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## Newsletter No. 6 – Wednesday, 10 May 2017

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

It is great to be back at school. I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable break over the Easter holidays.

We welcome to Boulcott School the following new students and their families. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott:

Year 1: Micah Irwin, Clare Song, Ethan Liu, Adonis Tuhoro, Sofia Smith, Hollie Hebden

Year 5: Asher Campbell

Thank you to all those who donated unneeded/outgrown sports boots and shoes. Boulcott managed to deliver over 80 pairs to a local school, who will distribute them to families with need. A wonderful gesture of community spirit and in keeping with our environmental sustainability focus.



## School ANZAC commemoration

Last Friday we held a special ANZAC Day dedication assembly at school at which the children remembered those who have served our country in wars and peacekeeping service. A remembrance field of white crosses was erected as a focal point for this assembly.

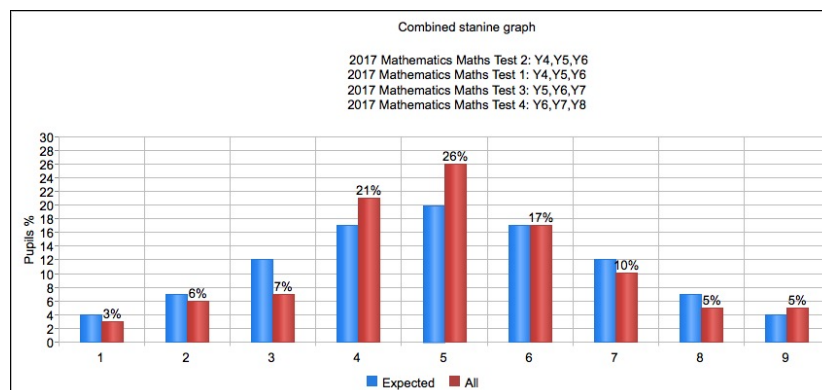
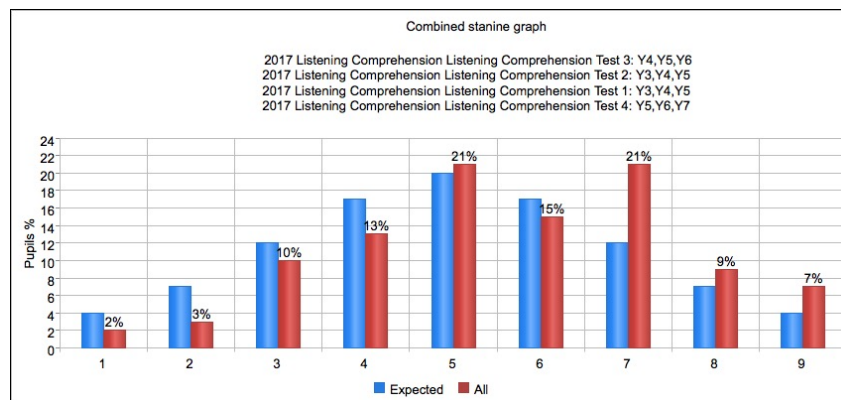
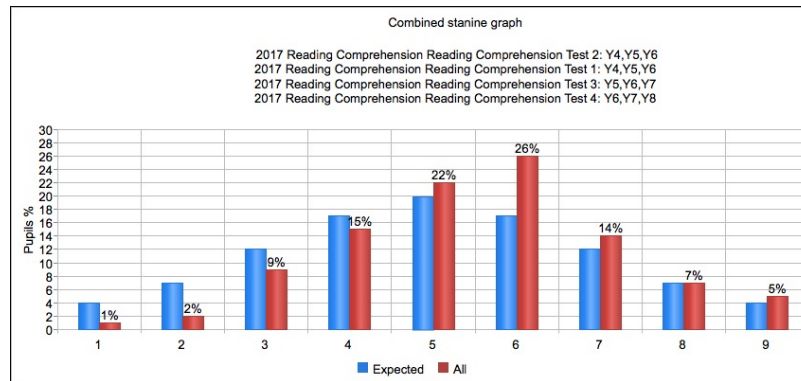
My thanks to Mrs Sawers for her organisation of this commemorative event.



## Achievement Information - PAT reporting

I have recently presented an analysis of achievement results of PAT assessments to the Board of Trustees in Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension, STAR (literacy) and Mathematics. Boulcott students from Year 3-6 continue to achieve well compared to their peers across New Zealand.

As an example the graphs below show Boulcott students results (Years 3-6) in red compared to nationally expected results in blue. It is expected that 23% of a school population will achieve in the higher 7-9 stanine range and another 23% in the lower 1-3 stanine range. We pleasingly have greater proportions in the top third, and decreasing proportions in the lowest third.



The PAT assessment data backs up our achievement results from the end of 2016, which saw 87% of our students in Reading achieving 'at' or 'above' National Standards; 77% in Writing achieving 'at' or 'above' National Standards and 80% in Mathematics achieving 'at' or 'above' National Standards.

### Recognition Awards (CHEER)

Congratulations to recipients of our school-wide 'CHEER' awards from our last two school assemblies at the end of Term 1. 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.

Congratulations to Junior Syndicate: Kelsey Tye, Waimaarie Nohotima, Crusoe McLean, Samantha Goad, Camden Morrison, Charlee Shirley, Daksh Sehwat, Vishaant Gounder, Alexia Kenning, Harlyem Patau-Singh, Indie Black, Riley O'Byrne, Krish Patel, Lucy Yang, Archie Baldwin, Frances Mosen, Ashton Lythe, Micah Khual Sim.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: April Langstraat, Ismailia Nohotima, Bronte Anstiss, Issachar Utie, Amelia Robson, Mabel Kerr, Joshua Farrington, Connor Gillmore, Aiden Pahi, Emma Joe, Jamie Birchler, Sofia Spencer, Alex Jamieson, Franco Lopez, Lucas Martin, Issy Hourigan, Jaanvi Patel, Jake Williams, Lucy Hutchings, Brooklyn Manu, Holly Goad, Maddison Lythe, Jackson O'Brien, Madi Tuia.

Congratulations to Senior Syndicate: Jacob Mau-Pohiva, Jiya Patel, Katherine Muller, Phoenix Taylor, Jamieson Stothers, Paige Smith, Francesca Roberts, Arshaq Buksh, Kezia Cooper, Olivia McGavin, Dylan O'Callaghan, Eamon Smith, Louie Lust, Orton Stewart, Catherine Wang, Caleb Monk, Joelynn Wormington, Johnny Maas, Cairo Amohau, Ellie McDougall, Sam Whaley, Skylah Langstraat, Emery McDowell, Thadius Aldred.

### Chinese Teacher Exchange

Ms Gaylene Nankivell has just returned from teaching in Miyun District, North East of Beijing. Gaylene won selection in a Rotary teacher exchange programme between Hutt Valley schools and Miyun's education authority. Later this year Boulcott School will be hosting a group of Chinese teachers from this area as part of the exchange programme.

### Enrolment Zone and School Zone

We are continuing to apply a Ministry of Education enrolment scheme and zone for Boulcott School. A limited number of out-of-zone places will be available for 5 year olds wishing to start at Boulcott School during Term 3 & 4 of 2017. The last day for applications to go into the ballot is Monday, 15 May. A Police supervised ballot draw will be conducted on Friday, 19 May, and families notified on Monday, 22 May, as to the result.

If you live within our zoning area and have a child or sibling turning 5 before 15 December 2017, please contact the office immediately or pick up a pre enrolment form. This will help us determine the number of places able to be allocated in the ballot.

### Roll Growth Class

An additional New Entrants class will be starting in Room 5A from the beginning of Term 3. I am delighted to announce we have Mrs Karen Henry joining the staff in a fixed term capacity for Terms 3 and 4 to teach this group. Karen is an experienced Junior school teacher and we are very fortunate to have obtained her services to work with our newest arrivals.

### Sports being Offered at Boulcott School in Term 2

This term we are offering a 'Football in Schools' coaching programme in association with the Naenae Football Club. All classes will receive four coaching/skills lessons either in the first or second half of the term. There is no cost for the football skills programme this year.

We have staff and parents involved in offering netball (for Years 3 – 6). Our Boulcott Mystics netball team played their first games last Monday night. Our other teams, Boulcott Tactix, Pulse, Fever, Steel, Firebirds and Magic all play their first games at Taita courts this week. We also have basketball being played over Term 2 & 3.

School cross-country training is underway with our school wide event to be held on Tuesday, 30 May (with postponement date Thursday, 1 June). We are grateful to Summerset and Boulcott Farm Heritage Golf Course for allowing us to run our cross-country course through their property again this year.





Our Year 1 & 2 children will also be undertaking swimming instruction at Naenae Pool, starting from Monday, 12 June.

### Arrival At School Times

Please try to ensure your child is at school **before 8:55am** as that is when we start instructional lessons for the school day. To maximise learning it is best for a child to have 5 – 10 minutes before the bell to unpack their bag, greet their teacher and check on the schedule for the day, before learning programmes commence.

Children are allowed at Boulcott school **from 8:15am**, but are not able to enter classrooms **before 8:30am**. Between 8:30am and 3:30pm is the teachers 'official duty of care' period for your child.

### Swimming

Congratulations to Hollie Farr who gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Year 4, 25m backstroke at the Inter Zone Swimming at the end of last term. We apologise for inadvertently leaving Hollie's name out of the last newsletter.

### Post Hole Digger

Do you have a post hole digger that the school could use to put a number of totem poles into the ground? If you can help please contact the school office on 566-3058.

### Library

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 3, due back at school by Friday, 12 May. Please make cheques payable to 'Scholastic NZ.' Don't forget you can order online using 'LOOP'.

Overdue Library Books – There are a large number of overdue library books. Please return these to the library as soon as possible.

Librarians – Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who are being trained to become school librarians this term: Milla, Lynmari, Jiya, Sophia, Lucy, Krista, Sophie HB, Eloise, Annabelle, Harrison, Kobe, Charlotte, Sophie M, Sam, Liam, Kaylee, Samuela, Isla, Aaron, Melissa.

Help needed – If you have some spare time and can help covering new library books or mending books please contact Tania in the office.

### Home and School

Entertainment Books – Boulcott Home and School Committee are once again selling Entertainment Books as a fundraiser for the school.

Your eldest child should have brought home an order form earlier this week. Due to the popularity of the Digital Membership we are not sending books home to every family this year. If you wish to purchase one you need to either order it online through the secure link

<http://www.entbook.co.nz/10412m4> or send payment back in the envelope provided. Additional order forms and a sample book are at the office. If you are paying by direct credit please ensure you credit the money to the **Home & School Account 12-3478-0056621-00**.

Please note the Wellington book is \$65 this year, with Boulcott School receiving \$13 from every book or digital membership sold. Last year we raised \$1500!

Any questions please contact Tracey Joe on [homeschool@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:homeschool@boulcott.school.nz) or phone 567 5388. Thank you for your support.

### Slapped Cheek

Over the last week we have had quite a few children with the virus Slapped Cheek. Slapped Cheek is a common childhood illness. It causes bright red cheeks, (like you've been slapped) and a lace-like rash on the body. For more information please check out the link below from the Ministry of Health website.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/slapped-cheek>

### ASB School Donation

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school. Please contact ASB for a voucher. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan must be received between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017.

### Term Dates

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, 15 May	BOT Meeting 7pm staffroom, Closing date for ballot applications
Frid, 19 May	School Assembly (2:10pm), Ballot held for Terms 3 & 4
Tues, 23 May	Tiniball starts (Yr 1 – 3)
Tues, 30 May	School Cross Country (pp Thurs 1 June)
Frid, 2 June	Year 5 & 6 EOTC visit to Planetarium
Frid, 2 June	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Mon, 5 June	Queens Birthday holiday (School closed)
Tues, 6 June	Central Zone Cross Country at Trentham Memorial Park (pp Thurs 8 June)
Mon, 12 June	Junior School swimming starts (Naenae Pool)
Frid, 16 June	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Mon, 19 June	BOT Meeting 7pm staffroom
Tues, 20 June	Inter-Zone Cross Country (pp Thurs 22 June)
Tues, 27 June	Year 5/6 Soccer Tournament
Frid, 30 June	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Wed, 5 July	Polyfest Performance
Fri, 7 July	School Assembly (2:10pm) and end of Term 2 (3pm)

Please contact us if you have any concerns or bouquets.  
Aroha nui,

Greig Mercer  
**Principal**

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Why Science Matters for Primary Kids Breakfast** – Tuesday, 16 May, 7am – 8:30am, Dowse Art Museum, 45 Laings Road, Lower Hutt. Free event. Learn how to get kids hooked on science. Spaces are limited. Please register at [tinyurl.com/mvcyd3t](http://tinyurl.com/mvcyd3t).

**Marsden Whitby Scholarships** – Year 7 and Year 9 scholarships, for entry in 2018, are now open. For more information go to [www.marsdenwhitby.school.nz](http://www.marsdenwhitby.school.nz). Applications close 18 May 2017.

**Gateway Kids** – Out of School Care. Term 2 Before School & After School Care bookings are now available. Oscar & Cyfs approved. Register and book online at [gatewaykids.aimyplus.com](http://gatewaykids.aimyplus.com). For more information ph 021 083 70494 or email [gatewaykids@gmail.com](mailto:gatewaykids@gmail.com) or go to [www.gatewaykids.co.nz](http://www.gatewaykids.co.nz).

**Wellington Marathon** – Sunday, 18 June, includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes. For more information go to [everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017](http://everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017).

**Car Boot Sale** – Saturday, 27 May, 9am – 12pm. Knox Church car park, High Street, Lower Hutt. \$25 per boot. To book your spot, contact Lisa on 027 211 3893. Sellers can arrive from 8am. Raising money for St Oran's Habitat For Humanity Build.

**Waterloo Table Tennis Club** – Waterloo School Hall, Hardy Street, Waterloo. Junior Nights - Friday 7pm to 9:30pm, Senior Nights - Monday 7:15pm till late. Low fees and the first night is free. For more information contact Ian Thomas on 577 3051, Alan Costley on 567 0314 or Craig Gear on 938 4516.

**Marrzipan Drama** – There are a few spaces available for Term 2 in this amazing programme. We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun, engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. You can sign your child up for a trial lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz).

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