

Mālō e lelei,

What a fantastic day we all had on Saturday at our Summer Gala! Thankfully the rain stayed away and the sun came out which contributed to an incredibly successful day. If you did come along on Saturday, I hope it had the same impression as it had on me - an awesome buzz with a strong sense of community. It was a great opportunity for everyone to connect with each other. It has obviously had a lasting impression on the Boulcott kids, with the gala conversations set to continue for many weeks to come! Check out just a sample of the learning that has been based around gala fun from the last few days.

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 light 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 are still awaiting the final grand total amount but at this stage the gala has raised over \$20,000 for the school which is an excellent achievement. We will keep you posted on the final figure once it is confirmed plus what this money will go towards! A community survey, regarding gala feedback, will be sent out today as a google form. Your response would be appreciated. This will provide valuable information for future galas.



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 11,12,13 then recladding and painting. The building team have set up a safety fence outside the toilet block so please remind your children to keep clear of this area.

Thank you for supporting the teachers on Friday 15 when school was closed for professional development. We had a day being the students at Cashmere Ave School where we listened to Australian educational consultant, Kath Murdoch. Kath shared her knowledge with us on 'The Power of Inquiry' and gave us useful tips on how to create an environment that promotes inquiry learning in the classroom. The teachers are looking forward to implementing these new initiatives throughout the year!

Looks like a fairy kingdom on a pink cloud
 Feels fabulously fluffy
 Sounds like a helicopter - whizzing and whirring
 Smells sugary, sickly sweet
 Tastes delectable
 Candy Floss

- Written by Zoe, Tim, Anna, Lily,
 Charlee, Chloe & Maddie, Room 12 & 15



Feels rough and leathery
 A dream come true for a book-lover
 Smells ancient and musty
 Must be centuries old
 You can taste the words as they whizz by
 Takes you on a journey
 As you fall
 Deeper
 Sounds exquisite
 Looks fabulous
 Books

Zoe, Room 15



The gala was amazing!
 I had no idea what I wanted to do first!
 There was too much to choose from!
 - Lily, Room 15



The food stalls raised \$11 358, the toy shop earnt \$4002 and the games added up to \$603. How much altogether did the food, toys and games raise for the school?
 \$15 963 (said fifteen thousand, nine hundred and sixty three dollars).

"I added the thousands first ($11\ 000 + 4\ 000$) then I made ten by adding the 2 onto the 358 to make 360. Then I added $358 + 603$ using Place Value strategy to get 963. Finally I put it altogether \$15 963."

This question was written and solved by Middles Pumanawa STEM group.

EL RANCHO CAMP

Excitement is building in the Senior school as preparation is underway for our bi-annual adventure to El Rancho. Camp is always a highlight on the school calendar as it is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, friendships and interests. After camp much of the learning back in the classroom will be centred around the experiences from camp. However, for many kids (and parents!) just the thought of sleeping away from home can provoke high anxiety. Some of the common worries about camp include:

- Not being able to sleep properly
- Not liking the food camp will offer
- Who they will be sharing a cabin with
- Not enjoying the activities camp will offer
- Feeling homesick

Although these are understandable concerns, it is important to help your child feel more positive about camp and to overcome the fear of not enjoying camp. The benefits of camp are numerous, below are just some:

- Developing social skills
- Developing independence
- Developing decision making skills
- Encouraging risk taking in a safe environment
- Increasing environmental awareness

I encourage you to attend the Parent Information evening at school tonight from 6pm to 6:30pm to hear more about the El Rancho adventure for our Year 5 and 6 students.



SWEETS AT SCHOOL & DENTAL HEALTH

It has come to our attention that children are getting into the habit of bringing lollies and sweets to school to consume and share. At Boulcott we encourage healthy eating options for students at school so we ask students not to bring these items to school, this includes chewing and bubble gum.

In related news, we have received a report from the Bee Health Dental van that visited at the end of last year. During the two weeks spent at school they examined 312 students and treated 82 students for tooth decay. That's 26% of students with tooth decay!



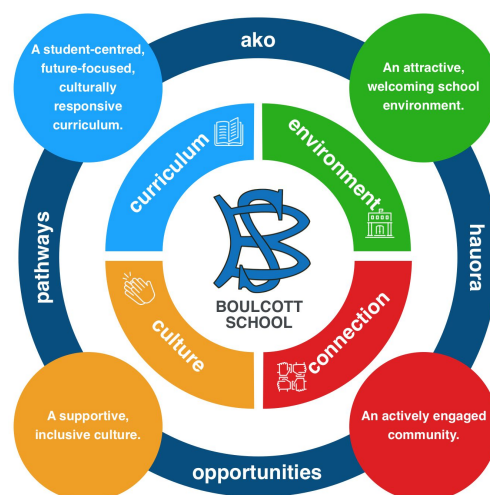
Research has shown that children with oral health problems are more likely to have lower academic achievement and school attendance. One of the simplest and effective ways to reduce rates of tooth decay is to replace sugary drinks such as fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sports drinks, fruit drinks and juices, flavoured milks and waters, powdered drinks and cordial with water or plain milk.

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 next 3 years. Included in the Charter is a more detailed plan for 2019. This documentation is now available to view on our school website under the information tab or by [clicking here](#).

BOARD ELECTIONS

In the last newsletter you'll recall I invited parents who were interested in learning more about being a representative on our Board to attend our next meeting on Monday, 11 March. Since then, we have received details about another information session which is being run by New Zealand School Trustees Association. They are offering a new programme, **Kōrari**, which is designed to recognise the experience of existing trustees and help to encourage potential new trustees to come and find out what it really means to serve on a school Board.



People who want to understand what school governance looks like can come along and find out more. The hui will be facilitated by a regional adviser from NZSTA who will talk about the reality of being a trustee, the support and training that is available and encourage existing trustees to tell their story. For people who are keen to consider

standing for election, the programme can then offer a range of options to provide them with some learning opportunities, so that they can prepare for election and hopefully become well prepared to serve on the Board.

The Boulcott Board of Trustees encourages any parent interested in learning more about the role of a parent representative to attend this meeting at Hutt Valley High School, on Monday, 11 March at 6pm.

TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS

You will be aware that teachers are involved in a major campaign called It's Time - Kua Tae Te Wā to address issues created by at least a decade of under-resourcing of the education sector. These issues include the current teacher shortage, the under-valuing of teachers and principals, and the lack of resourcing for children with special needs. The campaign has a strong focus on seeking significant investment into the education sector to provide teachers with the time to teach and principals with the time to lead. This campaign includes the process to renew the collective agreements for teachers and principals.

As part of the campaign, primary teachers and principals went without two days' pay in 2018 to highlight the urgency of the crisis facing the compulsory education sector. We are now holding a further round of paid union meetings for all teachers who are covered by the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement and all principals covered by the Primary Principals Collective Agreement. These meetings are critical for all teachers and principals as they provide the opportunity for our profession to come together to discuss the current status of the campaign, the respective collective agreement negotiations and to determine next steps.

The decision to hold meetings during student contact time is not one we take lightly. However, it is urgent that the sector comes together to discuss ways to address the long-term systemic issues that are threatening to blow out class sizes and make it even harder to recruit and retain teaching staff.

To ensure the school remains open for instruction, Boulcott School teachers will be attending Paid Union Meetings on two separate afternoons on Tuesday, 19 and Thursday, 21 March. This will ensure disruption to the classroom programme is minimised.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

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

Year 1: Wilden

Year 4: Jade



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Last week a group of Senior girls attended a Futsal tournament at Walter Nash Stadium. Here are a couple of recounts from the day

Futsal was a great experience we had so much fun and lots of laughs. We had two teams, Boulcott 1 and Boulcott 2. We played 8 games that lasted 10 minutes each. I want to thank Debbie my team coach, and George, team 2's coach. My team Boulcott 2 won 6 games, drew 1 game and lost 1 game.
By Sia

We would like to thank George and Debbie for taking all the kids to Futsal. All the girls had heaps of fun. There were about 8 kids in a team. There were two teams Boulcott 1 and Boulcott 2. This is my experience.
By Maya

On Wednesday the 20th two Boulcott teams went to Walter Nash and played Futsal. Sixteen girls went to the games. Boulcott 1 won 2 of their games.

By Keiara.

LIBRARY - Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who will be Librarians in Term 1 - Matilda, Holly G, Mishall, Jesse, Bishr, Hosanna, Lucy W, Judy, Mila, Maddi, Jamie, Vihini, Lindsey, Acacia, Brooke, Miley, Emma, Kijiana, Hollie F, Keiara, Brooklyn, Sophie, Lucy H, Anya, May and Josh.

NETSAFE PARENT EVENING

We are hosting a community information evening facilitated by NETSAFE on Tuesday, 5 March, 6:30 - 7:30pm in the hall.

**THIS IS NEXT
TUESDAY!**

Who is NETSAFE?

Netsafe is an independent, non-profit New Zealand organisation focused on online safety. Netsafe provides specialist support for schools, educators and school communities around digital citizenship, responding to online incidents and other online safety issues.

Walking the tightrope

The balancing act between protecting and promoting – What we can do to support our children and young people as they learn to navigate challenges and complexities online.

This presentation is designed for those parenting or caring for teens, primary aged children, and pre-schoolers. Whānau, parents, and carers don't have to know everything about the online environment, but they play a crucial role in what their children need in developing competencies and confidence to keep themselves safe.

This presentation will be facilitated by Anjie Webster, Education Advisor for Netsafe. Anjie has been in education for over 25 years and more recently completed her M.Ed in all things around the online space and what's needed to support young people.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!



Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates for Term 1	
Date	Event
27Feb	Year 5 & 6 Camp Parent Info Evening
5 Mar	Netsafe Parent Evening: 6:30pm
8 Mar	Assembly 2:10pm
11 Mar	Korari @ Hutt Valley High 6pm Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm
14 Mar	Weetbix Tryathlon
18 Mar	Year 3&4 Swimming Starts
19 Mar	Teacher Paid Union Meeting
20 Mar	Junior School Arts Festival Trip
21 Mar	Teacher Paid Union Meeting
22 Mar	Assembly 2:10pm
27 - 29 Mar	Year 5&6 El Rancho Camp
5 Apr	Swimming Sports (Year 3-6)
8 Apr	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
12 Apr	Assembly Last day of Term 1 (3pm)

Community Notices:

Boulcott Farm Heritage Golf Club - It's our first year in our new clubhouse. Swing on by to celebrate with us and see first hand what we have to offer. Saturday, 2 March from 11am - 3pm. Free Pro Pointers on our Driving Range, 2 for 1 coffee and tea, free Footgolf, \$20 birthday platter and a DJ on the day. Check out our facebook page @boulcottsfarmhge. Everyone welcome.

Marrzipan Drama - Good news! It's not too late to join Marrzipan. We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Marrzipan is a New Zealand renowned self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students. Come along to a trial lesson and see whether you like it. You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz.

Play football at Stop Out in 2019 - Football is a great way to get kids involved in a team sport. First Kicks (4-6 years) and 7th and 8th grade are held on Saturday mornings, outdoors at Hutt Park or at Hutt Indoor Sports if wet or the grounds are closed, so it's always on. Season starts Saturday, 6 April. More information and how to register is on our website: www.stopout.org.nz or email juniors@stopout.org.nz.

Fun French At Boulcott School

Experience French learning the fun way every Thursday at 3:20pm at Boulcott School.

Children speak French from the first lesson. Lots of interactive activities, role play, crafts, active games and music. Free trial lesson. After that \$14.50 per 50 minute lesson, plus a membership starter pack of materials to use at home, siblings 10% discount. To register your interest please contact Stefi on stefi@funlanguages.co.nz or 021 178 2099 or visit the website www.lcfclubs.co.nz.

Multifest 2019 - Celebrating some of the diverse culture and traditions that make up the Lower Hutt community. Saturday, 2 March from 11am to 3pm at Eponi Community Hall, 37 Mitchell Street, Lower Hutt. Multicultural food stalls, cultural performances and much more. Free entry.

Avalon Public Hall - 14 Mabey Road. Permanent and casual hire available. Suitable for: housie, dance class, aerobics, yoga, craft club, patchwork and quilting club, chess club, singing group, weddings, events etc. Enquiries to avalonpublichall@gmail.com or 027 214 4421

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