

# Boulcott School

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**Te kura whanui a tangata o Boulcott:**  
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## Newsletter No. 2 – Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Tena koutou te kura whanui a tangata o Boulcott,

We hope your child has had a great start to the learning year at Boulcott School for 2017. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday, 9 February. We hope the opportunity allowed you to introduce yourself to your child's teacher and view classrooms. Classes are settled and children eager to learn.

### House Captains

The students in each of our 4 Houses elected our 2017 House Captains last week. 28, Year 6 students put themselves forward for these leadership positions and it is a real credit to them all, that they were so willing to serve the school and assist our younger students. It will be great to see how our House Captains lead and encourage their Houses throughout the year.

### Congratulations to our 2017 House Captains:

<b>Blue House (Tui):</b>	Frankie Roberts & Everett Parker
<b>Red House (Pukeko):</b>	Emery McDowell & Maia Davey
<b>Green House (Kakapo):</b>	Ella Sidford & Zara Joe
<b>Yellow House (Kea):</b>	Ellie McDougall & Charlie Howat



### Recognition Awards (CHEER)

We will continue to place great emphasis on our school values this year. The 'CHEER' Awards will be presented to selected students from each class at assembly. At our assembly last Friday we discussed what each of the letters of 'CHEER' meant i.e. Confidence, Honesty, Enthusiasm, Excellence, and Respect. These are the school values that were developed in consultation with the school community. The following students were nominated and received 'CHEER' awards at our school assembly last week.

Congratulations to Junior Syndicate: George Bank, Olive Kerr, Anna Henry, Henry Chardet, Jacob Williams, Naylee Akavi, Chante Goonewardene, Siosaia Tupou, Dana Asfari, Edward Taylor.  
Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Ellie Moemai, Benjamin Peacock, Ashlee Fitness, Bishr Asfari, Bella Vaaitoa, Elijah Taylor, Jackson Than, Sia Navalkar, Ben Hutchings, Miley Wilson, Ella-Rose Monk, Max Fafeita.  
Congratulations to Senior Syndicate: Austin Voller, Charlie Howat, Nephi Tuia, Xaviera Xu, Charlotte Kurth, Henry Chamberlain, Kaylee Black, Maia Davey.

### Board of Trustees 2017

The school's Board of Trustees met for the first time on Monday, 13 February, and Mr Paul Martin was elected Chairperson for the year. We welcome Paul into his new BOT role.

Paul takes over as Chairperson from Mr Dave Cody, who stepped down from this position after six and a half years. I would like to sincerely thank Dave, and publicly acknowledge the many hours of behind the scenes service he has committed to the staff, the school community and especially your children while acting in the Chair role for so many years.

Dave is remaining on the Board to support new Trustees members, even though he no longer has

children attending the school. Thank you Dave, we are all most grateful!

### Home and School Campout

On Saturday, 11 March, the Home and School are holding their annual **Campout** at school starting from 3pm. Pitch your tent on the school field if you are keen to stay the night – if not, the Home and School would still love to see you. Come along and purchase dinner. There is lots of wonderful food on offer. Everything on sale on the day is fundraising for the school. So come along and support the work of the Home and School Association. If you would like more information or can help at Campout come along to our meeting on **Tuesday, 28 February, 7:30pm** in the staffroom or email [homeschool@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:homeschool@boulcott.school.nz).

Ice block sales (\$1 each) continue each Friday afternoon under the sunshade. The AGM of the Home and School Association will be held on Monday, 27th March at 7:30pm in the school staffroom. You are most welcome to attend.

### Sports

We aim to provide children who attend Boulcott School with as many sporting opportunities as possible. Participation and enjoyment are our goals at the primary school level, while involvement in true competitive activity needs to be followed up outside of the school. Teachers commit considerable time to facilitate children's opportunities to participate in activities – this term Touch, Swimming and AFL (for Year 5 & 6), are being offered. Teachers, however, are not available to coach teams or co-ordinate playing arrangements and management outside of school hours. While I understand that with busy lives parents are increasingly 'time poor', and it may be difficult to commit time to coach/support your child's team, the expectation that teachers will be available to organise schedules, arrange transport and accommodate team changes is an unrealistic expectation.

### From the Office

#### Family Donation

On 1 February, notices were sent out regarding the Family Donation. This can be paid in full or paid in instalments. Please email or ring Bev in the office if you intend paying in instalments so we can keep an accurate record. A Family Donation to a state school is treated as an allowable donation for tax credit purposes – in other words, you can claim one third of your school donation back from the IRD at the end of the tax year (31 March). Keep your receipts and go online for further information at: <http://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax-individual/tax-credits>

#### Invoices

Invoices can be paid in instalments on a regular basis. However, the expectation is that all invoices will be paid immediately, unless arrangements have been made with the office. All payments for Middle School Swimming should now have been received.

#### Student Information Update

It is very important that we have up-to-date information on our records. If you have any changes to the information we presently hold, please inform the office.

### Religious Education (R.E.)

A reminder that the Board of Trustees offers Religious Education for those families who wish their children to participate in a Christian based education programme. The programme runs on Friday mornings between 9 – 9:30am for **Y3–Y6 students**, and will start on Friday, 3 March. Effectively, Boulcott School is closed for normal instruction during this R.E. time slot. The children who do not participate in R.E. are supervised by teachers in a classroom or the library. On enrolment, all families were asked whether or not they wished their children to be involved. However, if you **do not** wish your child to take part in R.E. lessons this year, please let the office know so we can update our records.

### Goal Setting Interviews

Please keep the evening of either Tuesday, 4 April or Wednesday, 5 April free, as we will be holding our initial Parent Interview meetings on these days. Closer to the time the usual on-line booking system will be available.

### Running Club

Running Club will commence again on Tuesday, 7 March from 8am to 8:30am. Please meet on the field at 8am. All students are welcome to come along to Running Club.

### Gifted and Talented

Please find attached to our newsletter a letter from our Gifted and Talented co coordinator about this school programme.

### Lost Property

After only three weeks of school we already have a number of items in our lost property. Please name your child's clothing and hat so they can be returned to them if they are misplaced.

### Library

School Librarians – Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who were selected to be Librarians this term: Everett, Ellie, Cairo, Rose, Brooklyn, Harry, Judah, Ruby, Maz, Zion, Megan, Ella, Charlie, Shaydon, Ben, Emery, Koby, Frankie, Olivia, Nephi, Xaviera, Zara, Paige, Hefrani, Jemma, Eamon, Haley, Iosefo, Phoenix, Jorja, Joelynn, Thomas, Abby, Stevie, Maia, Rilshan. Next term Year 5 students will have the opportunity to apply to be student librarians.

Overdue Library Books – Those students with library books from last year that are still overdue will be invoiced this week. If you have any overdue books at home please return them to the school library. Please also ensure if you are returning books to the Hutt Library that you are not returning Boulcott School library books as well. There have been a number of our books turning up at the Hutt Library recently.

### Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 13 April (11 weeks)

Term 2: Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July (10 weeks)

Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December (9 weeks)

### Justice of the Peace

Just a reminder to school families that I am a ministerial Justice of the Peace and am available to assist anyone in the school community who needs documents witnessed, copies certified or who need to make a statutory declaration. Please ring the school office to arrange a convenient time.

### Coming Events

Thurs 23 Feb	Touch Rugby starts – Years 3 – 6
Fri 24 Feb	Touch Rugby starts – Year 1 & 2
Mon 27 Feb	Middle School Swimming continues (Mon-Thurs)
Tues 28 Feb	Home and School Campout Meeting (7:30pm staffroom)
Fri 3 March	School Swimming Time Trials, R.E. starts, School Assembly (2:10pm)
Tues 7 March	Running Club commences (8am school field)
Sat 11 March	Home & School Campout
Mon 13 March	BOT meeting 7pm (staffroom)
Tues 14 March	Junior Syndicate trip to Capital E
15-17 March	Senior Syndicate Camp
Fri 17 March	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Mon 20 March	Senior School Swimming (Mon-Thurs)
Wed 22 March	Central-Zone Swimming
Mon 27 March	Senior School Swimming (Mon-Thurs), Home & School AGM (7:30pm)
Tues 4 April	Parent Interviews
Wed 5 April	Parent Interviews
Thurs 6 April	Years 3-6 Boulcott School Swimming Sports
Friday 7 April	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Mon 10 April	BOT meeting 7pm (staffroom)
Thurs 13 April	School Assembly (2:10pm) & End of Term 1 (3pm)
Monday, 1 May	Start of Term 2

Please contact us if you have any concerns or bouquets.  
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Greig Mercer  
**Principal**

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day** – Sunday, 5 March, Staglands Wildlife Reserve, 2362 Akatarawa Road, Upper Hutt. Free entry for children, free off-road trailer rides and a special performance from The Major Minors Children's Choir.

**Junior Table Tennis** – Table Tennis Wellington is running a Junior beginners table tennis programme in Term 1 on Thursday evenings from March 2 – April 6, 6:30pm – 8pm, Empire Table Tennis Club, Marine Parade, Petone. All equipment is provided but if you have your own table tennis bat bring it along, wear sports shoes and comfortable sports clothes. The fee is \$30 for six weeks payable at your first lesson. For further information contact Gabrielle by email at [chair@wellington.org.nz](mailto:chair@wellington.org.nz) or phone 021 361 162.

**Lower Hutt City Junior Football Registrations** – Trials take place this Sunday, 26 February, at Fraser Park Gym, followed by our annual club day from 11am to 4pm. For more information contact Rory Crawford on 022 305 6658.

**Drama Classes** – Kids 4 Drama classes teach clear communication, vocal techniques, and the art of improvisation, mime, character portrayal and general performance and public speaking skills. Introductory and advanced classes are offered. For an information pack or to trial one of our community classes, please email [becca@kids4drama.co.nz](mailto:becca@kids4drama.co.nz).

**Kerry School of Irish Dancing** – Taking enrolments for 2017. Beginner classes at Randwick Primary School on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. For more information email [kerryschoolofirishdancing@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kerryschoolofirishdancing@xtra.co.nz).

**Girl Guiding New Zealand** – 'Look To The Future', take the next step: join us today. For more information contact Rose O'Connor on 586 2306, email [rose.o'connor@girlguidingnz.org.nz](mailto:rose.o'connor@girlguidingnz.org.nz) or [www.girlguidingnz.org.nz](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz).

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