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Newsletter No. 9 – Wednesday, 21 June 2017

Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

On Thursday, 15 June we held a hui for our Maori families and friends of the school, which was led by Mr Whaitiri Poutawa. It was wonderful to have so many join with us to hear about the Te Reo and Tikanga programme their children have been involved in, contribute ideas and celebrate the learning that has occurred. Thank you to all who participated.

Acting Principal

Mrs Veronica Sawers has been appointed as Acting Principal for Term 3. Mrs Kathy Cutler will be teaching full time in Room 1 during this time. I congratulate Veronica on this professional opportunity, and am sure she will have the support of the staff and school community in undertaking this school leadership role.

This is the final newsletter of the term, and therefore my last as principal of Boulcott School. I would like to thank all families for the support I have received during my time at Boulcott. I have greatly enjoyed teaching and learning with your wonderful children. You are well served by a quality, hard working staff and it has been my professional privilege to serve the Boulcott School community alongside them.

To you and yours, all the best for the future.
Greig Mercer

BOT Update on the Principal Appointment Process

The appointment process for selecting our new Principal is well underway. 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 help achieve this aim the BOT have a detailed project plan in place. Please see below for update on how this work is tracking:

Completed

- Veronica Sawers has been appointed as Acting Principal starting at the beginning of Term 3.
- KP Educational Consultants appointed to provide expertise in the recruitment and appointment process.
- Job application package including Principal's job description have been finalised.
- Online and print job advertisements have been written.
- The online job advertisement went live on Monday, 19 June, on the Education Gazette website.
- The print job advertisement is scheduled to be published in the Education Gazette's issue coming out on 26 June.

Underway

Ongoing communication and consultation with staff, students and the school community through staff meetings, student feedback and an online survey. To complete the survey please click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S68MWX5>

Planned for July and August

- Review all feedback received from the school community.
- Application review, assessment and shortlisting.

- Interviewing of candidates.
- Appointment of successful candidate.

Throughout this process we 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

End of Term Reports

Students who are completing 12 months, 24 months or 36 months of schooling will receive written reports at the end of this term. This involves approximately 70 students in Year 1-3 classes whose birthday falls between March 1 and August 31. We are required to supply anniversary reports to families as part of the National Standards reporting process. The majority of Boulcott students will receive full written reports at the end of the school year.

Early in Term 3 you will be invited to make appointments for a further set of goal setting interviews with class teachers to discuss your children's progress. Interviews will be held on the afternoon/evenings of Wednesday, 9 August, and Thursday, 10 August.

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: Ethan Liu, Kaleb Christiansen, Micah Irwin, Priya Williams, Ella Dawson, Gavin Saini, Chloe Wang, Zoe Worthington, Charlie Richardson, Lucy McFarlane.

Congratulations to Middle Syndicate: Peighton Galuva'a, Elina Alappatt-Daijo, Harry Martin, Lily Herdman, Eleesha Joby, Taine Elgar, Jay Saxton, Amy Fowler, Cooper Smith, Kyras Akavi, Judy Young, Liam Paterson.

Congratulations to Senior Syndicate: Antara Joshi, Dineth Abayarathna, Fin Hourigan, Zara Joe, Krista Hutchinson-Briggs, Elliott Kenning, Annabelle Morrison, Benjamin Housden, Eunice Young, Charlie Hunter, Judah Anstiss, Ruby Kerr, Bella Harris, Hefrani Tuatoko, Martin Jin, Aaron Mattsen.

Polyfest

A group of Year 5-6 students will be performing at Polyfest, an inter-school cultural festival, at Walter Nash Stadium on Wednesday, 5 July. They are holding a rehearsal on Sunday, 2 July from 10:30am to 12pm.

The group sound awesome and I know they will represent the school with pride. My sincere thanks to Mrs Veronica Sawers, Mr Whaitiri Poutawa and the Senior Team for all their work offering these children such a wonderful opportunity. Permission and ticket sales are due back today, **Wednesday, 21 June.**

Boulcott School is a Community Emergency Hub

Civil Defence Centre? Not anymore! We are a Community Emergency Hub not a Civil Defence Centre.

Community Emergency Hubs are about the community coming together to do what it can to help each other - people helping people with what they have available.

The Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) works with our communities to empower and promote a community-led response to the challenges communities will face during a disaster.

As we saw in Christchurch and other disasters around the world, people want to help those in need. After a significant emergency, such as an earthquake, the community will naturally come together for company, to share their stories about their experience, find out information, offer assistance to those who need it, and look for assistance.

Community Emergency Hubs are pre-identified places for the community to coordinate their efforts to

help each other during and after a disaster. Community Emergency Hubs will be opened by people in their community, not official staff, when there is need for the community to help itself, such as when there has been widespread infrastructural damage, damage to buildings and roads, or communication networks are down for extended periods.

Plans have been put in place to ensure the community can gather at Boulcott School after a large emergency to help each other. To find out more, visit <http://www.getprepared.org.nz/hubs>.

Bake Sale

During 2016 the Year 5-6 team successfully fundraised for the 2017 El Rancho camp. We have considered this and have decided to run two 'Bake Sales' every year from now on with the Senior team. We are looking to split the money fundraised between subsidising the next Boulcott School camp and donating to a charity each year. Students in Rooms 1 & 2 will be holding a 'Bake Sale' on **Monday, 26 June, next week**. (Students from Rooms 3 & 4 will organise a similar 'Bake Sale' in Term 3).

Baking will be sold for morning tea on **Monday, 26 June**. A portion of the funds raised will be donated to Kids Can, an organisation that supports disadvantaged Kiwi Kids. The other portion of the funds raised will go towards reducing the cost of the 2019 Year 5-6 Boulcott Camp.

Sport

Junior School Swimming

The Junior School are in their second week of swimming lessons at Naenae Pool and already the progress and confidence gained by many children is evident. Well done awesome swimmers! Thank you parents, teacher aides and teachers for assisting with the dressing of children.

Inter Zone Cross-Country

An amazing total of 31 Boulcott students qualified to represent Central in the Inter-zone cross-country competition yesterday. The children from Year 4 to Year 6 ran at Trentham Memorial Park, and represented our school and the Zone with pride.

Particular congratulations go to: Rilshan Rilwan, Krista Hutchinson-Briggs and Lucy Hutchings, who all placed in the first 10 and will go on to compete at the Regional cross-country run on Tuesday, 4 July.

My thanks to Ms Andrea Rodley and Mrs Dana Skinner for co-ordinating these events.

Yr 5/6 Soccer Tournament

On Tuesday, 27 June five teams of Year 5 & 6 children will represent Boulcott at a football tournament. We are fielding two competitive boys teams, one competitive girls team and two social teams in the inter school event. My thanks to Mr Craig O'Connell and Mrs Dana Skinner for their assistance in offering this opportunity to the children.

Order Friday Lunches Online from Pita Pit

Lunches from Pita Pit can be ordered using Lunchonline every Friday starting **Friday, 28 July**. This is an online service where parents/caregivers set up their own account, order lunch and pay online. The lunch is then delivered to school in time for the lunch break.

To view the menu or to set up an account go to www.lunchonline.co.nz.

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
3. Make a forward payment so you have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Your first ordering day will be **Friday, 28 July, which is a special promo with \$2 Pitass**. The standard school lunch menu for children is available from Friday, 4 August.

World Vision Fundraiser

On Friday, 9 June we held a fun 'PJ day' at school to raise money for World Vision. Everyone enjoyed coming along in their colourful and comfortable pyjamas. The \$558 raised will be used to help communities in Syria. Thanks to all those who supported this effort.

Home and School

The next Home and School fundraiser is a Movie evening at the Monterey Theatre in Upper Hutt on Sunday, 2 July at 5pm. Tickets will be handed out on Wednesday, 28 June and will come home with the eldest child.

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!

Stationery Purchases

Thank you to all families who purchased children's stationery from Paper Plus in Lower Hutt. The school has received a \$324 rebate from your purchases. A 20% discount is available to you on books and stationery purchased at Paper Plus if you mention your association with Boulcott School.

Term Dates

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

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

Coming Events

Mon, 26 June:	Bake Sale at morning tea, Rooms 1 & 2
Tues, 27 June:	Year 5/6 Soccer Tournament
Fri, 30 June:	School Assembly (2:10pm)
Sun, 2 July:	Polyfest Practice Boulcott Hall (10:30am – 12pm), Home & School Movie 5pm
Tues, 4 July:	Polyfest Practice 2pm (Walter Nash), Regional cross-country, Room 11 Interviews
Wed, 5 July:	Polyfest Performance at Walter Nash Stadium (6pm)
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 7:00 – 8:30pm. Parents and children welcome.

St Bernard's College Orientation Visit – For students in state schools these visits are scheduled for Thursday, 29 June from 9:15am – 11:30am or 12:15pm – 2:30pm. Such a visit will provide the boys with a great opportunity to be introduced to their local Catholic college, to meet staff and experience hands-on activities in a number of our facilities. Parents need to arrange transportation for their son to and from school.

Curtain Bank – Sustainability Trust's Curtain Bank will be based at **Pomare Taita Community House from June 19 to 23**. Please note the change of address from our previous newsletter.

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.

SportZone After School Football – For Year 1-4 children. A weekly 1 hour football session from 3:15pm to 4:15pm at Eastern Hutt School on Wednesday's or Rata Street School on Thursday's. Cost \$35 per term per player. To register go to www.SportZone.org.nz.

Movie Theme Roller Disco – Saturday, 5 August, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club, 4A Railway Avenue, Upper Hutt. Entry \$7, skate/blade hire \$3.

Cybersafety Solutions Presentation – Chilton St James School will be hosting a Cybersafety Solutions Presentation aimed at parents with children from Years 4 to 13. The presentation is being held at 6:30pm, Tuesday, 4 July, Jubilee Centre, Chilton St James. Koha entry.

Creating Financially Independent Kids – Hannah McQueen, financial strategist and coach will share practical strategies to help our kids achieve financial success. Held at Sacred Heart College, Wednesday, 21 June, 7pm, \$30 per person. Register at hannahmcqueen.co or text 'Seminar' to 268.

School Holiday Programmes

OSCAR House Holiday Programme – Enrolments are now available for the upcoming school holidays. For enrolments contact Dalena on 027 551 1040 or 566 0833 or email dalena@oscarhouse.co.nz. Programmes are held in premises adjacent to Eastern Hutt School.

The Kid's Lounge Holiday Programme – Monday, 10 July to Friday 21 July. Located at 229a High Street. For enrolments or information email hctkd@hotmail.com or text/call 022 355 4434. Our timetable is on our Facebook Page – The Kid's Lounge.

Artrageouskids – Offering two programmes this holidays at the same venue. One for children 5-12 years and one for children 10-14 years. These programmes are all about exploring creativity and making some artrageousey magic. To book go to our website www.artrageouskids.co.nz.

Football Camp – A 2 day camp from Monday, 17 July to Tuesday, 18 July, at Wakefield Park, Wellington. Open to ages from 8 years to 18 years and will consist of coaching using methods and drills from the West Ham United Academy. There is a cost of \$175 for players to attend. After the 2 day camp some players from this camp will be selected to attend a National Camp in the September/October holidays where the West Ham United Academy coaches from England will be in attendance. Any questions please email flem100@xtra.co.nz or call 027 227 2229.

Roller Disco – Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club, 4A Railway Avenue, Upper Hutt. Both Fridays of the school holidays from 1pm – 3pm. Entry \$7, skate/blade hire \$3. For more information phone 022 682 4517, email skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz or www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub.

Grand Training – School Holiday Computer Classes for ages 5 – 15 years 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.

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