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I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday break, spending time with friends and family. The Wellington weather has certainly been kind to us, in fact pretty much wherever you were in NZ the sun was shining! It was great to see all the children back for the first week of 2019.

Yesterday we started our school year with a special powhiri to welcome our new students, families and staff to Boulcott School. Boulcott is a special place for all of us, we look forward to sharing it with you!

We were all very proud of our Year 5 and 6 students who took a lead role in parts of the ceremony and specially proud of our young 5 year olds, who were incredibly brave and confident, on their first day at school! A big thank you to Matua Whatiri and Pania Dewes for guiding us through the process yesterday too - your expertise is much appreciated!

#### **Concept for 2019 - Change!**

The teachers have a very exciting year planned for 2019 with a variety of opportunities that will enrich our programme and extend our learner. Our overarching concept for 2019 is 'Change'. We will be using this concept to drive most of our learning programmes throughout the year. The classrooms are starting the year focusing on unpacking our CHEER values, exploring what they look like, sound like and feel like in the classroom, playground and around the school. They will also be focusing on what these values mean to them as a learner who is continuing to grow and change.

#### **Parent-Teacher Learning Conversations**

The first opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher will take place in Week 3 (Tuesday, 12 and Thursday 14 February).

There will be an email explaining the booking process for these meetings early next week. You will also receive a copy of a Goal Setting & Profile Form for your child. Before your meeting with the teacher, we ask you to take some time to complete this form. You may like to discuss it with your child too. Bring the completed form along to the meeting as it will assist in framing the learning conversation with the teacher. This is a great opportunity for you to share important information about your child with us.

Jodi Mitchell, our Deputy Principal and Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) will also be available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Feel free to email her at [jodi\\_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz) if you'd like to meet with her.



## **Staffing for 2019**

As mentioned at the end of 2018, we have a talented group of teaching and support staff lined up for 2019. Below is our confirmed staffing.

**Principal:** Stu Devenport

**Deputy Principal & SENCO:** Jodi Mitchell

### **Junior School – Led by Karen Clements, Senior Teacher**

N.E & Year 1: Stacey Rowe - Room 6, Karen Clements - Room 7, Karen Henry - Room 5a (starting Term 2)

Year 1 & 2: Lisa Hassell – Room 9

Year 2: Eileen Falconer – Room 8, Kaajal Patel – Room 10

### **Middle School – Led by Jo Lock, Associate Principal**

Year 3&4: Gaylene Nankivell - Room 12

Darlene Avia - Room 13

Leigh McGregor - Room 14

Jo Lock - Room 15

### **Senior School – Led by Melissa Coton, Senior Teacher**

Year 5&6: Melissa Coton – Room 1

Craig Beer – Room 2

Corrina Rayson – Room 3

Luke Dentice - Room 4

Holly Hughes - Room 5

Our part time classroom teachers are Ruth Hooke, Suzanne Cody & Jane Anstiss. We welcome back Fiona Ranchod as our Reading Recovery Teacher for 2019. Ruth Olds is continuing her role as our Passion Based Learning teacher for 2019

## **Support Staff**

**Teacher Aides:** Carol Healy, Karleen Wilkins, Donna Larsen, Matt McDowell, Kalpana Mody, Dharani Walpita, Sam Smith, Craig O'Connell & Karen Prince

**Office:** Bev de Wever, Tania Blucher

**Caretaker:** Peter Rubick

## **School Organisation**

School starts at 8:55am

Morning Tea 10:10 – 10:30am

Brain Break (in class) 11:40am

Lunch 1 – 1:55pm

End of school 3pm

The school office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Mon – Fri).

Children are able to enter their classrooms from 8:15am. However, teachers are doing prep at this time so are in and out of their classrooms. If your child needs to be at school earlier than 8:15am there is a Before School Care Programme operating from 7:15am (details at the office). If your child arrives after the 8:55am bell they will need to go to the office to sign in using our VisTab sign in/out system.

## **CHEER Awards**

We encourage students in the positive values that Boulcott School holds dear through school wide assembly awards. This year we will continue to present the 'CHEER' Awards to selected students from each class every fortnight at assembly. Nominated children's names are celebrated in the newsletter. A few lucky nominees are drawn out for a prize at each assembly. If you see a Boulcott child displaying particularly positive behaviour do let the office know so we can acknowledge the good things our children do.

## **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: Hazel, Sienna, Raffy, Amy, Swara, Oliver, Carter, Lilly, Mikayla, Taika, Jahdyn, Liam, Keziah

Year 2: Stanly

Year 4: Dimas

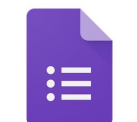
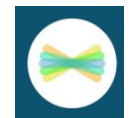
## **Summerset**

The Earthworks have commenced over the fence but they are well behind schedule from what they originally planned. There is a temporary fence erected today which will be in place while the permanent fence is built.

## Communication

At Boulcott, we use a variety of platforms to communicate important information between school and home. We believe in keeping you updated with up and coming events along with celebrating our successes.

- **The Boulcott Broadcast:** This newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon. As we are an Enviro-School we distribute this via email. If you currently receive a paper copy of this newsletter but would prefer it sent by email, please contact the school office. We are also happy to include community messages in the newsletter. We would appreciate it if all messages could be shared with the school office by the Monday afternoon before the Broadcast is distributed.
- **Email:** We regularly utilise email for reminders and other important messages. Please contact the school office if your email address needs updating from last year.
- **School Website & Calendar:** On the front page of our website: [www.boulcott.school.nz](http://www.boulcott.school.nz) there is a Community Calendar which we will be continuing to utilise in 2019. All important dates for families will be included on this calendar so it is useful to visit regularly to keep up to date with the latest events.
- **Facebook:** Have you 'liked' our School Facebook page? We utilise this page for reminders but more importantly, to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Boulcott School. Just search Boulcott School on Facebook to find our page.
- **Seesaw:** We will be utilising this fantastic platform to share learning between school and home in 2019. Using this app, you'll find photos, videos that showcase your child's work. We hope to have this service up and running for you and your child by next week.
- **Google Forms:** Last year we trialled utilising Google Forms as a means for seeking permission and assistance for trips and expressions of interest for sporting and extracurricular events. We plan to continue this service in 2019.



We are always interested in hearing how we can make our communication more effective with our families so feedback is welcomed.

## Sun Smart

Boulcott is a Sun Smart school. This term it is compulsory for all children to wear hats when outside at playtimes, lunch or undertaking sport. Please ensure your children have their named sun hats at school every day to enable them to play outside freely. Children without sun hats will be restricted to the shade sail area. Sun hats can be purchased through the school office. You may also like to apply sun block to your children before school. Children also need to wear shoes at school to protect their feet, and clothes, that are suitable for sun protection and sports activities.



## Religious Education (R.E.)

The Board of Trustees offers Religious Education for those families who wish their children to participate in a Christian based education programme. The programme runs on Friday mornings between 9 – 9:30am for **Y3 & Y4 students**, and will start on Friday, 22 February. Effectively, Boulcott School is closed for normal instruction, for these year levels, during this R.E. time slot. The children who do not participate in R.E. are supervised by teachers in a classroom or the library. On enrolment, all families were asked whether or not they wished their children to be involved. However, if you **do not** wish your child to take part in R.E. lessons this year, please let the office know so we can update our records.

Please note, the Religious Education 'Champions' programme is not offered to our Year 5 and 6 students this year.

## TERM DATES FOR 2019

- TERM 1:** Thursday, 31 January – Friday, 12 April  
**TERM 2:** Monday, 29 April – Friday, 5 July  
**TERM 3:** Monday, 22 July – Friday, 27 September  
**TERM 4:** Monday, 14 October – Tuesday, 17 December

### **Additional Holidays:**

**Waitangi Day:** Wednesday, 6 February

**Teacher Only Day:** Friday, 15 February

**Easter Break & ANZAC Day** all fall within the April school holidays

**Queen's Birthday:** Monday, 3 June

**Labour Day:** Monday, 28 October

**Touch Rugby**

We have to register immediately children wishing to play Touch Rugby. A notice for will be distributed this week by email but if you missed out on information please let the office know. **Please note - registration payments must be made before your child can be placed in a team.**

Craig Beer will be coordinating Touch Rugby. A Boulcott School sports top is required for any school sporting event. These can be purchased at our school office at \$44.

**Library**

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 1, online orders are due by **Wednesday, 20 February**. Orders are online only, no orders forms are to be returned to school. To download the app go to [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP).

Student Librarians - 'Expressions of Interest' forms to become a Librarian in 2019 will be sent out to Senior students next week.

Overdue Library Books - Thank you to all students who returned any overdue library books from last year to the library. There is a return slot outside the library if you still have any overdue books to return. Invoices will be issued to those students who still have outstanding books from last year.

**Road Patrol**

We have new road patrollers manning the pedestrian crossing before and after school. Please support their safety role and cross Boulcott Street at the crossing with your children. A patroller will call out 'Cross Now' as the signal for pedestrians to step onto the road once they have checked the road is safe. A special thank you to the parents who have offered their time in the mornings to supervise our patrollers. We appreciate your support.

Important Dates for Term 1	
Date	Event
6 Feb	Waitangi Day - school closed
7 Feb	Touch Rugby registrations due
8 Feb	Assembly 2:10pm
11 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
12 Feb	Learning Conversations
14 Feb	Learning Conversations
<b>15 Feb</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day - School Closed</b>
18 Feb	Year 5 & 6 Swimming starts
22 Feb	Gala set up Outdoor Assembly!
23 Feb	Boulcott Gala!
5 Mar	Netsafe Parent Evening: 6.30pm
8 Mar	Assembly
11 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
14 Mar	Weetbix Tryathlon
18 Mar	Year 3&4 Swimming Starts
20 Mar	Junior School Arts Festival Trip
22 Mar	Assembly
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)

**Boulcott School Gala**

Our School Gala is just around the corner! Make sure you keep Saturday, 23 February free for a fantastically fun day for our school community. Our Gala Committee are working incredibly hard to make this event a success. Please keep a lookout on our School Facebook page for regular updates and communication on how you can help. A 'Bring a Week' flyer was sent home yesterday, for items to put into gift baskets to be raffled.

**BOULCOTT SCHOOL Summer GALA**  
Sat 23 Feb 2019 - 11am-3pm

**Bring a..." Week**  
Week 2 4-8 February 2019

The Boulcott School Gala Committee will be holding a "Bring a..." week.

To help with this could you please donate something new or unused to put into gift baskets to be raffled.

We would be very grateful. All proceeds from the raffle go to benefiting your children.

**IDEAS INCLUDE** (but are not limited by!)

- ✓Groceries (must have expiry in 2019 or later!)
- ✓Pamper gifts (perfume, soap, toiletries for him or her etc)
- ✓Bottles, gourmet items (pickles, sauces etc)
- ✓New toys, colouring books, felts etc
- ✓Why not re-gift something you won't use

*Need some more ideas? Try pinterest!*

**Class prizes too!**

Please place items in the box in your child's classroom.  
Thank you for your ongoing support.

**BOULCOTT SCHOOL Summer GALA**  
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Sat 23 Feb 2019 - 11am-3pm

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## **Netsafe Parent Evening**

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

### **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**

### **From the School Office**

#### **Absences**

Please ring the school office before 8:55am if your child is going to be absent for the day. Messages can be left on the school answer-phone, emailed, or you can leave a message using our website.

#### **Family Donation**

On Thursday notices were sent out regarding the Family Donation. This can be paid in full or paid in instalments. A Family Donation to a state school is treated as an allowable donation for tax credit purposes – in other words, you can claim one third of your school donation back from the IRD at the end of the tax year (31 March).

#### **Invoices**

Invoices can be paid in instalments on a regular basis. The expectation is that all invoices will be paid immediately, unless arrangements have been made with the office. All money and forms returned need to be in a (recycled) sealed envelope or plastic bag, with your child's name and room number clearly written. It would be helpful if parents could organise the envelopes or bags the night before so children can hand them directly to the classroom teacher. These are then handed into the office after the roll has been taken, as the office is busy dealing with absentees in the morning. Alternatively, you can pay by eftpos or direct credit using account 12-3142-0062729-00. Please include your child's name as a reference.

#### **Student Information Update**

It is very important that we have up-to-date information on our records. If you have any changes to the information we presently hold, please inform the office.

#### **Lunches**

As from 13 February, lunch orders are available on **Wednesdays** from Ban Mai Thai Café (Thai restaurant). Please place your order form in the lunch order box in the foyer, with the correct money, before school starts (no orders accepted after 8:55am). Order forms are available from the office. It would be helpful if the order forms were filled out the day/night before **at home** to make it easier for your child to place in the box on the correct day before school starts.

We also offer Pita Pit lunches on **Fridays** only. This can only be ordered online by going to [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) to register. An account is created for your child and payment made so you have funds in the account before you order, which can be used at anytime to order lunch on a Friday. The lunches are delivered directly to school and given to your child. **Please note** that if you already have an account set up from last year, you will need to go in and change your child's room number to their current room number.



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