

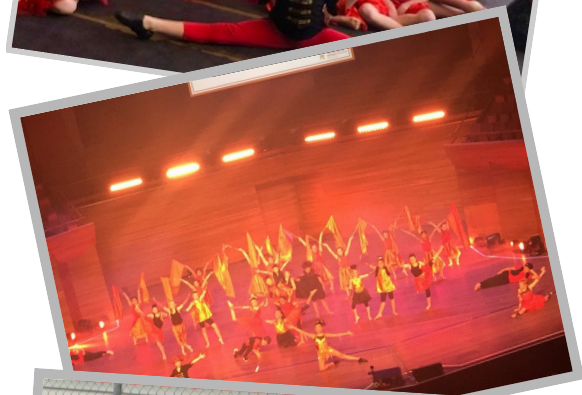
Kia Ora koutou Boulcott Whanau,

Welcome to Term 4! It's hard to believe we are in the final term of 2019. I hope you all had a nice break from the usual school routine over the holidays. It is great to see all the children back, looking rested and energised for another exciting term!

We left school at the end of Term 3 on a high with a large group of our students taking part in ArtSplash week at the Michael Fowler Centre. It was a treat to watch the students perform on stage in the mass choir and then the dance crew showcase their talent. Congratulations to everyone involved in these incredible shows - you all represented Boulcott School with pride!



We also had a great morning at school in the final week with our annual Jump Off. This is always a fun event where House groups compete for points at various skipping activities. The highlight for all the staff is seeing the older students support their younger House members in these events - a lovely example of tuakana teina in action! We raised \$322 for the new play fort at Te Omanga Hospice! A huge thank you to Karen Clements for organising the great day.



Term 4 is traditionally a busy one, with loads of exciting learning experiences plus Education Outside the Classroom opportunities, our usual end of year celebrations, which include farewelling our Year 6 leavers. I encourage you to keep up to date with the school events by referring to our Google School Calendar on the school website and the 'Important dates' at the bottom of each newsletter.

This term the teaching teams are continuing with our CHANGE concept for the year. The Junior School's focus is 'My small actions can make a positive difference to local native bird habitats'; The Middle School is looking at 'How can we change our environment to meet our needs and wants'; The Senior School is focusing on 'Our bodies are constantly changing'.



Today we started our first session of Electives. This sees the whole school involved, moving to different spaces with different teachers, learning different things! From computer coding, art, music, movie making, sports and much more on offer, it is always heaps of fun!

Students in Year 3 to 6 are currently preparing for our annual Athletics Day which takes place on Thursday, 24 October. We invite you to come along to this event to support your child (and others) with various running, jumping and throwing events on offer.

REUNIFICATION DRILL - THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER

An important reminder that tomorrow we are carrying out our reunification drill. This coincides with the nationwide 'Shake Out!' Earthquake drill on the same day. A detailed newsletter was distributed at the end of last term explaining the reason for the drill and what will be involved on the day. Please be prepared to have your child collected after you receive a text message from school on Thursday afternoon. The only adults that can collect your child are their main caregivers and/or those identified as Civil Defence contacts on our system. Thank you to the families that have used this opportunity to update their contacts with us. We thank you all in advance for your support on this matter as we appreciate how the drill will be inconvenient for some families.



SCHOOL DONATION SCHEME

At the end of last term you would have received a comprehensive newsletter outlining the Government proposal for replacing school donations in 2020. A reminder that an open evening will be held on **Monday, 21 October - in the school Library at 7pm**. The Board, along with Stu Devenport will attend and outline the benefits and drawbacks of both options, and we really hope to get a good idea from the school community about your thoughts and concerns around the scheme. An online survey will then follow the open evening and the results of both will be used to ultimately make a decision before the November deadline.

STAFFING UPDATE

I have received resignations from both Dana Skinner and Claire Williams, who are currently on maternity leave in 2019. No doubt motherhood is keeping them very busy! I have also received a resignation from Craig Beer, who will unfortunately be leaving Wellington at the end of 2019, to return to the Manawatu. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank these 3 incredible teachers for the time and energy they have committed to the students they have taught at Boulcott School. We are currently advertising for teacher vacancies for 2020.

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, 27 Sept:	Teacher	Student
Room 5a	Alice	Chloe
Room 6	Jack O	Kobe
Room 7	Raffy	Oliver K
Room 8	Tomas	Jayden
Room 9	Olive E	Phoenix
Room 10	Emma R	Ethan G
Room 11	Philip	Leven
Room 12	Timothy	Konatsu
Room 13	Lucy W	Regan
Room 14	Mica	Isla
Room 15	Grace	Tamati
Room 1	Keiara	Miley
Room 2	Brayden	Acacia
Room 3	Connor	Finley
Room 4	Max F	Isabella A
Room 5	Ivy	Jayden C



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: Arthur, Franklin, Emmanuel and Tiger

OLD BOOKS

The Cottage at Boulcott School is looking for books, books and more books! If you have any old books at home that are suitable for Primary school children to read that you no longer want, please place them on the Cottage porch (the ex-dental clinic by the pedestrian crossing) and we will find a new home for them. Also, if you have any bookshelves that you no longer want, we'd love to give them a new home too. Thank you.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal



Welcome back to Term 4 from the Board of Trustees. We held our first meeting for Term 4 on Monday night, the first day back at school - straight into the mahi!

School Donations

We have several really important decisions to make this term that will impact on the school community. The first is around the School Donation Scheme as Stu has outlined. We hope to see as many of you as possible next Monday (21 October) at 7pm in the library to hear your thoughts and if you can't get along to the meeting, please do fill out the online survey that will be distributed to all

whānau and caregivers – the more input we have from you, the better we will be able to make a decision on behalf of all of us.

Before and After School Care review

The Before and After School Care review is also progressing. In the last week of Term 3, four providers (including the current service provider) made presentations to the review team – Stu Devenport (Principal), Karen Clements (Junior Syndicate Team Leader and New Entrant Teacher) and Shaun Richardson (Parent Trustee and Police Officer). The presentations were a chance to hear from each provider about the service they could offer to our school community, and also an opportunity for the review team to clarify any queries about the proposals.

The review team are now undertaking due diligence including onsite visits of the providers. It is expected that the Board will be able to advise the school community about the final outcome of the review on Wednesday, 30 October - Week 3 of this term.

And finally...

A big thanks to Dean Scahill, our school Caretaker, for the tremendous work he has put into transforming the school garden. The overgrown garden area had become an area that was difficult to maintain and impossible to use as a teaching or play space. The revamped layout is well underway and we would like to thank Dean for his efforts in leading the transformation.



Important Dates	
Date	Event
15 Oct	School Photos all week
17 Oct	Shake Out & Reunification Drill
21 Oct	School Donations Parent Evening (7pm)
22 Oct	Home and School Meeting (7:30pm)
24 Oct	Athletics Day - Year 3-6
25 Oct	Assembly (2:10pm)
28 Oct	Out of Zone Ballot Applications close
30 Oct	Diwali Celebration
31 Oct	Ballot for Out of Zone students
4 Nov	Hutt Intermediate Open Day
8 Nov	Assembly (2:10pm)
11 Nov	Board Meeting (7pm)
12 Nov	Central Zone Athletics
14 Nov	Senior EOTC - old school games day
15 Nov	Kapa Haka Exchange
18 Nov	Dental Van arrives, Wheels day (Senior EOTC)
22 Nov	Assembly (2:10pm)
29 Nov	Year 5 & 6 Marae Visit/Stokes Valley pool
3 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party
4 Dec	Evening Cushion Concert
5 Dec	2020 Road Patrol training
9 Dec	Kite making (Senior EOTC), Board Meeting 7pm
11 Dec	Whole School Picnic Avalon Park
12 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Evening (7pm)
13 Dec	Prize Giving Assembly (2pm)
17 Dec	Term 4 ends - Finish at 1pm

Community Notices:

Saints & Angels - A family alternative to Halloween at Knox Church, 574 High Street, Thursday, 31 October from 5 - 7pm. Gold coin and/or can of food entry. All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Marrzipan - Marrzipan Drama are running awesome self-confidence building sessions at Boulcott School. Classes in social skills, positive thinking and self belief for the super-shy to the super-high! For more information go to www.marrzipandrama.co.nz and click register, or call 027 521 7352 for a no-obligation trial class.

Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club - We are a summer track and field club, with the season starting on Wednesday, 16 October and running through to December. Club night is held at the Hutt Rec, Wednesdays 6pm - 7:30pm. The Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club provide a fun environment with a mixture of games for ages 5 & 6, and for ages 7 - 15 years old a mixture of skill based activities and track and field events. For more information including details on online registration, visit <https://www.sporty.co.nz/lowerhuttaac>.

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