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Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

Last week the Junior Syndicate had a wonderful day experiencing a variety of performing arts in Wellington at the Opera House, the Hannah Playhouse and on the Waterfront. Our Juniors certainly enjoyed the music, acrobatics and puppetry of Capital E's Festival of Arts.



Our Year 5 and 6 students returned tired but satisfied from their three day camp at El Rancho in Waikanae. The children experienced horse riding, waterslide, go karting, archery, team building, low ropes course, the great race, bivvies', kayaking, geo caching, tubing, swimming and rock climbing opportunities. Again my thanks to parents and teachers for this exciting learning adventure.



Student Leadership Roles

Greenies Group

We have established our 2017 environmental group of keen students who are willing to undertake a role as 'Greenies' for our school. Boulcott proudly became a Silver accredited Enviro School last year and we wish to enhance the profile of the Enviro group as our students willingly making a contribution to the school environment and give service to others.

Our 2017 Greenies are: Ella, Jacob, Katharine, Phoenix, Shaydon, Zara, Ben, Ellie, Frankie, Megan, Sophie, Charlotte, Haley, Kezia, Skylah, Sophie M, Catherine, Emery, Gabby, Harry, Isabelle, Isla, Kaylee, Melissa, Zion.

Student Leadership Role - Representative Council

Also representing Room 5 on the School Council is April Langstraat.

I inadvertently left April's name off the list of Councillors published in the last newsletter.

Parent Interviews

Our parent interview evenings are scheduled for **Tuesday, 4 April** and **Wednesday, 5 April**. These interviews will focus on establishing learning and social goals for each child.

To book a 15 minute interview time with your child's teacher, please go online to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, school code **w572u** and select an interview time that is convenient for you. **Please make your booking by Friday, 31 March in order for teachers to adequately prepare for the interview.** We look forward to meeting with you.

Recognition Awards (CHEER)

This fortnight we recognize these wonderful students who have been noticed displaying our school 'CHEER' values:

Congratulations to Junior Syndicate: Grace Robinson, Joseph Moemai, Ameenah Atlaf, Marley Oldfield, Nizla Sherifdeen, Regan Khaw, Addyson Wallace, Alexandra Becker.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Dhilan Patel, Rebecca Whalen, Adiya Sehrawat, Joshua Young, Jason Kim, Riley Donoghue, Hunter McLean, Olivia Harris, Acacia Hemera, Joshua van Rij, Phoebe Ewington, Thomas Bartup.

Because of involvement at Camp no Senior student received Cheer awards this fortnight but we expect a bumper crop next time!

Home and School Campout

On Saturday, 1 April, (**please note new date**), 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 will be 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 please email homeschool@boulcott.school.nz.

Room 1 and 2 Metaphors

Room 1, have sent post cards to students at Allandale Primary in Whakatane, and Room 2 students are also preparing their postcards for a Whakatane School, and were tasked with writing some metaphors about their classroom as part of "Get New Zealand Writing":

'If Room 1 was a car it would be a Lamborghini because it is fast and cool.

If Room 1 were a building it would be a bank because we're as good as gold.

If Room 1 were a food it would be lollies because we're sweet.

If Room 1 were an item of clothing it would be sneakers because we look awesome.

If Room 1 was a movie it would be Dead Poets Society because we love our teacher.' by Everett, Ashton & Lochy

'If Room 1 was a vehicle it would be a purple jeep because we are swift and calm.

If we were a building we would be a treehouse because we look out for other people.

If we were a food we would be corn because we stick together.' by Ella, Jacob & Fin.

'Room 1 is a tank, tough and reliable

Room 1 is a skyscraper, we stand out

Room 1 is a fruit salad, we are all different

Room 1 is a hat, we are very creative

Room 1 is a can of coke, we have lots of fizz

Room 1 is a climbing wall, we persevere, no matter what the cost

Room 1 is a TV, we always want to show our work

Room 1 is a recycling bin, we care for the environment.' by Johnny, Dineth & Maddie

'Room 1 is an uncommon outstanding GTR500 tank,

Room 1 is a community saver, world changing garden shed

Room 1 is a soft, fluffy, yummy, different flavoured dumplings

Room 1 is denim blue, button up overalls

Room 1 is a bunch of juicy, delicious stuck together grapes

Room 1 is a class of cool smart, funny, caring wonderful people.' by Kat, Phoenix & Shaydon

Metaphors from Room 2:

Paige is a purple leotard stretched for her next tumble
Ben is a bowl of chips because they're yummy
Annabelle is a friendship bench because she likes making friends
Kobe is a brick Marae that stays strong and steady
Harry is a speeding Lamborghini going to school for learning
Cairo is a Marae full of caring and joy
Ellie is a warm fur coat that makes people grin with delight
Xaviera is a cuddly and warm jersey to make everyone feel welcome
Sophia is a warm cuddly blanket that helps keep people warm and welcoming
Maz is a lolly store full of sweet and sour lollies
Megan is an ice cream with lots of different flavours
Krista is a big fluffy coat that warmly welcomes everyone in
Nephi is a candy bar that is sugary sweet
Eloise is a doctor so I can help people who are sick
Skye is a dirty jeep ready for adventures
Sam is a pack of skittles, with lots of different flavours
Lucy is an automatic sliding door letting people through the door before her
Sienna is a dairy for the community, available for everyone to enjoy her sweets
Stephen is a big beach full of happiness
Elliot is a van delivering fun to everyone
Francesca is a delicious lollie making everyone's day

Updated Information

It is important that we have up to date contact information on our database for your child in case of an emergency. If your email or home address, cell or home number, has changed recently please contact the school office to update this information.

Boot Bin

We need your sports boots, shoes or sneakers that you don't wear anymore. If they are in good condition they can be donated to the 'Boot Bin' in Room 1. These shoes will be donated to children in our local community so they can be encouraged to play sport this year. If you have shoes to donate could be please have them brought to school by Wednesday, 29 March. Thank you for your donations.

ICAS Reminder

Information about the ICAS examinations for Year 4-6 students has been sent home. Costs are \$9.50 for Science, English, and Mathematics assessments, while Writing is \$20.50 per child for those wishing to take part. All registrations and payments must be made by Monday, 3 April. Thank you.

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)

Coming Events

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)
Sat 1 April	Home & School Campout (note amended date)
Tues 4 April	Parent Interviews
Wed 5 April	AFL Tournament Year 5 & 6, 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.
Kind regards

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Community Notices

Holiday Programmes

Marrzipan Drama - It's almost time for our WELLINGTON HOLIDAY WORKSHOP with Kayla! The Marrzipan Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm Wednesday, 19 April to Friday, 21 April at Thorndon Primary School. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day. Past workshops have been a great hit. As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment. For more information check out our website. Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick.

W: www.marrzipan.com E: jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz

School Holiday Computer Classes – For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, or Python, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing or Build a PC and if young the Discovery Computer Class. For further Information call 499-2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Learn to Play Tennis – Holiday programme for children from 5 – 13 years. Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, Friday 21 April at Mitchell Park. Cost \$33 for 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day. Timetable: 9am – 10am – Girls from 5 – 8 years old

10am – 11am – Boys from 5 – 8 years old

11am - 12 noon – Girls from 9 years+

1pm – 2pm – Boys from 9 years+

To register please contact Gary Nelson, Ph 589 7178 or email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz. Enrolments must be received by Wednesday, 12 April 2017.

Dora Papers – Made it and Dora Papers are teaming up for a fun packed, arty afternoon of felting and paper making on Wednesday, 19 April at Gift Hutt, Lower Hutt. Suitable for ages 5 – 12 years. Cost \$22 with all materials provided. For more information, or to book, please email Meg at dorapapersart@gmail.com or call 027 407 5098.

Oscar House Holiday Programme – Enrolments are now available for the upcoming school holidays. Our programmes are in premises adjacent to Eastern Hutt School for both the Junior Programme for Years 0-2 and Senior Programme Years 3-8. For more information go to www.oscarhouse.co.nz or to enrol email dalena@oscarhouse.co.nz.

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