

Nǐ hǎo Boulcott Whanau,

IT'S SHOWTIME!! If you are reading this you have either just seen or about to see our wonderful whole school production! We hope you enjoy watching your children up on stage just as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. As mentioned in previous newsletters, these types of productions are a big undertaking, with the past month focused on rehearsing and preparing for this week. I'm sure you'll agree the children did an amazing job up on stage, showcasing the many talents they have. It was also fantastic to see so many of our Senior students in speaking roles, displaying enthusiasm and confidence in their roles.

All this would not have happened without the assistance of many parents and caregivers! From painting props and sewing costumes, face painting to stage design - your talents and dedication is incredibly appreciated by all! Thank you very much for giving up so much of your own time to make the show what it is.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our talented staff. Every member of the team has played an important part to bringing the show to life. From ticket designs and sales, script writing and dance choreography, music selection, film making and essential crowd control - it was a well-oiled machine from start to finish! A special mention to Jodi Mitchell for directing and coordinating the whole operation. Jodi has worked tirelessly since the middle of Term 2 to put this show together. Her enthusiasm, positive attitude and clear direction has made it a memorable experience for all.

No doubt you'll have some tired young bodies in your household at the end of the week. We welcome them to arrive at school a little later on Thursday and Friday so they can have a sleep-in if they need it. However, still please email or contact the office if your child is going to be late

Keep a look out over the next week for details on purchasing photos and movies of the show.



## MATHSWELL

Congratulations to our superb mathematicians that represented us at the annual Wellington Primary School Mathswell competition last week. This was the first year Boulcott School entered the competition and we were all incredibly impressed with our team placing 3rd against tough competition. The event requires the students to complete high-level problem solving equations, against the clock and other teams. A huge THANK YOU to Ruth Olds for preparing the team and co-ordinating them on the night!



## MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

Te wiki o te reo Māori takes place this year from 10 - 16 September. Kia Kaha te reo Māori is the theme for this year's Māori Language Week. 'Kia Kaha' is a well known phrase in New Zealand, meaning 'be strong'. We often talk about language health, strength, and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'. Why not have a go at home with your family? Check out this website for resources:

[www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz](http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz)



## SPORT @ BOULCOTT

### ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS

Last Tuesday Boulcott School sent 14 of our top Year 4-6 swimmers to the Central Zone swimming competition at Naenae Pool. We had a number of great results on the day, including winning 3 relays and numerous first placings. Congratulations to the following children who have qualified for the Interzone event in Week 9: Suri, Harry, Judy, Emma, Jamie, Alex, Fin, Callum, Lynmari, Sophie and Maddie.

Winter sport is starting to wind down now. We have had some pleasing reports of Boulcott teams having outstanding seasons across the codes.

### WATERPOLO

Our two Water-polo teams completed their season a couple of weeks ago. This was the first year Boulcott has entered teams to the league for many years, therefore this is new experience for all of our players. Congratulations to Boulcott Blue who came top of the league after winning an incredibly close final match against Saint Peter and Paul 4-3. We hope many of our Year 5 players will choose to continue playing in 2019. A special thanks for Jade Blucher and Sophie Roil, two Year 10 students from St Oran's, who coached the two teams this year.





Hi Checkpoint team,

I know John is finishing up soon and your programme is probably full until then but what I saw at Tini Ball last night (Monday 20 Aug) was astounding in innocence, fairness, and kindness.

My son, Dallas (aged 8), has Down syndrome and plays in one of his schools Tini Ball (kids' basketball) teams. The coach of this team, Lisa, and her daughter Olivia, are really good at including Dallas. He always gets time on the court and Olivia always makes sure that he gets his hands on the ball (often to the point of having to move around Dallas' more enthusiastic team mates). Having Dallas involved in team sport with typical kids is really important because it won't be long before the need to 'win' will see him excluded from this environment. It's a mission getting to Walter Nash in Taita in time for the games just to watch him running up and down the court, but he's smart enough to know that he needs to follow his team (rather than the ball!), and he enjoys the excitement of playing so much that it's worth it.

Last night his team, Maungaraki Knicks, was playing Boulcott Thunder. Boulcott had a distinct height advantage, so much so that our kids could not get the ball up. The Knicks aren't a bad team, and there is some potential talent there, but we were short on numbers meaning that Dallas got a full game putting his team at something of a disadvantage.

At 12-0 down 2/3s through the first half it looked grim but the kids were having fun. Then, out of the blue, and so unobtrusively that I hardly noticed, the Boulcott coach pulled his team to the side line, giving Maungaraki just enough time to get 2pts on the board. There was nothing obvious or condescending about this, it was very subtle and when it was done it was back on.

Then, 4mins until the end of the game Boulcott, having over 20pts on the board and us still on 2, started passing the ball to Dallas. I didn't see their coach directing this, it appeared to be spontaneous and led by their tallest and best player. Of course Dallas would lose the ball but she kept getting it back and passing it back to Dallas. Then the rest of the Boulcott team started doing the same. They encouraged him to dribble the ball up the court (while keeping his own team off the ball), gave the ball back when he lost it, then encouraged him to have a shot at goal.

I'm hard bitten, cynical, and militant in the defence of my son and disabled people. If this looked put on, or condescending, or was being grandstanded by Boulcott's coach I would have pulled Dallas off the court. It wasn't. It was good sportsmanship, pure and simple. Boulcott could have spent the last half giving the lesser team a real creaming, but they didn't. They had already won and let our kids salvage something from the game. They also displayed a level of inclusion that I have never seen with kids or adults. That it came from the opposition was just astounding. I spent the whole drive home in silence, afraid that I would cry if I started talking to the kids about it (we had Dallas' brother and sister with us).

I don't know if you want this story or not. I would never do this under normal circumstances because I don't want to draw attention to Dallas and because the loss of anonymity that goes along with being the parent of a disabled child really bothers me, but the Boulcott Thunder really deserve some recognition for their wonderful spirit.

Oh, I should add that Dallas is a big John Campbell fan, he knows the Checkpoint promo by heart and always asks where John is when someone else does the show.

Dear Alan, and Dallas, and Lisa, and Olivia, and the Maungaraki Knicks, and the Boulcott Thunder Team and Coach,

I've only just seen this beautiful email - full of kindness, in response to kindness, and a tribute to kindness.

And I just wanted to say that in the Checkpoint email in-box, which can sometimes be full of unhappiness and complaint, it's a gloriously welcome guest.

Thank you.

Dallas, I'm very proud of you, playing the whole game. You must have been exhausted at the end of it, but I bet it was such great fun!

Alan, you're a wonderful advocate for your son. (And as the father of a 15 year old rugby player, I know the tenderness of watching him from the side-line and hoping things will fall his way.)

Maungaraki Knicks - you put the team in team! And that's such a wonderful thing to do.

And Boulcott Thunder, that sort of decency and kindness will define you long after everyone's forgotten the result.

Winning is great. Noticing the unlevel playing field and responding to it with kind heartedness, but without condescension, is maybe even greater.

Thank you.

Sometimes as journalists we need to be reminded of how good people can be.

I'm very grateful to you all.

Go Dallas!

Go the Maungaraki Knicks!

Go the Boulcott Thunder!

And very best wishes to you all,

John

Although the basketball season still has a couple more weeks to go there is a special story that is worth sharing with you all. Last week we received an email from a parent of a child a Maungaraki School who was incredibly impressed with the sportsmanship demonstrated by members of the Boulcott Thunder team. In fact he was so impressed, he decided to forward the story onto John Campbell at Checkpoint on RNZ. Here is the story and the reply from John... A wonderful example of our CHEER values in action!!

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

Keep a lookout in the your inbox next week for an online survey we would like you to complete. This survey is designed to offer you, the shareholders of our school community an opportunity to be involved in the future direction and development of our school. You will be asked to respond to a range of statements about the learning culture and environment of our school. We encourage you to add comments which will help us gain a better understanding of your thoughts and feedback.

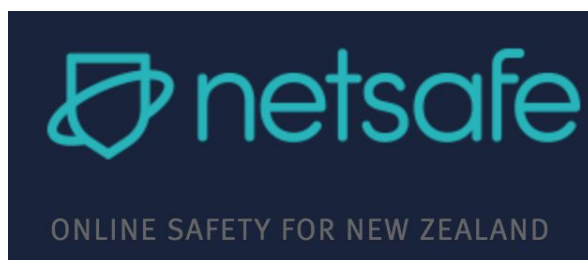
Your responses will provide a clear indication of our current strengths and areas for development. Communication leads to community and this is something we want to be known for at Boulcott School.

## SUPERVISION/PICK UP AFTER SCHOOL

We welcome your child/ren to utilise the schools outdoor facilities at the end of the school day. Just a friendly reminder to ensure your child is fully supervised during this time so you can monitor where they are and what activity they are up to. It has also come to our attention that some children are not being picked up from school until well after 3:30pm. Children who are not collected by 3:10pm are sent to the office as teachers often have meetings to attend. The office closes at 3:30pm. If you are unable to pick your child up at 3pm please contact the office about our After School Care programme we have in the hall.

## NETSAFE - KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Continuing our handy hints for online safety for your children, here are a further two to consider:



### 1. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, TRY IT

You need to understand the technology to better understand the challenges that young people face online. Explore the websites and apps your child uses to improve your knowledge, and take the time to read terms and conditions. You could even ask them to show you how it works, as a way to start conversation around online safety.

As a start, [check out our guide to Snapchat for parents.](#)

### 2. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

How often do you use your laptop or smartphone at the dinner table? How many angry posts have you published? Take a look at the way you use technology while young people are around. If you see something that troubles you – change it.

How good is your knowledge around online safety, privacy settings and even online shopping?

Be better equipped to help by expanding your own knowledge – [read the Staying Safe Online Guide.](#)

## 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
- 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](mailto:Stefi@funlanguages.co.nz)

or 021 178 2099, visit the website [www.lcfclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcfclubs.co.nz)

**JUNIOR GREENIES** - Worm Wee For Sale by Koha. Proceeds will be used for the school gardens. Fantastic fertilizer for your garden. Dilute 1 part worm wee to 10 parts water. Produced by Room 8 and the Junior Greenies. Please see Mrs Falconer in Room 8 if you would like to purchase any worm wee.

### **LIBRARY**

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 6, online orders close on Wednesday, 12 September. Orders can only be done via the LOOP ordering system.

### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to a Boulcott School family who has kindly donated boxes of paper to be used across the school. It will certainly be very handy.

### **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.

### **TERM DATES FOR 2019**

Term 1: Thursday, 31 January - Friday, 12 April

Term 2: Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July

Term 3: Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September

Term 4: Monday, 14 October - Tuesday, 17 December

Important Dates for Term 3	
Date	Event
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
27 September	Jump Off! Bring a can!
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.

**The Pink Star Walk 2018** - Join the Breast Cancer Foundation NZ down at Frank Kitts Park on Saturday, 3 November and walk for the ones we love to raise funds for breast cancer awareness, research and education. Register online at [www.pinkstarwalk.co.nz](http://www.pinkstarwalk.co.nz). Early bird tickets close on 7 September.

**Tennis Coaching Term 4** - For children from Year 2-6, coaching with Gary Nelson. Places are available in this programme, which takes place at Boulcott School, on Mondays from 3:10pm - 3:50pm, starting on Monday, 22 October and continuing for 6 consecutive weeks. All equipment is provided including racquets. Cost \$50 for the block of 6 lessons which must be paid at the first lesson. To enrol please phone Gary Nelson on 589 7178. Enrolments will be taken on a first in, first served basis.

**Artageous Kids Programme** - Monday 1 October to Friday, 12 October at Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Terrace, Mt Cook, Wellington. Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Each day from 8:30am to 3pm costs \$69 and after care 3pm-5:15pm \$15. Bookings are essential. To view programme go to [www.artrageouskids.co.nz](http://www.artrageouskids.co.nz) or to book email [admin@artrageouskids.co.nz](mailto:admin@artrageouskids.co.nz)



**Boulcott School wishes to thank the following sponsors:**



Great films  
Great coffee  
Great atmosphere

**LIGHTHOUSECINEMA.CO.NZ**

**Roti Bay**  
FRESH HEALTHY FOOD

47 Birch Street,  
Waterloo, Lower Hutt

**\$1 OFF** for  
**Boulcott Families**  
from our Roti Wraps  
menu. *Not on special offers.*

04 569 8255  
021 173 7725

Rotibay17@gmail.com  
Localist.co.nz-rotibay  
Facebook.com/Roti-Bay



**Glen August**



**FREE LOAN CARS**



110 Nelson Street, Petone  
Phone: (04) 568 5276  
Glen: 021 244 4441  
glen@augustpanel.co.nz  
www.augustpanel.co.nz





**SAXTON**

Multi award winning business!  
We carry out all repairs,  
maintenance and servicing.  
We're a one stop shop.

16 Sydney St, Petone  
Ph: 939 4318  
www.saxtonautos.co.nz

**BREW'D**

Kids dine **FREE!**

**MONDAYS FROM 5PM**  
WITH EVERY MAIN  
MEAL PURCHASED



669 HIGH ST, LOWER HUTT / 04-9012570 / BREW'D.CO.NZ



**WRIGLEY  
CONCRETE LTD**

Terry Wrigley  
021 271 5514  
wrigleyconcrete@gmail.com

**SPACE  
TAKEN!**

**AWAITING  
ADVERT!**



**QUALITY PAINTING**  
Guaranteed Ltd

**STEVE SALMON**  
Mobile 027 282 7557

162 Eastern Hutt Road,  
Wingate  
04-577 2127  
steve@qppltd.co.nz  
www.qppltd.co.nz



**DIRECTOR MANOJ KUMAR**  
Unit 5, 18 Goodshed Rd, Upper Hutt

021 164 5729  
mk joinery ltd  
mkjoinery@outlook.co.nz