

Boulcott School

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Newsletter No. 8 – Wednesday, 7 June 2017

Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

A very successful school cross-country was held last week. Students gave their all, running around various distances on the streets and Golf Course, and were cheered on by a number of supportive family members. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm that has gone into training and the positive support students gave to their peers. Thank you to Boulcott Farm Heritage Golf Club and Summerset for allowing us to use part of their property for this event, making it an authentic cross-country challenge. Thanks also to Andrea Rodley and Dana Skinner for the event organisation.

Year 1 Girls: Anna Henry, Hollie Hebden, Paxton Stothers
Year 1 Boys: Joseph Moemai, Todd Whiley, Declan Chester, Ryan Benseman
Year 2 Girls: Jada Tetevano, Scarlett Hourigan, Charlee Shirley
Year 2 Boys: William Hughes, Jacob Williams, Tim Van Rij, Archie Baldwin
Year 3 Girls: Issy Hourigan, Ellie Moemai, Suri Sun
Year 3 Boys: Lucas Martin, Tyler McFarlane, Finley Hunter, Paxton Tuhoro
Year 4 Girls: Lucy Hutchings, Judy Yang, Vihini Abayarathna
Year 4 Boys: Ben Hutchings, Cooper Smith, Vince Wong
Year 5 Girls: Eloise Lohead, Krista Hutchinson-Briggs, Skylah Langstraat
Year 5 Boys: Fin Hourigan, Callum Martin, William Davis-Lenz
Year 6 Girls: Ruby Kerr, Eunice Young, Phoenix Taylor
Year 6 Boys: Rilshan Rilwan, Charlie Howat, Michael Lopez

Boulcott's highest performing runners went on to compete in the Central-Zone cross-country at Trentham Memorial Park yesterday and 31 of them have made it through to the Inter-zone competition on Tuesday, 20 June. Well done!



Reports

We will be sending home written anniversary reports at the end of this term only for those children completing twelve, twenty-four or thirty-six months at school. All other children will receive an interim report, given out and discussed with parents, at interviews early in Term 3.

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: Maddison Roberts, Dhruvika Chauhan, Kristian Davis-Lenz, Shamil Shahabdeen, Lachlan Farrington, Ethan Huang, Jake Roberts, Lily Osborne, Todd Whiley, Isla Evans.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Abbie Kemp, Isabella Adie, Jakaya Hemera, Paxton Tuhoro, Tyler McFarlane, Suri Sun, Poppy Russ, Kingston-Leith Dewes-Parahi, Eva Wen, Mishall Umar, Danielle Wu, Maya Christiansen.

Tiniball

A group of Year 3 students participated in a Tiniball Tournament on Wednesday, 24 May, at Walter Nash Stadium. These students enjoyed a strenuous morning of competition finishing third in their pool. Well done.



Before/After School Care

The Before/After School Care service provided on the Boulcott School site is a separate entity from the school. The service hires the school hall and kitchen facilities from the Board of Trustees, enabling children to easily move from their classrooms to supervised care in the hall.

Boulcott Before/After School Care operates as a Charitable Trust, which is administered by an independent management group of parents and carers.

Charges for After School Care are:

- Full time attendance is \$60.00 per week, payable in advance.
- Part-time (3 days or less per week) is \$15.00 per day, also payable in advance or a day after attendance.

Before School Care is also available for those children who arrive at school before 8:15am.

Inquiries can be made by contacting the BASC Supervisor on (04) 939 2989.

Staffing

As you know I have tendered my resignation as Principal of Boulcott School. It has been a real privilege to serve the school community over the last four and a half years, and I thank you for the support I have received in my role during that time. The decision to move on has been a difficult one to make simply because Boulcott is such a very special school, with caring professional staff, excellent and committed BOT and Home and School members, and wonderful students.

I wish Boulcott School every success for the future and I look forward to hearing ongoing news of Boulcott School and your children.

My apologies to Leigh McGregor who also voluntarily gives of her time to help with school choir and I inadvertently did not acknowledge her in the previous newsletter.

Update on the Principal Appointment Process

With the recent announcement of Greig Mercer's resignation, the Board of Trustees (BOT) is now underway with the appointment process for selecting our new Principal. The BOT's overall aim in appointing a Principal is to ensure that the best, most competent and suitable person is selected for this position.

To date, we have had two productive meetings and have made a number of key decisions about the process and timeline we will follow. An Independent Advisor will also be appointed to assist us in this process.

Currently the Board of Trustees are focused on:

1. Appointing an Acting Principal starting at the beginning of Term 3
2. Consulting with staff, students and the school community
3. Finalising the Principal's Job Description and Person Specifications
4. Writing the job advertisement and preparing an application pack
5. Advertising the role nationally in the Education Gazette

Throughout this process the BOT will continue to provide regular updates to the staff, parents and wider school community. If you have any questions please contact us via email

BOT@boulcott.school.nz.

Year 5 & 6 visit to Planetarium

On Friday, 2 June the Year 5 & 6 Syndicate went on an Education Outside the Classroom visit to the Planetarium in Wellington. The children saw images of the Solar System on the Planetarium's projection dome and learnt more about Space to support their on-going science learning on this topic.

Home and School

Last Thursday the Home & School organised a Pizza lunch fundraiser for the school. Thank you to those that supported this event and enjoyed the yummy pizza. My thanks to Tamara Martin and Ali Morrison for all their organisation, and the parents who helped out with distribution on the day.

The next Home and School fundraiser is a Movie Evening at the Monterey Theatre in Upper Hutt on Sunday, 2 July at 5pm. Keep this date free in your diaries and encourage others to come along and see 'Despicable Me 3'.

Advanced Notice: Boulcott's Quiz Night will be held on Saturday, 28 October. Put this in your diaries now and encourage your friends to make up a table!

PJ (Pyjama) Day for World Vision – Friday, 9 June

Friday, 9 June is PJ Day at Boulcott School!

Last week we had a speaker from World Vision come to school to talk about the Syrian Refugee Crisis and ways that we can help. Some of our fantastic students are undertaking the World Vision famine this weekend, giving up screens or talking, sleeping in a box and the like! We wish them all the best.

In addition, as a school we are holding a PJ Day to raise money for World Vision. So on Friday wear your warmest PJs/onesie and slippers and please bring along a gold coin donation.

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

Fri, 9 June:	PJ Day (gold coin donation)
Mon, 12 June:	Junior Syndicate swimming starts at Naenae Pool
Thurs, 15 June	Ropu Maori Evening 6pm school hall
Fri, 16 June:	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Mon, 19 June:	BOT Meeting 7pm in staffroom
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)
Sun, 2 July:	Polyfest rehearsal Boulcott Hall (10:30am to 12pm), H&S movie fundraiser (5pm)
Wed, 5 July:	Polyfest Performance at Walter Nash Stadium
Fri, 7 July:	School Assembly (2:10pm), end of Term 2 (3pm)

Please contact us if you have any concerns or bouquets.

Kind regards,

Greig Mercer
Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Curtain Bank – Sustainability Trust's Curtain Bank will be based on Great Start, in Taita from June 12 to 23.

Who can get FREE curtains: Households who don't have adequate curtains and have a Community Services Card, can get lined, fitted curtains for the living room and for the bedrooms of children, the elderly, and sick people as well.

How to get curtains: To get curtains, just fill out and return a window measurement form, which can be printed from our website or will be available from Great Start Taita, from Monday, 12 June.

Why get curtains: Good quality, lined curtains are critical to keeping heat in a home and keeping power bills down. Curtains can also help keep families warmer and healthier and help to prevent illness.

You can read more about Wellington Curtain Bank & Sustainability Trust on our website: www.sustaintrust.org.nz/curtainbank or visit us at 2 Forresters Lane, off Tory Street, Wellington.

Hutt Intermediate School Open Evening – for prospective 2018 enrolments.

Tuesday, 4 July from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Parents and children welcome.

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