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Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday, 30 May we are holding our School Cross Country. Classes have all been hard at work training to build up individual fitness. You are all most welcome to come along and watch your children participate, with races starting between 10:30am and 1pm. If the weather is really wet and cold the postponement day is Thursday, 1 June. Races both start and end on the school field, and runners proceed down Boulcott Street, and through the old golf course land directly behind the school. Thanks to Summerset and Boulcott Farm Heritage Golf Course for allowing us to run our cross-country course through their property. Should be amazing fun!

Our school ballot for out of zone students was held under police supervision on Friday, 19 May with eight students able to be offered places at the school during Term 3 and 4. Many of these children are new entrants, with several being siblings of existing students at our school. Our school roll currently stands at 343.

Recognition Awards (CHEER)

Congratulations to recipients of our school-wide 'CHEER' awards from last week's school 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.

Congratulations to Junior Syndicate: Sanders McLean, Indie Thompson, Chelsea Page, Alex Baker, Nayla Syahrana, Harper Wallace, Hannah Olivier, Albert Hao, Georgia Shotter, Lawrence Huang.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Terrance Hsiung, Jyotika Sunkarapalli, Thomas Jones, Karina Dayal, Rosy Khual Sim, Rishka Rilwan, Olly Antipas-Baker, Hollie Farr, Sasha Manu, Vihini Abayarathna, Vince Wong, Jayden Cole.

Congratulations to Senior Syndicate: Milla Chardet, Callum Martin, Megan Small, Harry Mort, Koby Machirus, Rose Johnston, Isla Hughes, Samu Cirikiwai.

ArtSplash

School Choir

Our school choir meet to sing regularly at lunchtimes and are sounding great. They are preparing for the ArtSplash combined schools choir performance next term.

Dance Group

We also have a group of keen dancers who meet on Friday lunchtimes and work with Mrs Anstiss. This group are also preparing a performance to showcase their skills at ArtSplash in September.

More information will be available at a later date regarding ticket purchases to these events, but do pencil in the dates of ArtSplash (Choir), 20 September, and DanceSplash 21 September.

My thanks to Jane Anstiss, Karen Jellie and Veronica Sawers for giving up their time to co-ordinate and lead the choir and dance group this year.

Junior School Swimming

Our Junior School begin their two week instructional swimming programme at Naenae Pool on Monday, 12 June. We choose to use the trained Naenae swimming instructors to develop children's water confidence and skills. The progress seen in previous years through this intensive daily instructional programme has convinced us that this approach is the best way the school can support water safety. The Board of Trustees subsidise this aquatics programme for each family. Thank you to those who have already paid for the bus proportion of the costs.

Science Club

Mrs Falconer has started up Science Club again this term, and has been swamped by enthusiastic budding scientists eager to experiment and discover how and why things work. When over 40 Middle and Senior children want to give up their lunchtime to learn more about a curriculum subject you know you are onto a good thing! Great questions and thinking are emerging from Science Club sessions with sherbet making a particularly tasty endeavour! My thanks to Eileen Falconer for giving her time to this group.

Staffing Change

I am please to announce we have secured the services of Mrs Julie-Ann Kamal to teach in Room 11 from the beginning of Term 3, while Mrs McKeivitt is on Maternity Leave. Julie-Ann is an experienced teacher, and is joining the staff in a fixed term capacity for Terms 3 and 4 to teach this delightful class. We wish Anna and Aaron all the best for the arrival of their first child. Mrs Claire Williams has also begun her Maternity Leave, and we also wish Claire and Cory all the happiness with their new arrival. Aren't Boulcott School staff doing well in assuring that we have continued roll growth in the Valley!!

School Cross Country

Our school cross country is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 30 May, (postponement Thursday, 1 June). The first race will be at 10:45am, with each race taking 15 to 20 minutes per year group. The table below shows the order in which the races will be run and how many laps each year group is required to do. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing, drink bottle and footwear, (sneakers are best), to run on the day.

Year Group	Laps	Notes
Year 6	2	Girls then Boys
Year 1	1	Girls then Boys
Year 5	2	Girls then Boys
Year 2	1	Girls then Boys
Year 4	2	Girls then Boys
Year 3	1	Girls then Boys

Class Sports Equipment

We have recently received some new class sports equipment, which the children are very excited about. To ensure this equipment doesn't get lost, please do not take this equipment into the playground after 3pm. It is to remain in the allocated sports box in the classrooms. Your help is appreciated.

Thank you

A big thank you to the Moreira family for the use of their post hole digger, which was used to dig the holes for the totem poles out on the school field. Thanks also to the Hughes family for the donation of new ice packs for the medical room and to the Robson family, whose generous donation has enabled us to purchase 4 sets of new netball bibs for the Year 3 and 4 teams.

Home and School

The Home and School are running the popular pizza lunch again this term. Your eldest child should have brought home a pizza order form and these need to be returned to your child's class by **3pm on Thursday, 25 May** (no late orders will be accepted). Please put the completed order form and exact cash, in an envelope and hand it to your classroom teacher. Pizzas will be individually boxed and delivered to your child's class on **Thursday, 1 June**. Please ensure you have the correct class number on the form. Thank you for supporting the Home and School Committee.

Entertainment Books – Boulcott Home and School Committee are currently selling Entertainment Books as a fundraiser for the school. 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 with the order form. 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 or phone 567 5388. Thank you for your support.

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

Thurs, 25 May	Last day to order pizza lunch
Tues, 30 May	School cross-country (pp Thurs, 1 June)
Thurs, 1 June	Home and School pizza lunch
Fri, 2 June	Year 5 & 6 EOTC visit to Planetarium, 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)
Thurs, 15 June	Ropu Maori Evening 6pm school hall
Fri, 16 June	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Mon, 19 June	BOT Meeting 7pm staffroom, Junior School swimming continues
Tues, 20 June	Inter-Zone cross-country (pp Thurs, 22 June)
Tues, 27 June	Year 5/6 Soccer Tournament
Fri, 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.
Kind regards,

Greig Mercer
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hutt Intermediate School Open Evening – For prospective 2018 enrolments. Tuesday, 4 July from 7pm to 8:30pm. Parents and children welcome.

St Bernard's College Open Day – Saturday, 27 May, 10am to 2pm. Principal's address hourly from 11am to 1pm. Enrolments close Friday, 7 July 2017. All enquiries to School Secretary, St Bernard's College, 183 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt. For further information phone 560 9250, fax 560 9251, email office@sbc.school.nz or www.sbc.school.nz.

Table Tennis Coaching in Term 2 – Separate beginner and Intermediate groups. Held at Empire Table Tennis Stadium, Marine Parade, Petone, from 6:30pm to 8pm Thursday, 1 June to 6 July inclusive. \$30 for the entire term payable at the first session. Bring a table tennis bat if you have one, soft soled shoes, sports top (not white) and shorts. For more information contact Gabrielle at chair@ttwellington.org.nz, or phone 021 361 162.

Wellington Music Academy – Your child can learn how to play the keyboard at school. The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome. Please contact the Music Academy for more information and to book a place on 027 211 5077, email admin@musicacademy.co.nz or online www.musicacademy.co.nz.

DASH Under 12's Marching Team – Recruiting for the 2017/18 Marching Season. Trainings are held in Petone on a Sunday with competitions starting in October. If you are aged between 7 and 11 come along to our 'Give it a Go' day on Sunday, 11 June from 12 noon to 2pm at Petone Central School, Britannia Street, Petone. No experience required. Fees are \$100 and can be paid by weekly instalments. For more information please call or text on 021 060 0653 or facebook page DASH Under 12 Marching Team.

Get Wild Open Weekend – Wellington Zoo and Zealandia. \$2 donation per entry on Saturday, 27 May and Sunday, 28 May. Wellington Zoo will be open from 9am to 5pm and all Zoo entry donations go towards the Wellington Zoo Conservation Fund which helps to save animals in the wild.

Holiday Programmes

El Rancho Winter Kids Camp – Registrations are now open for our camp from 4pm, Monday, 10 July to 11am Friday, 14 July. Early bird registrations are now available for \$175. To book go to <http://elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Kids+Camps.html>.

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