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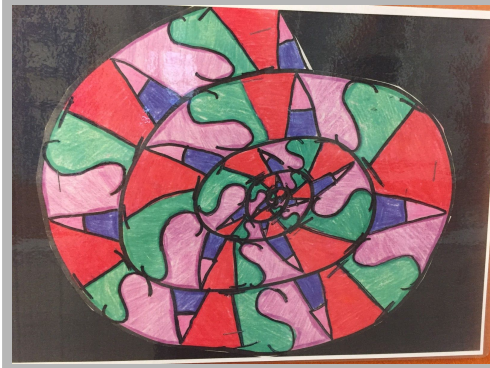
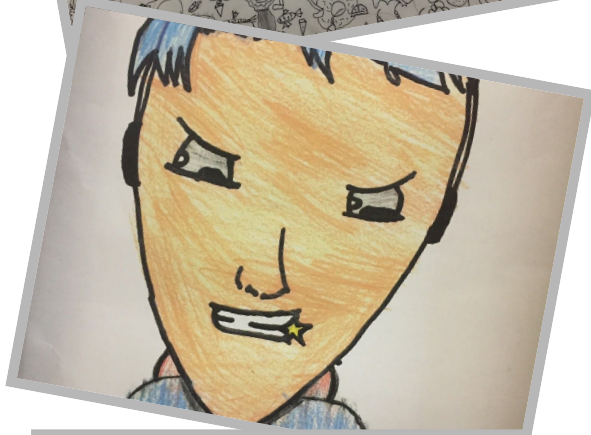
We are still in a state of shock from the tragic events that occurred in Christchurch nearly two weeks ago. On behalf of all the staff at Boulcott School, our deepest condolences to our families that may have lost loved ones in this attack, some of you especially may be directly connected to the Muslim families in Christchurch. Through incredible sadness there has been wonderful stories of kindness and unity across the nation. This was our focus at Boulcott last week, especially last Friday, where we all stopped at lunchtime to observe the 2 minutes of silence. This was a time to reflect and think about our own loved ones and how we can demonstrate kindness and aroha to others around us.

On Monday of Week 11 (8th April) we're going to have our own 'Unity Day'. We'll ask students and staff to wear bright colours and to bring a gold coin donation for the 'Our People, Our City' fund set up by the Christchurch City Council to support families affected by last weeks tragedy. The children will be involved in creating a collaborative art piece for our school foyer to express their aroha.

Some of you may have been aware that all schools in Christchurch were placed in Lock Down during March 15th. All reports from these schools noted how well the staff and students coped during this challenging time; many hours contained in their classroom. Please be reassured we have some robust processes in place at Boulcott School to manage a possible event of this nature. The Ministry of Education has indicated there will be a nationwide review of these procedures which we will also be involved in Term 2. It will be timely for us to complete a lock down drill with the students, but this is something we will delay to a time that is more settled.

Today we farewelled our Year 5 and 6 students as they are off to Waikanae for their El Rancho Camp Adventure. I have no doubt this will be a major highlight for the year for all the children involved. The teachers from this team have worked incredibly hard over the past term to prepare an action packed trip for the students. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Melissa Coton and her team for putting in the extra hours of planning and taking on the extra responsibility for caring for the students this week. All these teachers are taking time away from their families to make this week happen, so for this we are all incredibly grateful!

It has been wonderful to see the quality artwork popping up around the school over the past couple of weeks. The classrooms especially, are looking alive with colour! If you haven't been into your child's classroom recently, make sure you find some time to check out the work on display!



ROAD SAFETY ON BOULCOTT STREET

As we approach the end of Term 1, it is timely to remind parents and caregivers about the importance of being patient and taking things slow on Boulcott Street at drop off and pick up times. No doubt you are all aware of how tricky it can be to manoeuvre through traffic during these busy times. Please travel slowly during these times but ensure you do not block the flow of traffic by double parking. Remember, there is always the option of parking on the side streets and walking to and from school if need be. Our walking pou on Ariki Street is still a handy spot for pick ups and drop offs. At all times the safety of the children has to be paramount to us all. Thank you for your support on this matter.

YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING FESTIVAL

Just a reminder our annual swimming festival is scheduled for Friday, 5 April at Naenae Pool. This is always a fun school event and we invite parents and caregivers to attend to support your child on the day. We also require additional adult support on the day to make the event a success so please complete the google form sent earlier this week if you are able to help out.

Due to the Learners Pool at Naenae Pool being out of action this year, we have made the call to limit this event to just students in Year 5 and 6. Unfortunately, the main pool is simply too deep for many of our younger swimmers in Year 3 & 4.

For our more competitive swimmers in Years 4, 5 and 6 there will be the opportunity at the beginning of Term 3 to compete in our time trials in order to be selected for our Zone Swimming event in the middle of Term 3.

CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our supplies in case of a civil emergency taking place during school hours. If an event like this was to eventuate, we need to be prepared to have your children on site for a long period of time, hence having sufficient food for them is essential. Look out for the notice coming home at the beginning of next week which will have detailed information on what we will be requesting from families.

NEW WEBSITE!

Our new website is now live and looking great! We will be adding more content throughout the year - make sure you check it out at: www.boulcott.school.nz



STAFFING UPDATE

As many of you are aware, our Caretaker Peter Rubick has been on leave since November 2018. Peter has decided to retire from his position as of Tuesday, 26 March. I want to take this opportunity to thank Peter for all his work at Boulcott School over the last 10 years. His dedication to his work and being part of the wider school life has been very much appreciated over the years. We wish him well and good health for the future.

Last week the staff farewelled Kalpana Mody. Kalpana has worked as a Teacher Aide at Boulcott School since the end of 2016. During her time here she has worked with a variety of children with high learning, health and behavioural needs. We thank Kalpana for all her time and energy she has given the Boulcott children and wish her every success in her new role at Catholic Education Services in Wellington City.

Craig Beer is on leave for the rest of Term 1 as he is undergoing knee surgery and requires time to recover. Craig O'Connell is covering Craig Beer on camp this week and Ashley Chesterfield will cover Room 2 for the rest of the term.

We also welcome two student teachers from Victoria University who are starting their teacher training this year. Courteney Johnston is joining Corrina Rayson in Room 3 and Steven Webby is joining Gaylene Nankivell in Room 12.



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

RIPPA RUGBY

The Boulcott Dragons Year 3/4 Rippa Rugby team competed at the InterZone on Tuesday, 26 March. Playing against the best local teams in our area they came 6th in a close final game against Muratai School. Well done to Jada, Tim, Jacob, Harper, Tamati, Scarlett, Lucy, Marley and Nico, who all worked hard as a team ripping and

scoring tries. A special congratulations to Jade who won the Fair Play certificate. Thanks to Karleen, Luke, Ros and Deena for coaching and managing the team.



WEETBIX TRYATHLON

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the awesome event a couple of weeks ago. From all reports it sound like everyone ran, swam and cycled their hardest on the day and showed wonderful sportsmanship to their fellow students. Ka pai to all involved!



CHEER AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have been our CHEER recipients from our last 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.

Friday, 22 Mar:

Room	Teacher	Student
Room 6	Violet	Jack
Room 7	Oliver	Jahdyn
Room 8	George D	Melody
Room 9	Stanly	Micah
Room 10	Nathan	Charis
Room 12	Lawrence	Ben
Room 13		Lucy & Chante
Room 14	Jade	Lily
Room 15	Lucy	Addyson
Room 1	Albin	Holly
Room 2	Vihini	Logan
Room 3	Ella-Rose	Oska
Room 4	Rishka	Lucy
Room 5	Brooklyn	Cooper



BALLOT

Our ballot for Out of Zone students will be held on Thursday, 4 April. Applications close on Monday, 1 April. This ballot is for students starting at Boulcott School in Terms 3 & 4 2019. No ballot forms will be accepted after Monday, 1 April. If you have child who lives in our school zone and will be starting in Terms 3 & 4 please ensure they are enrolled. Enrolment forms are held at the school office and can be downloaded from our website.

Many Thanks!



The Senior School would like to say a huge thank you to Pete and Lisa Wong, from Ropata Pharmacy, for donating medical supplies for our first aid kit as the Seniors head off to camp today. They have made sure we have everything we need - thank you so much for your kindness.

BOULCOTT PRESERVATION SOCIETY AGM

A reminder this AGM is taking place this **Thursday, (28 March) in the School Hall at 7:30pm**. This will be a good opportunity to learn about the current situation with the Summerset Development.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal



Important Dates for Term 1	
Date	Event
27 - 29 Mar	Year 5&6 El Rancho Camp
1 Apr	Ballot applications close
4 Apr	Enrolment Ballot drawn
5 Apr	Swimming Sports (Year 5-6)
8 Apr	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm Unity Day
12 Apr	ANZAC Service Assembly Last day of Term 1 (3pm)
29 Apr	Term 2 starts

Community Notices:

Movie fundraiser for the Westpac Chopper Appeal

Movie: Avengers:Endgame

Time and date: 6pm, Sunday, 5 May

Location: Monterey Cinema, Upper Hutt

Cost: \$20 per adult, \$15 per child (up to age 14). Concession items available at reduced cost if booked in advance (please ask for details). Small goodie bag included in the cost of the ticket. For tickets please contact Judith.taylor@westpac.co.nz (mum of Edward in Rm12), before Friday, 12 April please.

NZ Sport Stacking Open Championships - Sunday, 2 June, 8am to 5:30pm, Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Early registrations close on Sunday, 19 May with final entries closing on Monday, 27 May. Free entry for spectators. For further information visit www.speedstacks.co.nz/pages/wellington-1 or www.facebook.com/wssanz/events.

Chilton St James School, School Production - C S J to Broadway, Little Theatre, Lower Hutt, Tuesday, 9 and Wednesday, 10 April. Tickets, \$10 Matinee, \$25 Adult/\$15 Concession. For more information go to www.eventbrite.co.nz.

Night Disco - Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club, 4A Railway Avenue, Saturday, 30 March from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Come as your favourite Character. Entry \$10 with skate and blade hire free. For more information go to www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub, email skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz or phone 022 682 4517.

Plunket Fun Run/Walk - Saturday, 13 April, Rimutaka Rail Trail, Upper Hutt. An event for all ages and fitness levels with a 3km, 5km, 10km or 24km walk or run. To register to to www.funrun.plunket.org.nz.

Community Yoga - The Hutt City Council and the Scouts are supporting community Yoga classes in Korokoro. Classes are on a Thursday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Scout hall on Singers Road. The first class is free and then \$5 per class. Mats are available but you can bring your own. The money goes towards the Council and the Scout Jamboree.

Holiday Programmes

Oscar House Holiday Programme - 15 to 26 April, programme plans, information and enrolments now available. For more information visit <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/> **Years 0 - 2**

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-senior/> **Years 3 - 8**

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-intermediate/> **Years 7 & 8**

Early Bird enrolments close and fees are due on Wednesday, 3 April. Please feel free to enrol online or contact Dalena on 027 551 1040.

Marrzipan Holiday Workshop - Monday, 15 April to Thursday, 18 April, Evans Bay Cadet Centre, \$60 per day. Students will devise their own play, create characters they feel awesome portraying, learn to direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes, use iMovie to create a commercial for their play on the ipad and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day. To sign up go to www.marrzipandrama.co.nz.

Artrageous Kids Programme - 15 to 26 April, Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Terrace, Mt Cook, Wellington. \$69 from 8:30am to 3pm and after care 3pm to 5:15pm \$15. Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. For more information go to <http://artrageouskids.co.nz/aboutus.html>.

Kapiti Island for Kids Holiday Programme - For ages 9-12 years from Monday, 22 April to Wednesday, 24 April. Includes night time kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, harakeke weaving, cabin accommodation, delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces. To book email bookings@kapitiisland.com.

Learn To Play Tennis - For children from 5 - 13 years. Monday, 15 April to Wednesday, 17 April at Mitchell Park. If wet the programme will be held in the squash courts.

Timetable: 9am to 10am - Girls from 5-8 years

10am to 11am - Boys from 5-8 years

11am to 12 noon - Girls from 9 years+

1pm to 2pm - Boys from 9 years+

Cost \$33 per day, payable on the first day. To register please contact Gary Nelson on 589 7178 or email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz. Enrolments must be received by Monday, 8 April 2019.

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