



Boulcott School

Boulcott School Community:
Excited about learning and aiming for excellence.

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Board News

Boulcott School Board of Trustees Newsletter

Term 1 2019

Message from Principal Stu Devenport

Cheers!

We are well and truly into the teaching and learning programmes for Term 1. All the classes have made a successful start to the year with a major focus on developing relationships with new classmates and new teachers. The teachers have used our CHEER values as a way of discussing with the students what does a quality learning environment look, sound and feel like at Boulcott School. Many of the classes have co-constructed class treaties on appropriate ways to learn and behave in their class so everyone can feel success as a learner. This will remain a focus throughout the year as we continue to develop our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' school-wide systems approach to managing behaviour and teaching social skills.

The CHEER values represent confidence, honesty, excellence, enthusiasm and respect and are defined as;



In accepting challenges, in sharing their ideas, in displaying leadership skills, and in their ability to take risks in their learning. Students who show resilience, self awareness and positive self esteem.



Adhering to an ethical code, displaying integrity, telling the truth and taking responsibility for their own actions.



Responding to new learning situations with wonder and excitement. Working cooperatively with others in a team situation, participating and contributing effectively, while considering others thoughts and ideas.



A readiness and willingness to learn. Able to set and monitor goals, manage time effectively and organise themselves for learning. Reflecting on, revising and modifying their own learning, and constantly striving to achieve 'personal bests' in learning achievements.



Displaying courtesy and consideration for themselves, the environment, and for others of differing ages, cultures and beliefs. Relating to others with compassion and understanding, through words and actions.

Board Elections

Every three years school communities elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. Our Board election takes place in June this year.

Have you considered standing for election to be a parent trustee?

This is a great opportunity to be involved in the governance of your child's school. It is incredibly rewarding work.

To find out more information about being a parent trustee, please feel free to discuss what the role involves with any of the current Board, come along to our next Board Meeting on **April 8th @ 6.30pm**, you will be most welcome, and/or visit <https://www.nzsta.org.nz/trustee-elections/>

Our current Board parent trustees are Paul Martin, Tracey Joe, Deena Anderson, Kai Khaw, Nic Olivier, Dave Cody, and Glenn Goad.

Gala

The school is still buzzing from our Summer Gala which took place on a sunny Saturday (thankfully!) which brought the crowds. Not only did the day raise a whole lot of money for the school, it also created a wonderful atmosphere around the place; community, belonging and fun are all words that spring to mind... it's difficult to put a price on that!

Thank you to everyone who helped out over the past month and on the day to make this special day happen. I'd like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to our small yet dedicated Gala Committee who have spent many, many hours behind the scenes to bring this idea to life. This team started preparation for this 12 months ago. They had no template to work with, only what they had seen from other school galas. It was a huge commitment and not for the faint-hearted! You should be incredibly proud of what you have achieved for the school. So, on behalf of the whole Boulcott School community, a heartfelt THANK YOU to the following parents:

Kris Sturmer, Kellie Patel, Trang Jones, Marika McClutchie, Nicky Dawson, Deena Anderson, Tonto Patel and Todd Hunter.

We would also like that thank the Whanau Group who ran the Hangi stall on the day. This was their 1st fundraising effort, and was a huge success!

School Charter & Annual Plan

Our new School Charter has been completed after collating and analysing all the feedback received from parents, teachers and students in 2018. This forms the direction for the school for the years. Included in the Charter is a more detailed plan for 2019. Documentation is now available to view on our school website selecting "Information" on the main menu or by clicking [here](#).



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Property

The much overdue recladding project of the Middle school is finally underway this week. You'll see builders on site over the next 3 weeks. They will be stripping the exterior cladding from the southern and western sides of Rooms 11-13 then recladding and painting. We are looking forward to this small project finishing so we can focus our attention on the roof and cladding project on the hall.

After School Care Survey

Thank you to the families who completed our recent After School Care survey, your feedback is really appreciated. We had over 100 responses with representation from families that use our current service to others that do not. The purpose of the review is to ensure we are providing the best possible service that meets the needs of our families and ensuring the service meets current regulatory guidelines (including health and safety and food handling requirements). Providing high quality service at affordable prices are our key aims.

The Board have been approached by several external providers who are interested in providing before and after school care, plus holiday programmes for Boulcott School.

The Board is now at the stage where we are reviewing the feedback to identify themes that will assist us in forming priorities for the service.

Welcome to our New Teachers for 2019

Kia ora Koutou! My name is Stacey Rowe and I've been teaching for 8 years now. The previous 5 years I spent teaching Years 0-2 at Greenacres School, in Tawa. Prior to that, I taught at Life-Start Preschool for 3 years, as I studied to become a teacher. I grew up in the Wellington area and now live close to the city with my cat, Tinker. As well as teaching, I love to read, sew, watch movies and learn languages. I'm already having so much fun working in the Junior team, and feel very lucky to be a part of the Boulcott community.



Kia ora,
My name is Darlene Avia. I have recently begun my teaching career in Year 3 and 4. I am having so much fun. Working with children is extremely rewarding, enjoyable and certainly never boring!
I decided teaching was for me when I was on my OE in the UK. Whilst in the UK, I worked as a teaching assistant in a primary school. I quickly discovered how rewarding working with children was. Upon returning home, I completed my Bachelor of Arts degree and Postgraduate Teaching Diploma. Some of my passions are te reo, the arts, fitness, CATS(!!!) and travel. I'm very excited to be a part of the Boulcott whanau.



Kia Ora,

My name is Luke Dentice and I am teaching in Room 4 this year. I was previously teaching at Pukerua Bay School where I taught Year 4 and 5 students for four years. Before that I taught at St Teresa's School Karori where I taught Year 7 and 8 students for three years. I completed a conjoint Bachelor of Teaching and Bachelor of Science degree at Victoria University in Wellington. My interests outside of school are surfing, rugby and playing electric guitar. I'm excited to be a part of the staff at Boulcott School this year.



Expressions of Interest – BOT Treasurer role

As part of the Board of Trustees strategy to ensure continuity of one of our most crucial roles through succession planning, we are seeking Expressions of Interest in the position of Board Treasurer.

Boulcott School have been extremely fortunate to have had such highly skilled and talented treasurers on recent Boards, and they have left a legacy of ensuring our school has had fantastic financial governance.

With Board elections next year and our current Treasurer Tracey Joe, not standing for re-election, we are seeking to co-opt onto the Board a Treasurer prior to the elections to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. As a co-opted Board Member, you would be involved in the critical hand over of duties from our current Treasurer, and be part of a great team leading the direction of Boulcott School.

The Treasurer performs an important role on the Board. They have access to the school's accounts and financial reporting tools, which makes the position one of high trust. The Treasurer needs to have an accounting background, be a team player and a good communicator – it is their role to communicate to the rest of the Board the financial position of the school as they see it. The Board looks to the Treasurer to advise on the school's financing strategy.

If this role sounds like you, and you would like more information, including a more detailed position description, please feel free to contact us at BOT@boulcott.school.nz

Boulcott School's 2019 Road Map – Term 1 Update

The Board of Trustees produce a Road Map each year to identify key projects for the year. It is designed to get everyone excited about what we're aiming to achieve in 2019. Plus, ensure a co-ordinated approach on key projects that involve Board of Trustees (BOT), Home and School Committee (HSC) and/or the Principal, Staff and Teachers.

The projects identified have been put forward by students (including ideas from Greenie Group, 2018 student surveys and the Student Council), parents and caregivers, Board of Trustees, teachers and staff over the last 12 months.

The key projects for 2019 are: adding more outdoor seating, replacing the old basketball backboards, fixing the cladding in rooms 11-13, refurbishing the school hall, purchasing additional Chromebooks and new Sphero Robots for the Senior syndicate, extra creative play equipment for wet days, resources for Kapa Haka, establishing a ten year fund to replace the Senior playground, improving the condition of the main field, improving staffroom furniture, planting more native and fruit trees and adding a trampoline.

2019 (DRAFT)

1. Add More Outside Seating Options



4. Refurbish School Hall



7. Resources for Kapa Haka



10. Replace Table & Chairs, Add Leaners to Staffroom



2. Replace Old Basketball Boards



5. Chromebooks & Sphero Robots for Senior Syndicate



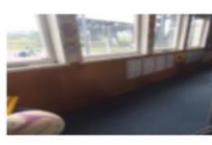
8. Senior Playground Fund (Year 1/10 Year Project)



11. Plant More Native & Fruit Trees



3. Fix cladding in Rooms 11, 12, 13 and 14



6. Extra Creative Play Equipment for Wet Days



9. Improve the Condition of the Main Field



12. Add Trampoline to the Main Field



If you would like to help on any project and/or have supplier contacts that could be utilised, please contact Deena Anderson or Stu Devenport.

School Documents Review

As part of the BOT regular activities, each term we are tasked with reviewing policies via the Ministry of Education's "School Docs" website. These reviews are to ensure the schools policies align with the required standard, and all Board members are familiar with the policies.

This term the BOT are reviewing the following two policies,

1. Alcohol, Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
2. Legislation and Administration Policy

The school community can access and read policies via the school website.

<http://www.boulcott.school.nz/school-documents>

If anyone has any questions around any of these policies, feel free to contact us via BOT@boulcott.school.nz

NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING

Term 1 2019 April 8th 7.00pm

Contact BOT@boulcott.school.nz for details

Everyone welcome