



The Boulcott



Wednesday 13 February 2019
Term 1 Week 3

Broadcast



Kia ora koutou,

We are already 3 weeks into our action-packed first term for 2019!

Excitement is building as we count down to our School Gala on

Saturday, 23 February. We still need lots of support to make the day a success - please keep a lookout on our Boulcott School Facebook page for regular updates and communication on how you can help.

Please remember that school is closed for instruction this Friday (15 Feb) for the teachers to attend professional development by Kath Murdoch. If you would like to learn more about Kath, check out her website: <https://www.kathmurdoch.com.au/>



Today we held our 2019 House Captain elections. Congratulations to every student who demonstrated the CHEER value of confidence to put themselves forward for this leadership position. They produced amazing promotional posters and bravely presented speeches to their House groups. Well done to the successful candidates. There will be many other leadership opportunities for Senior students to be involved in this year.



Last week our youngest tamariki assisted Matua Whitiri plant our two native plants that were donated to us as koha from our powhiri service in week 1. We look forward to seeing the trees grow alongside our new entrant students... I wonder what/who will be taller by the end of 2024 when they graduate as Year 6??

Thank you to all who have made time to come along and meet with your child's teacher this week. It is such a valuable experience for our teachers who enjoy the chance to get to know you all and find out about your child's strengths and their goals for 2019.

Below gives you a overview of our reporting to parents schedule for the year ahead. There are a few tweaks to our schedule from last year that we hope will make our reporting more timely and effective.

Early Term 1	Learning Conversations
Early Term 2	Learning Conversations
End of Term 2	Celebration of Learning
Early Term 3	Mid Year Written Academic Progress Report
End of Term 4	End of Year Written Academic Progress Report



We really value sharing your child's learning with you in 'real time,' as much as possible, as we will continue to utilise Seesaw for this throughout the year. You should receive further information on how to access this information when you visit your child's teacher.

Our philosophy at Boulcott is to be proactive with communicating with home if we have any concerns about your child - whether that be academic or behavioural. There may be times between the scheduled reporting we will make contact with you to share these concerns. As always, if you have any concerns around your child's learning or behaviour please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher.

Please note that our staff are available in class from 8:30am. Due to privacy this may not be the best time to raise a concern in front of other families (or your child), so it may be appropriate to email them your concern, and/or for an appointment to meet at a mutually agreed time. Please note that our staff, due to their teaching load and duties during the day, will endeavour to get to an email response within 24 hours. Our staff also have professional meetings most Tuesdays and Wednesdays straight after school, so may not be available to address any concerns on these days as they need to get to our meetings on time at 3:15pm. Please do not be offended if they ask for you to follow up with them by email if they have to get along to a meeting.

It has been fantastic to see students learning more about the **CHEER** values as we focus on what these look like in action. Teachers have been working hard developing class treaties (expectations) and defining what each value means in terms of how we behave and treat each other at Boulcott School. This will remain a focus throughout the year as we continue to develop our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' school-wide systems approach to managing behaviour and teaching social skills.



In accepting challenges, in sharing their ideas, in displaying leadership skills, and in their ability to take risks in their learning. Students who show resilience, self awareness and positive self esteem.



Adhering to an ethical code, displaying integrity, telling the truth and taking responsibility for their own actions.



Responding to new learning situations with wonder and excitement. Working cooperatively with others in a team situation, participating and contributing effectively, while considering others thoughts and ideas.



A readiness and willingness to learn. Able to set and monitor goals, manage time effectively and organise themselves for learning. Reflecting on, revising and modifying their own learning, and constantly striving to achieve 'personal bests' in learning achievements.



Displaying courtesy and consideration for themselves, the environment, and for others of differing ages, cultures and beliefs. Relating to others with compassion and understanding, through words and actions.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

This is always an exciting event in the annual sporting calendar and is happening again on Thursday, 14 March at Hutt Recreation Ground. Although this is a school day we welcome you to register your child for this event. When you register online you can assign yourself to Boulcott School to get yourself a discount! We will have a marquee at the grounds for everyone to assemble. **Please be aware that the school is not coordinating transport and supervision on the day. If your child is competing it is expected you will organise them on the day.**



To register, click on this link: <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hutt-city/>

BOARD ELECTIONS

Every three years school communities elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. Right now our current Board of Trustees are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial school Board of Trustee elections which will take place in June this year. Have you considered running as a candidate for a parent trustee? Perhaps you'd like to learn more about what it involves? Our next Board Meeting is Monday, March 11. We welcome you to attend from 6:30pm in the school staffroom to speak to our current trustees about what it is like to be part of the Board. The meeting starts at 7pm and you are invited to stay on to see how the meeting process works. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the governance of your child's school. It is a big commitment but is also incredibly rewarding!

To find out more information about being a trustee visit: <https://www.nzsta.org.nz/trustee-elections/>

AFTER SCHOOL CARE REVIEW

Our Board are currently in the process of reviewing the service we provide for Before and After School Care at Boulcott. It is important to us that we are providing the best possible service for all our students and whanau whether they are currently using the service or may potentially plan to in the future.

Look out for a short survey in the next couple of weeks so you can provide feedback to us on what you value in this service.

SCHOOL DOCS - POLICY REVIEW

Our Leadership Team and Board of Trustees utilise SchoolDocs as a site for all our school policies and procedures. Each term there are a set of policies that we review to ensure they are current and are aligned to our practise. From time to time there are policies that require feedback from parents. This term we are currently reviewing our policy on:

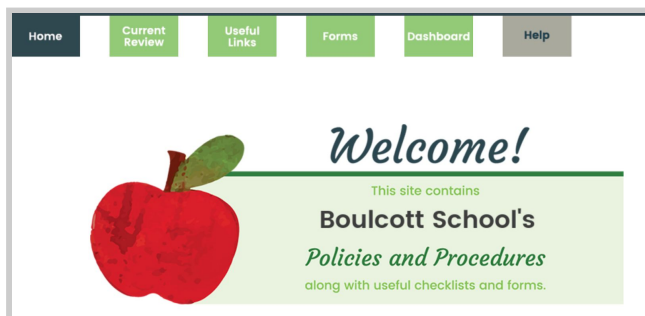


- **Alcohol/drugs and other harmful substances**

To view this policy and provide feedback to us, simply visit the <http://boulcott.schooldocs.co.nz/>

If you are asked for our community user name it is 'boulcott'. The password is 'boulcott'.

Once you're in, click on 'Current Review' at the top to view the current policies under review. If you have feedback for the Board, you can click the 'feedback' icon on the top right.



While you're on the SchoolDocs site you might like to check out the Parents and Whanau section which provides some quick links to useful school procedures for you.

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, 8 Feb:

Teacher Awards

Room 6	Heidi	Harry
Room 8	Oliver B	Jayden
Room 9	Asher	Rashid
Room 10	Zac	Emma
Room 12	Maddison	Lucy
Room 13	Ryan	Riley
Room 14	Kaleb	Frances
Room 15	Daksh	Charlee
Room 1	Noah	Karina
Room 2	Khan	Dhilan
Room 3	Joshua VR	Eva
Room 4	Dharmik	Vince
Room 5	Reuben	Sophie

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: Harlan, Zara

LIBRARY - Student Librarian 'Expression of Interest' forms for Year 6's are due back to Tania by Thursday, 14 February. Online Scholastic Book Club orders, Issue 1, close on Wednesday, 20 February.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE GALA

This week your child will have brought home a sheet of Gala Raffle Tickets (5 tickets x \$2 each) to sell. These tickets will put you in the draw to win some amazing prizes!

There will be prizes for families who sell the most tickets. If you need more tickets to sell email Karen at homeschool@boulcott.school.nz



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

Important Dates for Term 1	
Date	Event
14 Feb	Learning Conversations
15 Feb	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
18 Feb	Year 5 & 6 Swimming starts
22 Feb	Gala set up Outdoor Assembly!
23 Feb	Boulcott Gala!
25 Feb	Year 5 & 6 Swimming continues
5 Mar	Netsafe Parent Evening: 6:30pm
8 Mar	Assembly 2:10pm
11 Mar	Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Future candidates welcome!
14 Mar	Weetbix Tryathlon
18 Mar	Year 3&4 Swimming Starts
20 Mar	Junior School Arts Festival Trip
22 Mar	Assembly 2:10pm
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)

Community Notices:

Fun French At Boulcott School

Experience French learning the fun way every Thursday at 3:20pm at Boulcott School.

Children speak French from the first lesson. Lots of interactive activities, role play, crafts, active games and music. Free trial lesson. After that \$14.50 per 50 minute lesson, plus a membership starter pack of materials to use at home, siblings 10% discount. To register your interest please contact Stefi on stefi@funlanguages.co.nz or 021 178 2099 or visit the website www.lcfclubs.co.nz.

Table Tennis - 2019 Junior Table Tennis Training Programme for Beginners, Empire Table Tennis Clubrooms, Marine Parade, Petone. For students aged between 8 to 12 years on Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm. Starting Thursday, 28 February to Thursday, 11 April. \$55 per player payable at the beginning of the programme. For more information please contact Tim Wilson at tim.wilson4@anz.com or phone 021 280 0833.

Avalon Public Hall - 14 Mabey Road. Permanent and casual hire available. Suitable for: housie, dance class, aerobics, yoga, craft club, patchwork and quilting club, chess club, singing group, weddings, events etc. Enquiries to avalonpublichall@gmail.com or 027 214 4421

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