blend your own moisturiser with Trilogy, Saturday 27 October, more information to follow.
- Pizza Day, date to be confirmed.

Important Dates for Term 3	
Date	Event
28 August	Central Zone Swimming Sports (Y4-6)
5 September	Production Matinee 1pm
5 September	Production Evening #1 6:30pm
6 September	Production Evening #2 6:30pm
11 September	Hockey in Schools start - Whole School
14 September	Assembly 2:10pm
17 September	Central Zone Hockey
18 September	ArtSplash 7:30pm Michael Fowler Centre
20 September	Interzone Swimming
21 September	DanceSplash 5pm Michael Fowler Centre
28 September	Assembly End of Term 3 (3pm)

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tennis Open Day - Lower Hutt Tennis Club, 67 Totara Crescent, Waterloo. The Open Day will be held at the club on September 8 & 9 from 1-4pm. It's fun, it's free and it's for all ages. It's a great way to spend an afternoon having loads of fun (mini nets, chocolate cones, speed radar guns, ball machines, sausage sizzle, lolly scrambles etc). It's also an opportunity to meet other junior players and the club coach.

Hell Pizza is sponsoring this great event and every visitor will get a voucher – first come first served! All you need to do is have a hit around and fill in the ASB entry card - this also puts you into a draw for a trip for 2 to the ASB Classic in January 2019 (flights, accommodation and tickets to a day and night session). New or existing members that sign up on the day will also get a tennis ball tube. So please bring along your parents and friends to an exciting afternoon of tennis fun.

Home Stay Students - Host families needed to support students from overseas, mainly Japanese who would like to study English and NZ culture. If you are interested please contact Ikumi on 04 499 6187 or email ikumi@okcnz.com

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