



Broadcast



Welcome to Term 4! It is hard to believe we are in the final term of 2018! I hope you all had a relaxing break from the regular school routine over the past two weeks. It is great to see all the children back, looking energised and ready for another term of fun and learning.

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent community survey. The Senior Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees have spent time reviewing these responses to identify themes, strengths and points of development for the future. This information has been very helpful in forming our future charter and curriculum development. The results have been overwhelmingly

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positive. Keep a look out for the summarised information in the next couple of weeks. Below is a little snapshot of key words used to describe our great school!

WELL DONE!

Last term the Ministry of Education visited Boulcott School to complete an audit on services and programmes we provide for children that have English as a second language (ESOL). We have a total of 48 students at our school that require support with their English learning. Jodi Mitchell, Carol Healy and Karleen Wilkins are the team that provide this support. The Audit team were incredibly complimentary of the programmes. In their summary they noted:

- The school has an effective process in place to identify ELLs (English Language Learners).
- Teachers are aware of the learning needs of ELLs and work closely with language assistants to plan well targeted additional support. The English language assistants are highly skilled and experienced.
- There is a strong focus within the school on providing an inclusive environment for students and their families.
- The moderated ELLP matrices sighted provided an accurate reflection of ELLS progress.

A big thank you to this team for your dedication to these learners!

STAFFING UPDATE

The Senior Leadership Team are currently in the process of recruiting teachers for 2019. This is of course due to maternity leave of permanent staff. Anna McKevitt who is currently on maternity leave has also indicated she will not be returning to a permanent position in 2019 as she wishes to continue to focus on being a mum. We will keep you up to date when new staff has been appointed.

SHAKEOUT!

Boulcott School will be participating in the nationwide 'Shakeout' on Thursday, 18 October. We will be carrying out an earthquake drill in the morning to remind the children and staff of the procedures on keeping safe in an event of an earthquake. This is a great opportunity to talk as a family about your plans at home to ensure everyone is prepared. You can find more information on safety plans and procedures here: <https://www.shakeout.govt.nz/>

POTENTIAL TEACHER STRIKE ACTION

Just an important heads-up. There is a likelihood of further teacher strike action next month due to continued collective agreement negotiations. If strikes proceed Boulcott School will be closed on **Friday, 16 November**. We are hoping an agreement can be met before this date so we will keep you posted if anything changes.

ENROLMENT BALLOT

Our next ballot for Out of Zone students, including siblings, takes place on **Friday, 2 November**. This is for places at Boulcott School for Term 1 & 2 of 2019. Applications close on **Monday, 29 October**. If you have a 4 year old who is due to start school in Term 1 or 2 of 2019 and you live in our zone please complete an enrolment form before our ballot date. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office or found on our website.

SCHOOL VANDALISM

Unfortunately the school was hit with some unpleasant acts of vandalism over the holiday period with damage done to the main block roof, including skylights being smashed, which caused the nasty weather to enter the building. Although this causes headaches with having to clean up the mess and cover the cost of repairs, we are more concerned of the risk to people climbing and walking on the school roof. There have been recent tragic accidents of this occurring at other schools which has resulted in death. It is always challenging to patrol the school while it is closed but if you are utilising the grounds during this time and see inappropriate behaviour, we encourage you to speak up or report it to the police.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

We are holding our Middle and Senior Athletics day on Monday 29, October. In order for the day to be successful and for the children to have equal opportunities at each event we need parent help for all the events. If you are available to help from 9am - 1pm please email dana_skinner@boulcott.school.nz. Alternatively, if you are willing to run in a parent relay team at about 2:30pm that afternoon please email also. We appreciate your support.

NETSAFE - KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

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



Teach them the basics

Once your knowledge is up to scratch, teach them the basics of online safety – here's four ideas of what to start with.

1. Strong passwords

A strong password helps protect the information in your online profiles or accounts.

Teach your child how to choose strong passwords, by [reading how to choose a good password](#).

2. Information to protect online

- Login details and passwords
- Bank account details
- Home address
- Phone numbers
- Birthdate
- Personal information that could be used to guess security questions for online accounts

You should also talk about personal details they could share online, such as where they are and the school they attend. This includes sharing their location – some apps allow you to share your current location with friends, or publicly.

3. Not everything is as it seems

It can seem like common knowledge to adults, but sometimes kids don't understand that people are not always who they say they are online. Talk to them about friending or communicating with people they don't know offline. For young children especially, they shouldn't friend someone online that they don't know personally offline.

4. Digital footprint

Teach your child that they need to think about what they post online, and that what they post online leaves a "digital footprint" about them. [Find out more about digital footprints](#).

ICAS EXAMS

In last terms final assembly we celebrated student success in the ICAS English Exams which were administered in Term 3. Maths results will be published in our next newsletter. We congratulate the following students who achieved excellent results:

English	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Distinction <i>The next 10 % of participants</i>	Luke - Rm 13 Franco - Rm 13 Zoe - Rm 15 (Year 3 sitting Year 4 exam)	Lucy - Rm 2	Callum - Rm 2
Credit <i>The next 25% of participants</i>	Isabella - Rm 15 Bronte - Rm 15 Karina - Rm 15 Issy - Rm 15 Terrance - Rm 13 Lucas - Rm 13 Jake - Rm 15 Jake - Rm 13	Emma - Rm 2 Lindsey - Rm 1	Dineth - Rm 4 Thadius - Rm 3 Catherine - Rm 3
Merit <i>The next 10% of participants</i>	Frances - Rm 15 (Year 3 sitting Year 4 exam) Elijah - Rm 14 Joshua - Rm 15		Melissa - Rm 3 Liam - Rm 2

WELCOME

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

Room 5a - Zara, Max and Georgia

Room 9 - Stella

SUNHATS

Now that the warmer weather is here all students will require a sunhat for outside play at morning tea and lunchtime. Please come to the office to collect an order form. As from next week there will be a 'No hat No Play' policy.

LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Fair - Our annual Scholastic Book Fair begins on Thursday, 8 November and runs through to Tuesday, 13 November. The library will be open each morning from 8:30am to 9am and after school from 3pm to 3:30pm (late night Thursday till 5:30pm), for students and parents to look at and purchase a great range of books from Scholastic. For every book sold the school will receive a percentage of the funds. These funds are used each year to purchase new books for our library. If you are available to help on any day please email tania_blucher@boulcott.school.nz or add your name to the roster outside the library.

OLD MAGAZINES

If you have any old magazines at home that would be suitable for students to use for art (eg Cuisine, Home and Garden, National Geographic), please send them to Room 3. They are needed for our elective programme later in the term.



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, 28 Sept:	Teacher Award	Student Award
Room 5a	Emily	Awa
Room 5	Nate	Chloe
Room 6	Addison	Preston & Tomas
Room 7	Elyse	Ethan
Room 8	Ethan L	Harlyem
Room 10	Micah	Indie
Room 12	Nayla	Lachlan
Room 13	Kelly	Flynn
Room 14	Rosy	Neev
Room 15	Joshua	Zoe
Room 1	Claudia	Elliott
Room 2	Lucy	Jackson M
Room 3	Alex	Charlie
Room 4	Josh	Annabelle

HOME AND SCHOOL

Upcoming events in Term 4:

Ice block Fridays - Ice blocks (\$1) will be sold on Fridays after school this term, under the shade sail. If you are able to help with selling ice blocks on Fridays please email karen_henry@boulcott.school.nz

Trilogy fundraiser event - Blend your own moisturiser.

Saturday 27 October, 4pm-5:30pm, Boulcott School Staffroom, \$20 per ticket.

Come along for a fun filled afternoon. Complimentary glass of bubbles/juice, mini moisturiser/goody bag/spot prizes. Get in quick as numbers are limited!

TERM DATES FOR 2019

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

PLEASE NOTE TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

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

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Saints and Angels Party - Wednesday, 31 October, Knox Presbyterian Church, 574 High Street, 5pm - 7pm. Dress up in your favourite costume and join us for an evening packed with fun. There will be a giant slide, bungee run, bouncy castles, petting zoo, football cage, face painting and a variety of carnival games. Everyone receives free popcorn and candy floss. Sausages and drinks are available for \$1. No scary costumes please. Entry is by way of gold coin donation and/or can of food. Cans will be donated to the Food bank.

Important Dates for Term 4	
Date	Event
16th October	School Photos Start
18th October	Shake Out! Tennis Tournament: Year 5 & 6 Touch Rugby Managers meeting
22 October	Labour Day - School Closed
23 October	Home and School Meeting
26 October	Assembly 2:10pm
27 October	Junior Netball begins Home and School: Trilogy event 4pm - 5:30pm
29 October	Year 3-6 Athletics
30 October	Hutt Intermediate Open Morning Life Education starts
1 November	Central Zone Teeball Touch Rugby begins
2 November	2019 Ballot
8 November	Scholastic Book Fair starts
9 November	Kapa Haka Exchange Year 5 & 6 E-Pro8 challenge
12 November	Central Zone Athletics Board of Trustees Meeting
16 November	Potential Strike Action - School Closed
19 November	Dental Bus arrives
20 November	Central Zone Softball Gala Meeting
23 November	Assembly 2:10pm Home and School Pizza Lunch
27 November	InterZone Athletics
29 November	Seniors EOTC - Remutaka Forest Park
30 November	Junior Athletics
4 December	Road Patrol Party Regional Athletics
5 December	Cushion Concert Year 6 Trip to Eastbourne
7 December	Prize Giving Assembly
10 December	Board of Trustees Meeting
11 December	Avalon Park - Whole school EOTC
12 December	Meet 2019 Teacher & Class lists, reports go home Year 6 Evening
14 December	Leavers Assembly Final day of 2018! School finishes at 1pm

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

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