



The
Boulcott

Wednesday 14 November 2018
Term 4 Week 5



Broadcast



Guten tag Boulcott Whanau,

We have had a great start to the school week with the sun coming out to play, Spring is very much in the air!

The past couple of weeks has seen all the classes visit the Life Education bus and Harold the Giraffe. Last week we started our school-wide Elective programme. We had a wide range of experiences on offer for the children from computer coding, cooking, construction, clay modeling, messy play, capoeira dance, drama, stop-motion animations, technology challenges and much, much more! The teachers have really enjoyed working alongside children from other areas of the school and we have particularly enjoyed seeing the older children working with the younger students - Great Tuakana teina in action!

Last Friday, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in our annual Kapa haka exchange with Eastern Hutt School and Waterloo School. This year Waterloo hosted us and once again it was a joy to see all the schools perform at such a high level. A big thank you to Matua Whaitiri, the Senior teachers and parents who supported the children in making it another successful exchange.

On Monday, we had over 30 children from Years 4-6 represent Boulcott School at the Central Zone Athletics event at Hutt Recreation Ground. We had some excellent individual results along with stellar results in the relay events! We are still awaiting the results from this event, which will see some of our top athletes progressing to the InterZone Athletics. Another big thank you to Dana Skinner and Craig O'Connell for their exemplary organisation.

Don't forget SCHOOL CLOSED - This Friday, 16 November due to Teacher Strike Action

Please also be aware that the 4 large pine trees that are situated behind Room 15 will be coming down on Friday, 16 November. For health and safety reasons we advise you to not utilise the school playground and field on this day. Safety measures will be put in place by the arborist but it is advisable to keep away from the tennis courts, Middle school block and back field.

STAFFING FOR 2019

I am happy to share with you our confirmed teaching staff arrangements for 2019. There are quite a few changes for next year for a number of reasons and we believe we have made the best combinations for all teams.

Below are a couple of points to note:

- Stacey Rowe & Darlene Avia are joining the teaching team for 2019
- Craig Beer & Kaajal Patel are returning to the teaching team for 2019
- Craig O'Connell has resigned from his teaching position. He is keen for a change but wants to remain part of the Boulcott Team. Craig has accepted a Teacher Aide position at Boulcott School for 2019
- Holly Hughes will be moving to the Senior Team
- Jo Lock will be leading the Middle Team in 2019
- Leigh McGregor will be moving from the Junior Team to the Middle Team
- Gaylene Nankivell will be moving from the Senior Team to the Middle Team
- Karen Clements will be leading the Junior Team in 2019

Here's how the teaching teams look next year:

Boulcott Teaching Teams 2019

Principal: Stu Devenport

Deputy Principal & SENCO: Jodi Mitchell

Associate Principal: Jo Lock

Junior Team: Year 1-2

Karen Clements (Team Leader)
Lisa Hassell
Eileen Falconer
Kaajal Patel
Stacey Rowe
Karen Henry (starting in Term 2)
Roll Growth Class - starting in Term 3)
Jane Anstiss (release teacher)

Middle Team: Year 3-4

Jo Lock (AP & Team Leader)
Leigh McGregor
Gaylene Nankivell
Darlene Avia
Suzanne Cody (release teacher)

Senior Team: Year 5-6

Melissa Coton (Team Leader)
Carmen Chambers
Craig Beer
Corrina Rayson
Holly Hughes
Ruth Hooke (release teacher)

Ruth Olds will continue in her role as our Passion Based Learning Teacher for 2019.

Another important thing to note is our Middle Team will have four composite classes of Year 3 and 4 students for 2019. By "composite classes," we mean putting two consecutive year-groups together in one class. There are a couple of drivers for this decision, namely distributing the needs of the children between 4 classes and keeping the class numbers even in all classes. This also aligns with our Senior Team which has had composite classes for many years at Boulcott School.

Although a child might be chronologically older or younger - their maturity, social needs, academic needs and behaviour are uniquely their own. Some need stimulating, some need more maturing. Some have needs in certain areas, but not in others. There is no hard and fast rule that says a 'straight' class will meet a child's needs any better than a composite class. Children all get there, the path may be different but the destination is the same.

It makes sense then to group children who are going through the similar stage so they can relate, help and experience together. Even within the same class, children will be at different levels. New Zealand teachers are trained in identifying this. We are renowned the world over for extending those

who learn more quickly and supporting those who are slower. Straight classes require as much group teaching as composite classes because this is the hallmark of good teaching. There is no difference in the range of abilities present in a straight class compared to a composite.

Composite classes can provide significant benefits to both the younger and older students in the class. Older students can benefit from helping younger students in cooperative learning situations. The younger students have the opportunity of enhanced learning experiences when they are ready for it. There are many examples where younger children can show older ones a thing or two! Role models and leaders can come from both the younger and older children; the children who excel at these traits do so irrespective of age.

WACKY HAIR DAY

We had a fantastic day last Tuesday with some very imaginative hairdos! This was a Student Council initiative raising money for Kids Can. We raised a total of \$236 for this worthy charity - well done team!

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

As promised, a summarised copy of our recent community survey results are now available on the school website for you to view. [Click here to view these.](#)



The Staff, Senior leadership team and the Board of Trustees have spent time reviewing these results and overall, are very pleased with the positive feedback we have received. It is wonderful to hear there are loads of things we are doing well! We have identified areas that we can potentially improve on which is really helpful in establishing priorities for our strategic direction.

EPRO8

By Elliott and Harry, Room 1

On Friday a group of Year 5 and 6 students went to Hutt Intermediate to do the EPRO8 Challenge. This is when you have a whole bunch of challenges and you have materials to work with to complete them. There were electronics, like switches and motors, as well as other pieces that connected with screws and bolts. These pieces had been 3D printed especially for the competition. We worked in teams of four to complete the challenges. The challenges were things like creating a 1 metre diameter mouse wheel, build an elevator with four levels, build a Lightning Tower over 2.5 metres tall or make a car that measured distance by turning its wheels.

Once we had finished the first level of the challenge you could make it more complicated for more points. For example, once you finished the mouse wheel, you could add things onto it that made it spin for more points. There were bonus points for completing different challenges and having a tidy work area. One team came third and will be going through to the semi-finals. The other team were tied for fourth but lost the sudden death tie breaker.





There are plenty of people and groups that we need to thank this week:

- McCarthy Trust kindly donated \$4000 to the school to spend on library resources over the next couple of years. This will go towards purchasing more books.
- We received two large boxes of native shrubs and bushes through the Paper for Trees programme. A big thank you to Melissa Coton and a group of Senior students who have already planted these along the front entrance.
- Thank you to Louisa Britton for making House flags for our Civil Defence kit.

Expressions of Interest – BOT Treasurer role

As part of the Board of Trustees strategy to ensure continuity of one of our most crucial roles through succession planning, we are seeking Expressions of Interest in the position of Board Treasurer. Boulcott School have been extremely fortunate to have had such highly skilled and talented treasurers on recent Boards, and they have left a legacy of ensuring our school has had fantastic financial governance.

With Board elections next year and our current Treasurer not standing for re-election, we are seeking to co-opt onto the Board a Treasurer prior to the elections to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. As a co-opted Board Member, you would be involved in the critical hand over of duties from our current Treasurer, and be part of a great team leading the direction of Boulcott School.

The Treasurer performs an important role on the Board. They have access to the school's accounts and financial reporting tools, which makes the position one of high trust. The Treasurer needs to have an accounting background, be a team player and a good communicator – it is their role to communicate to the rest of the Board the financial position of the school as they see it. The Board looks to the Treasurer to advise on the school's financing strategy.

If this role sounds like you, and you would like more information, including a more detailed position description, please contact feel free to contact us at BOT@boulcott.school.nz

CHICKEN POX

Chicken pox are doing the rounds in some of our Junior classes. Common symptoms of chicken pox are:

- Fatigue
- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Headache
- Itching

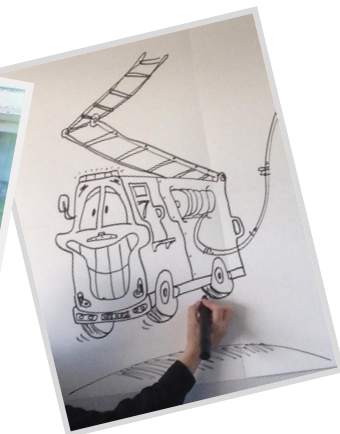
Followed by a

- red rash and itchy blisters

Please keep your child home for a week after the rash starts and the final crop of blisters has scabbed. Ensure your child gets lots of rest and fluids and tries not to itch their skin. Calamine lotion or a cool bath will help chicken pox become less itchy. If the chicken pox get worse please consult a doctor for advice.

YIPADEE SHOW AND ILLUSTRATOR VISIT

The whole school enjoyed a singing, dancing and musical comedy show from Deano and his crew yesterday. Dean is the author of several well known children's books, 'Nee Naw, I'm a Little Fire Engine', 'Jingle Bells Rudolph Smells'. His interactive show kept the students well entertained. The Illustrator of these books, Paul Beavis, held a drawing workshop for some Year 4 - 6 students and together they completed drawings of Rudolph and Nee Naw.



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Athletics results - We are still awaiting the official results from the Central Zone Athletics. These will be published in the next newsletter.

Central Zone Softball - The Year 5 and 6 Softball tournament, which was scheduled for later in November has been cancelled due to lack of entries from other schools.



Excitement is building for our Summer Gala on Saturday, 23 February 2019! Next week there will be a big push to get the parent community involved in the day. Keep a look out for sign up sheets pinned to the walls in the corridor for you to add your name to. For the Gala to be a success, we need every parent to give a little bit of their time - it only needs to be for an hour or two. Feel free to sign up to run a stall with a friend - it will be heaps of fun!

LIBRARY

Book Fair - Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success again this year. We sold lots of books and all the profits go back into the library. Thank you to those wonderful parents who gave up their time to help sell books and our Student Librarians who enjoyed dressing up in the Geronimo costume.

Summer Reading Challenge - Hutt City Libraries are again offering children aged 0-12 years the opportunity to have fun while reading over the summer holidays. It is free! All you need to do is sign up at any Hutt City Library. Children keep a reading log as they read and progress through four levels. For more details go to library.huttcity.govt.nz and at all Hutt City Libraries.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Ice Blocks - Due to the Teachers' Strike this Friday, ice blocks will be on sale on Thursday after school this week under the shade sail at 3pm.

Pizza Lunch - **Thursday, 22 November.**

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

Important Dates for Term 4	
Date	Event
16 November	Teachers Strike Day - School Closed
19 November	Dental Bus arrives
20 November	Gala Meeting
22 November	Home and School Pizza Lunch
23 November	Assembly 2:10pm
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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Kid's Lounge - Open for the Teachers strike day for any parents/caregivers looking for care for their children on this day. Open from 6:45am to 6pm. The cost for the day is \$40 per child. Books are essential as numbers are limited. To book please email vai@thekidslounge.co.nz or text/call 022 355 4434.

Book Launch - Ben Spies and Vivienne Fletcher will be holding a book launch on Sunday, 18 November from 1:30pm to 4pm at Raumati South Hall, Tennis Court Road, Raumati South. Check out their websites www.spiespublishing.co.nz or www.helenvfletcher.com for more information.

The Pelorus Trust Run & Walk - Hikoikoi Reserve, Petone, Lower Hutt, Sunday, 25 November. To register online visit www.hvmc.org.nz.

Festival Singers - Invite you to a Singalong concert of Handel's Messiah, Sunday 2 December, 7pm, Wesley Methodist Church, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington. \$20 per ticket. For more information visit www.festivalsingers.wordpress.com

Waikawa Beach Holiday Home - available for rent during the holidays. We have a 3 bd house, which is fully fenced, canoes for the river, and pet friendly. A fantastic wide beach with the choice of beach or river swimming. Huge sand hills to climb and explore. Otaki shops are only 12 minutes away to the South and Levin is 15 minutes to the North. Contact Karleen Wilkins on 021 266 9589 or 566 6312 for rates and availability.

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