



The **Boulcott**



Wednesday 1 May 2019  
Term 2 Week 1

**Broadcast**



Guten Tag Boulcott Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a relaxing time over the Easter break with friends and family. Thankfully, the weather played ball in Wellington and other parts of the country so people could make the most of the sunshine!

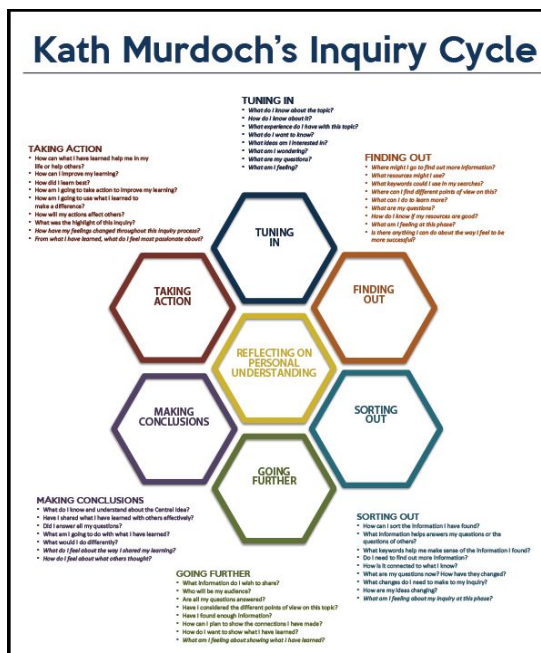
It is great to have the children back in the classrooms and we have enjoyed listening to the adventures they have got up to over the holiday break. They all seem recharged, ready for another term of exciting learning!

The teachers have an action packed term planned ahead. All three teams are continuing to focus on 2019's big idea of CHANGE with all teams delving into the delights of Science! The Junior team are looking at the Nature of Science and learning about what it means to be a scientist. The Middle school are focusing on the concept of Cause and Effect and learning how they can be scientists in everyday life. The Senior school's big idea is looking at Planet Earth and how it is in a constant state of change. No doubt all the children will be coming home with stories of exciting experiments that are completed throughout the term!

Learning through Inquiry is a huge focus for us this year at Boulcott School. The teachers received some fantastic professional development by Kath Murdoch at the beginning of the year and we are continuing to unpack this learning throughout the year. The inquiry model below is what we are exploring this year.



My silhouette art



Term 2 is traditionally the term where loads of momentum starts to happen, as the classroom routines have been established, relationships have been formed and children are settled in their learning environment. Later in the week you'll receive a newsletter from the team leaders which will outline the learning programmes in more detail for you. Don't forget to keep up to date with important dates by visiting the school calendar on our new website.

### **TERM 2 LEARNING CONVERSATIONS**

Next week the classroom teachers and students will be hosting learning conversations on Tuesday and Wednesday night. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the achievements and progress of your child from the first term of the year. Your child is welcome to attend these meetings with you.



To make a time to meet with your child's teacher, please follow the link below to book a time. If you need help with this, please contact the school office. We are aiming for 100% attendance!

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=ucynn>

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

- We are thrilled to welcome Dean Scahill to our Boulcott Team as our new Caretaker! Dean started last week and is already making the school look ship shape!
- Our next New Entrant room, Room 5a started up on Monday with a total of 3 children! We welcome back Karen Henry to full-time work. We are so fortunate to have such an experienced classroom teacher facilitating the transition to school for our youngest students.
- Craig Beer has recovered well from his recent knee surgery and will be back on board in Room 2 starting next week. We thank Ashley Chesterfield for covering for Craig in his absence.

### **TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS**

On Thursday, 9 May all teachers in the NZEI union will be attending a Paid Union Meeting from 2 to 3pm at Naenae Intermediate. This is to discuss the ongoing pay negotiations with the Government. **The school will remain open during this time as we will be able to cover the classes internally. If you are able to, you are welcome to collect your child/ren at the earlier time of 1pm on this day.**

### **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!
- **Lost Property:** At the end of last term we had a huge amount of clothing left behind at school - all of it was un-named. It makes such a difference if you can take the time to name your child's clothes so they can be returned to them.

Thank you for your support on these matters.



## **SPORT @ BOULCOTT**

Our annual Cross Country is set for Thursday, 23 May and the students have already started training for this event. Because of the earthworks occurring behind the school, we have to design a new course for this event, which we are currently working on. We will give you more details once they are confirmed!

Our winter sporting codes will be underway this term. A huge thank you to parents who have volunteered to coach or manage a team. A reminder, Craig Beer and Luke Dentice are our sports coordinators, so if you have any queries or concerns please contact them.

## **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.

<b>Friday, 12 Apr:</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Student</b>
Room 6	Charlie	Riley
Room 7	Sienna	Raffy
Room 8	Toby	Stella
Room 9	Phoenix	Ethan
Room 10	Jamieson	Riley
Room 12	Shamil	Angel
Room 13	Regan	Jada
Room 14	Ella D	Kristian
Room 15	Dimas	Zoe
Room 1	Hugo	Matilda
Room 2	Mishall	Thomas S
Room 3	Ashleigh	Terrance
Room 4	Trillan-Rei	Liam
Room 5	Bella	Toby

### **UPDATING SCHOOL RECORDS**

Today every child will bring home a School Record form showing current Personal/Family/Emergency/Civil Defence/Doctor contact details. Please check this form carefully and make any necessary changes. Please return the form to the school office, as soon as possible, so we can continue to have updated information for your child.

### **BOARD of TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

Our Board of Trustees Tri-annual election is fast approaching. Nomination forms will be mailed out next week. If you are still thinking about becoming a Board member, 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](mailto: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.

Nga mihi nui  
Stu Devenport  
**Principal**

Important Dates	
Date	Event
7 May	Learning Conversations
8 May	Learning Conversations
9 May	Paid Union Meeting for Teachers - SCHOOL OPEN AS USUAL
10 May	Assembly (2:10pm)
13 May	BOT Meeting 6:30pm
17 May	Pink Shirt Day!
22 May	National Young Leaders Day
23 May	Cross Country
24 May	Cross Country Postponement Assembly
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)
3 July	Hutt Polyfest Performance
5 July	Assembly Term 2 Ends (3pm)

May 13-17 is Bully Free Week. We will take this opportunity to raise awareness of bullying behaviour and promote what our school is doing to become a Bullying-Free NZ School. Friday the 17th is Pink Shirt Day where we encourage everyone to wear something pink!





## Community Notices:

**Solway College Open Day** - Saturday, 11 May, 10am - 2pm at Solway College, Fleet Street Masterton. An integrated Year 7 to Year 13 day and boarding school for girls. For more information go to [www.solwaycollege.school.nz](http://www.solwaycollege.school.nz) or ph 06 378 2219.

**Second Lower Hutt Scout Group** - Does your child want to join Keas, Cubs or Scouts? Keas - Year 1-3 meet on Thursdays, Cubs Year 4-6 meet on Mondays or Thursdays, and Scouts Year 7-9 are on Wednesdays at the Scout Den, Mitchell Street, Epuni. For more information go to <http://www.scoutgroupdirectory.co.nz/2nd-lower-hutt-scout>.

**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.



## 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](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz).

Get in quick as tickets will sell out.

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Schools need us all to **step forward.**

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school trustee.

Contact your local school for a nomination form.



Step forward for our schools ✓

Find out more [www.trustee-election.co.nz](http://www.trustee-election.co.nz)



For information on the election process or a copy of the nomination form, please contact Tania Blucher, Returning Officer. [info@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:info@boulcott.school.nz)

 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

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