



As-salāmu ‘alaykum,

Wow! The end of the term is almost here, and what an action-packed term it has been. This week the staff have been reflecting on the highlights of the term. Many of us have noted welcoming our fantastic new staff members, who have settled so nicely into our team, hosting great events like our successful School Gala, El Rancho Camp and Swimming Sports and undertaking great professional development opportunities to further improve our practice.

One of the biggest highlights was working with a great bunch of children in the classrooms. Term 1 is always important for setting routines and expectations but most importantly, it is about building solid relationships to ensure the children feel safe in their learning, to problem solve and take risks. This sets us up for a positive year ahead.

In our last newsletter I noted we farewelled our Year 5 and 6 students as they headed off to El Rancho Camp. They all arrived back on the Friday safe and sound, although, a little tired from an action-packed couple of days (and perhaps a few sleepless nights). A big thank you to our incredible bunch of parents who volunteered to help the teachers out on this adventure. Having the right group of individuals is an essential component for a successful camp. So, to Rachelle, Davina, Hayley, Amy, Phil, Duncan, Tony F, Tony M, Lee, Rob, Andrew, Glenn, Craig, thank you for giving up your time and pitching in! I also need to make a special mention to our wonderful teaching team of Holly Hughes, Corrina Rayson, Craig O’Connell, Luke Dentice and led by Melissa Coton for preparing and coordinating this great experience for the children. No doubt the children will have special memories of this for many, many years.

Last week our Year 5 and 6 students took part in their annual swimming sports event at Naenae Pool. It was wonderful to see the students demonstrate their CHEER values while competing and supporting their peers. Equally impressive was the House spirit that was demonstrated in the grandstand! Congratulations to all the students that participated on the day. Although this event is a competition, it is also about participating, representing your House and giving things a go which is an important part of school life!

On Monday the school celebrated ‘Unity Day’, where we wore our bright colours and completed some fun activities that encouraged togetherness, aroha and kindness. Thank you to everyone who brought a gold coin for the Christchurch City Council ‘Our People, Our City’ fund. A total of \$196 was collected for this worthy cause.





ANZAC CEREMONY

As ANZAC Day falls at the end of the school holidays, this Friday we are holding a short ANZAC ceremony at 12.30pm by the school flag pole. This is an opportunity for us to remember those who died in the service of their country and to honour returned servicemen and women. Everyone is welcome to this short ceremony.

TERM 2 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

At the beginning of next term we'll be holding our next round of Learning Conversation meetings. This is an opportunity for you to make a time with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and achievement. In these meetings the teacher will be able to share recent assessment information, work samples and reflections, plus give you feedback on your child's work habits and social interactions. Keep a look out for an email notification about these meetings early in Term 2.

CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE

Thank you to those families who have sent in their Emergency Food ice cream containers. It would be appreciated if these could be sent into school by the end of Term 1, **Friday, 12 April**.

REMINDERS

Below are a couple of reminders around expectations, which help with the smooth day to day running at school.

- **Lateness:** We have noticed there is a high frequency of students that are arriving to school late every day. Please remember that lessons start at 8:55am, so it is important students arrive at least 10 minutes before this to ensure they are organised for the day and have had the opportunity to connect with their friends. We all know how arriving late can have a negative impact on the whole day, this can be the same for children. Please ensure your children are at school by 8:45am each morning so they are set up for success!
- **School Gates:** For safety reasons for many of our students, school gates need to be closed during school hours. If you are visiting school during school time, please ensure you close the gate behind you. Most gates are self-closing but at times they don't latch back into place, so it is important to check each time.
- **Dogs at School:** As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are happy for dogs to be a school but it is essential the dogs remain on a lead and are with their owner at all times. Do not leave your dog unattended.

Thank you for your support on these matters.



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TOUCH RUGBY

The first round of Touch Rugby for the year has finished and we have received great feedback about all the teams and players. Congratulations to everyone who took part this term. No doubt you are looking forward to Round 2 starting up again in Term 4!



BOARD of TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Our Board of Trustees Tri-annual election is fast approaching. Thank you to the parents who attended the first part of our Board meeting this week. It was great to meet you all and to know there are people interested in standing for election. If you are still thinking this might be a possibility for you, there is another opportunity for you to meet the current Board and to learn more about what the role involves. You are welcome to attend our next meeting on **Monday, 13 May from 6:30pm**.

The Triennial Board of Trustees Elections will be held on **Friday, 7 June 2019**. A timeline for those interested in standing for election is below:

Further information about the role of the Board of Trustees can be found here.

<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/assets/Information-for-parents/Community-member-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees-2019.pdf>

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

It is important that we have up to date information before we send out the nomination forms. If your address has changed recently please contact the school office or email info@boulcott.school.nz with any changes.

Timeline for the 2019 Triennial Board of Trustee Elections:

Call for Nomination by	Friday, 10 May 2019
Nominations close	Noon, Friday, 24 May 2019
Voting Papers sent by	Wednesday, 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon, Friday, 7 June 2019
Votes counted	Thursday, 13 June 2019
New Board takes office	Friday, 14 June 2019

SCHOOL LUNCHES - As from Friday, 3 May we will be offering, through Lunchonline, Sushi on a Friday along with our usual Pita Pit. When you place an order, under your account, you will be given the option of ordering Pita Pit or Sushi. We will also have our Thai lunches on a Wednesday.

Finally, thanks very much for all your support with the teaching and learning of your children over the past term. It has been a great start to the year. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing Easter break. Enjoy the break from the regular school routine! Looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, 29 April.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
12 Apr	ANZAC Service 12:30pm Assembly 2:10pm Last day of Term 1 (3pm)
29 Apr	Term 2 starts



Community Notices:

Spotlight Performing Arts - Does your child love to sing, dance or act? Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-16 years old led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Held in Johnsonville, Aotea or Lower Hutt. To book your place go to www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz.

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.

Kids Club - Empowerment classes for kids, Sunday, 12 May till Sunday, 30 June. Classes held at Maungaraki Community Corner. For ages 5-8 years, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, ages 9-13 years 4pm to 5pm. Cost \$110 includes all resources needed for the classes. Topic 'Attitude of Gratitude,' these classes help your child to become happier and healthier by finding balance in their lives. Enrol today or for more information contact tuiwellnesssolutions@gmail.com or call Tui 021 188 6863.

Hutt City Library Events for Youth - Star Wars: A New Quiz, War Memorial Library, top floor, Friday, 3 May, 6-8pm.

Star Wars: The Quiz Strikes Back, War Memorial Library, top floor, Saturday, 4 May, 2-4pm.

Star Wars: Return of the Quiz, Walter Nash Centre, Saturday, 11 May, 6:30pm - 8pm.

Creative Writing, Every Friday in Term 2, War Memorial Library, top floor, 4:30pm - 6pm. All bookings and enquiries to LibrariesEvents@huttcity.govt.nz. All events are free.

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.

Holiday Programmes

Netball Hutt Valley - Holiday netball, Years 1-8, Monday, 15 & Tuesday, 16 April at Walter Nash Centre. Sessions on Monday for players in Years 3-5 & 6-8. Tuesday session for Years 1-2. For more information and registration online go to www.netballhuttvalley.co.nz, email admin@netballhuttvalley.co.nz or ph 567 5971.

Easter Artventure - Easter themed art with Sarah from The Process Art Studio for children aged 8+. Kelson Community Centre, 5a Timaru Grove, Kelson, Full days from 9am- 3pm or 1/2 days morning session from 9am - 11:30am, afternoon session 12:30pm - 3pm. Cost \$30 per half day or \$60 full day. To book online go to www.TheProcessArtStudio.co.nz.

Hutt City Libraries - Warhammer, War Memorial Library, top floor, Tuesday, 16 and Wednesday, 17 April, 2pm - 4pm. For ages 13-21. To book for this free event email LibrariesEvents@huttcity.govt.nz.

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.

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