



The
Boulcott



Wednesday 15 May 2019
Term 2 Week 3

Broadcast



Kia Ora koutou Boulcott Whanau,

We are now well and truly into the learning programmes for Term 2! Thank you all for attending our Learning Conversations last week. The teachers enjoyed the opportunity to share key information about your child's learning with you all. The purpose of these sessions were to give you a clear idea of how they were currently progressing and what their next steps in their learning are. This is one of the formal components of our reporting to parents model. At the beginning of Term 3 you will also receive a written report on your child's academic progress. As always, if you have any concerns with your child's learning you are welcome to make contact with their classroom teacher to discuss further. Email is always best so a time can be set aside.

This term we have made slight changes to the structure of our school day so we can make the most of our learning time. For your information the new format of the day is below:



- Block 1:** 8:55 - 10:20am then
- Read and Feed** for 10 mins (children eating their morning tea in class while the teacher reads to them).
- Play** 10:30 to 10:50am
- Block 2:** 10:50 - 11:50am
- Brain break** (10 mins) - Healthy snack
- Block 3:** 12:00 - 1pm
- Lunch:**
 - Eating lunch 1-1:10pm
 - Play 1:10-1:50pm
- Block 4:** 1:50 - 3pm
 - Circle Time/Lunch time debrief (10 mins).** This is an opportunity to discuss with students helpful strategies to solve problems in the playground.



CROSS COUNTRY

It has been great seeing all our tamariki out and about training for our annual Cross Country, which is scheduled for Thursday, 23 May (postponement Friday, 24). It is wonderful to see them all getting a little bit stronger and faster each day. We are currently finalising a new course for this event as we are now unable to utilise the land at the back of the school due to earthworks. This is an event for the whole school and we welcome you all to come along to cheer on all the children. We will also be requiring some parents to help out on the day. We hope to have all information finalised by the beginning of next week to share with you all.

BULLY FREE WEEK

This week is Bully Free Week and all the classes are taking the opportunity to talk about strategies to minimise bullying and how to deal with it when it happens. At Boulcott School we'd like to think we have no bullying in the classrooms and in the playground, but unfortunately this is something that can happen at any school. It is always important to start any conversations about possible bullying by firstly defining what bullying is. Often the word 'bullying' is thrown around loosely to describe behaviour that might be better described as mean or rude.

Although these behaviours are inappropriate and not condoned, they are common behaviours for all children when they are learning to work and play with each other. We are lucky to have a strong values programme at Boulcott School, where we use our CHEER values to target these behaviours and manage conflict.

This week the teachers and students will be utilising some of the awesome resources available on the Bully-Free website.

The theme this year is 'Whakanuia Tōu Āhua Ake! Celebrating Being Us!'. It is an opportunity to celebrate what makes us all unique in our own way. Make sure you check out the Parent and Whanau section on this site for some useful tips for home: <https://www.bullyingfree.nz/parents-and-whanau/>



PINK SHIRT DAY!

Bullying-Free NZ Week ends with the Mental Health Foundation's 'Pink Shirt Day!' We are encouraging the students to wear ANYTHING pink this Friday, it doesn't need to be a shirt (especially if this colour isn't currently featuring in their wardrobe!).



UPCOMING TEACHER STRIKE ACTION

It would have been hard to avoid the media coverage over the last couple of days about primary teachers across the nation rejecting the latest pay offer from the Government and deciding to join the secondary teachers in strike action on Wednesday, 29 May. **This will mean the school will be closed for instruction on this day**, as the majority of our teaching staff are part of the NZEI union. This latest offer has pretty much no difference to the Government's previous offer and is a long way from addressing the concerns around workload and remuneration. There was a time that primary teachers had pay parity with our secondary colleagues. This is now no longer the case.

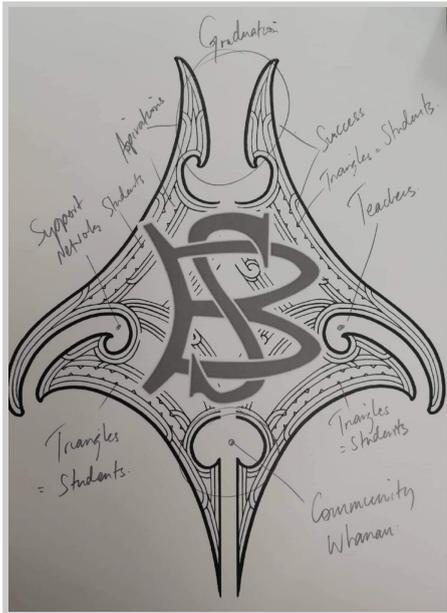
As I mentioned in my email earlier this week, I understand that May 29th will be inconvenient for many as alternative childcare will need to be organised. Please believe me that we are fighting for the education of your children. All the teachers appreciate your continued support during this difficult time. We all hope to reach some positive resolution in the near future.

SCHOOL HOODIES!

At last week's assembly our House Captains launched our new school hoodies! This wonderful idea was initiated by our newly formed Boulcott Whanau Group and all profits will be going towards updating our school Kapa Haka uniforms. You'll notice a new Maori motif that was designed and kindly donated to us by Matua Tama, Art teacher at Naenae College. Below is an explanation of the meaning behind the design. All hoodies are navy with your chosen House colour used for the motif and surname at the back. Yesterday you would have received a google form to make your order, so make sure you get in quick to get yours! These hoodies will be keeping everyone warm throughout the winter months!

Link to the Hoody Order Form: <https://forms.gle/krJjfUhNFwC8S3Z5A>

If you need further information on this initiative feel free to contact Pania Dewes: p.dewes003@gmail.com



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, 10 May:	Teacher	Student
Room 5a	Ranyah	Quin
Room 6	Awa	Nathaniel
Room 7	Wilden	Carter
Room 8	Jessica	Nate
Room 9	Samuel	Rhys
Room 10	Christopher	Lily
Room 12	Siosaia	Isabelle
Room 13	Jacob	Ishanvi
Room 14	Olive	Todd
Room 15	Chloe	Marley
Room 1	Flynn	Kijiana
Room 2	Amelia	Louis
Room 3	Olivia	Holly
Room 4	Benjamin	Maya
Room 5	Adiya	Jesse



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: Greta, Kysen, Maaz, Quin, Malin, Ranyah, Vikram and Mackenzie

Year 5: Brayden and Logan

Year 6: Harry

BOARD of TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The Triennial Board of Trustees Elections will be held on **Friday, 7 June 2019**. Thank you to all the parents who have attended the last two Board meetings to get a better understanding of what it means to be a School Trustee. It is wonderful to see so many people interested!

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-board-of-trustees-2019.pdf>

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

Nominations forms were sent out last week for our upcoming Board of Trustees Election. If you didn't receive a nomination form in the mail there are spare forms at the office. Nominations close at **noon on Friday, 22 May 2019**. Voting papers will be sent out after nominations close on Friday, 22 May. Voting papers need to be returned to school by **noon on Friday, 7 June**. Votes will be counted on **Thursday, 13 June** to allow for postal deliveries.

Timeline for the 2019 Triennial Board of Trustee Elections:

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

You'll recall last year the current Board were seeking an accountant to take over the Finance role from a long serving Trustee that will not be standing at the next election. The school is now engaging in an external service to provide this service, who will take over the majority of the monthly reporting along with other services. The Board would still be interested in having a trustee that has an accounting background to handle the Finance portfolio. The workload will be far less that what our current trustee is required to do. Would this be for you??

SCHOOL LUNCHES - Pita Pit lunches have changed to Thursday as from 16 May. **For this Thursday only** there will be \$3 Pitas through Lunchonline for Boulcott students. We will continue to have our Thai lunches on Wednesday through Thai Tara and Sushi will be available on Fridays through lunchonline.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
17 May	Pink Shirt Day!
22 May	National Young Leaders Day
23 May	Cross Country
24 May	Cross Country Postponement Assembly (2:10pm)
29 May	TEACHER STRIKE ACTION - SCHOOL CLOSED
3 June	Queens Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
5 June	Central Zone Cross Country Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening
7 June	Assembly (2:10pm)
10 June	Junior Swimming starting at Huia Pool
12 June	Maths Parent Information Evening
21 June	Assembly (2:10pm)
27 June	Cultural Day & Matariki Celebrations
3 July	Hutt Polyfest Performance
5 July	Assembly (2:10pm) Term 2 Ends (3pm)



Community Notices:

St Bernard's College Open Day - Saturday, 25 May from 10am - 2pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7 -13 Catholic Boys' College. For more information go to www.sbc.school.nz or contact the school office on 560 9250 or email office@sbcschool.nz.

Wellington Diving Club - Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool. Wellington Diving Club runs diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up plus separate adult training sessions. For more information go to www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/txt Barbara on 027 485 8888. Come along for a 30 minute trial session. After-school sessions are available on Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fridays catering for children from beginners to competitive. Casual 'drop in' sessions also on most Sundays.

Reaching Competence - NZ Curriculum Mathematics Programme that supports you to be the tutor. Give your child the confidence they need in the classroom to succeed in learning maths skills. For more information go to www.reacheducation.co.nz or email info@reacheducation.co.nz.



Engage Your Brain

Mon 27 May, 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Adventure School, Whitby, Porirua - Mana

Adventure School are proud to announce that the host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls", Nathan Wallis, Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, is coming to our community with his talk - Engage Your Brain.

This talk focuses on the social/emotional aspects of your brain development - how feeling impacts our thinking. While the times that this brain really has the steering wheel is 2-8 and again in the middle of adolescence, it is relevant to all learners that want to feel engaged, enthusiastic and passionate about what they do. The fundamental mistake New Zealand society has made over the last few decades, is thinking that a two-year-old is a little seven-year-old and that the earlier we get ready to be seven, by learning numeracy and literacy, the better off we will be. That's just not how our brain develops. A large part of intelligence is problem-solving and problem-solving is hugely dependent on creativity. Creativity largely comes online, between the ages of two and seven, in a free-play, child-lead environment. Its development is inhibited if we focus instead on seven-year-old formalised literacy and numeracy. Learning is so much easier when the learner is engaged.

Come along and learn how to engage your brain.

Tickets are available at www.eventfinda.co.nz.

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.



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