



Kia Ora koutou Boulcott Whanau,

We are still living off the energy that our Art Exhibition and Celebration of Learning created a fortnight ago! It was excellent to see such a high turnout of the community attend this evening - thank you to all who came along. All the children did an outstanding job at creating high quality art pieces for our exhibition - it was wonderful to see the hall transformed into a high-end art gallery! We hope you enjoyed the sharing time in the classrooms with your child too. There was so much to share, not just the final product of a project but the process that is involved to make it happen!



A special thanks to the Home and School team that provided the sausage sizzle on the night and Mitre 10 Mega for supplying the BBQ. Thanks also to the people involved in our cake stall and our annual Book Fair too!

The art theme is continuing this week as we focus on performing arts and singing! Our ArtSplash Choir were part of an outstanding performance at the Michael Fowler Centre last night where they joined other schools to create a 'mega' choir. A big thank you to Leigh McGregor, Karen Clements and Ruth Hooke, who led the choir this year, which involved many hours of rehearsals. We look forward to our dance troupe performing in DanceSplash on Friday night which no doubt be another show stopper! A big thank you to Jane Anstiss who coordinated and choreographed the opportunity for the troupe this year. Congratulations to everyone involved in these two experiences - good on you all for accepting the challenge of performing on one of the biggest stages in Wellington!



The Senior Leadership Team have commenced the long process of planning for 2020. The first part of this process is confirming the structure of the staffing and teams for the school, so it is important we have a good understanding of the number of children we have at each class level. If you have a child that is about to start school next year, or if your situation has changed and you are intending to leave Boulcott School, can you please contact me directly or let our school office know as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE TERM.

There are a few more important dates to add to the diary for the last few days of Term 3:

BLACK OUT DAY: Friday 20 September

This is to celebrate the beginning of the Rugby World Cup and to show our support to the All Blacks. This is a 'just for fun' dress up day, we are NOT fundraising for anything, but please encourage your children to come to school wearing as much BLACK as they can to support the All Blacks. If you and your family support another country, please feel free to send your child to school in the colours of that country. We will try to get a whole school photo to send to the All Blacks from Boulcott School. Thanks for your support. Lets make it 3 World Cup Titles in a row. Go the AB's!



JUMP ROPE FOR TE OMANGA HOSPICE: Tuesday 24 September

The Lower Hutt cluster of schools Boulcott belongs to has joined together to raise funds to provide Te Omanga Hospice with a children's playhouse as a Christmas present. It will be lovely for these children to have an area where they can go and play whilst the adults spend time with their friend or family member who is seriously unwell. Between us, we are aiming to raise \$4000 to pay for the playhouse and installation. Any money left over will be donated to Te Omanga Hospice. Boulcott School has decided to raise money through our Week 10 Jump Off event. Next Tuesday, 24 September can students please bring a gold coin donation for Te Omanga Hospice.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING ON PUBERTY: Tuesday 24 September

We would like to invite the parents of Year 5 and 6 students to attend an Information Evening about the Health unit we will be teaching in Term 4. This unit will address the physical, emotional and social changes children go through as they progress through puberty. The evening will be on Tuesday, 24 September in the school library from 6 - 7pm. Please do not bring children to this session.

We will be using the new resource 'Navigating the Journey' to teach this unit. The resource has been developed by the Family Planning Association. We have invited Cleo Arathoon, a Health Promoter with Family Planning, to facilitate this information evening. You will have a chance to look at the teaching resources that will be used in class and to ask questions about what will be covered. Senior Syndicate teachers will also be there to answer your questions and discuss any concerns you may have.



HEALTH CONSULTATION

Yesterday you would have received an email asking you to complete a short survey about our Health Curriculum. This is a requirement for all schools to complete every two years and the feedback is useful in informing our future planning. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this for us by following the link here: <https://forms.gle/BVviB7yil.tifPeZ9>

CODING CHALLENGES!

Some of our Senior classes have been enjoying getting their hands on some of the new technology at school. Rooms 1 and 2 have been exploring the use of sferos to complete coding challenges in small groups. This learning links to the achievement objectives for the new Digital Technologies Curriculum, which will be implemented fully in 2020. The staff are looking forward to having a play with these next week for professional development and no doubt the rest of the school will be excited to utilise them in Term 4 and beyond. A huge thanks to our Home and School team who donated money to fully fund this engaging equipment for the students.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

It is school photos time again. Photos will take place the first week back of Term 4 on Tuesday, 15 October through to Friday, 18 October. Photo order forms have been sent home and these are due back on Friday, 27 September. Online payments for photos go to account **02 0528 0405145 00**. Use your child's school, name and class/room number as reference. Please note this is the photographers account and not our school account. Envelopes for sibling photos are available from the office.

ELECTIVES

In Weeks 1 - 4 of Term 4 we will be running a school-wide 'Electives' programme. This allows students to choose an exciting activity or learning opportunity from across a range of curriculum areas. Electives will run from 1:45 to 3pm each Wednesday in Weeks 1 - 4. Students will stay within the same group for all four sessions.

Last week all families were sent a link to a Google Form for students to select **three** activities they would like to participate in. Please complete this form by Friday, 20 September.

Junior electives form

<https://forms.gle/4ifMU5Nsqqv2Rbe47>

Middles electives form

<https://forms.gle/jQyFRy3MDR9eSPTT9>

Seniors electives form

<https://forms.gle/tKx7HvErb3s1if318>

LIBRARY

Thank you to all the families and students who visited our 'Book Fair' - Dino Mite. It was a great success with around \$4000 worth of books sold. The school receives 20% on all the books sold, which will be used to purchase new library books. Thank you to the Student Librarians who helped out and escorted Clifford the Big Red Dog around the classrooms. A big thanks to the parents who gave up their time to help each morning and afternoon, the Library was a buzzing place. The fantastic dinosaur creations were done by Carol and looked amazing. Thank you Carol!



Hot Chocolate



\$1



8:20am – 8:40am

Every Wednesday and Thursday in
Weeks 7, 8, 9 and 10

The Student Council is fundraising to
buy new playground equipment

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, 13 Sept:	Teacher	Student
Room 5a	Eden	Hannah R
Room 6	Riley	Georgia
Room 7	Carter	Keziah
Room 8	Toby	Melody
Room 10	Hania	Zac D
Room 11	Frankie	Amy T
Room 12	Alexandra	Lachlan
Room 13	Priya	Henry
Room 14	Alex P	Mustafa
Room 15	George	Malachi
Room 1	Kelly	Kingston-Leith
Room 2	Lily H	Alex M
Room 3	Peighton	Joshua Y
Room 4	Jaimin	Poppy
Room 5	Tyler	Allie
	Cassidy	



BOARD NEWS



Last Monday night the Board of Trustees held its second meeting for Term 3. Deputy Principal Jodi Mitchell started the meeting off by making a comprehensive presentation about Learning, Behaviour and Well-being support at Boulcott. Jodi wears two hats for our school - she is Deputy Principal and is also our SENCO - Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Her role is to identify and facilitate support for all Boulcott students ranging from learning, behaviour, health and well-being needs. She works closely with students and whānau from our very newest new entrants to the Year 6 Senior students to find the right resources and support for each child. She also outlined other initiatives the school has underway to improve student life school-wide such as Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L). Thanks to Jodi for putting together such a great presentation for our meeting and also for her hard work and obvious passion for her role supporting students, whānau and the teaching staff.

Accounting for Schools

The second presentation at the meeting was from Accounting for Schools who have now fully transitioned into providing accounting services for the school. Tracey Joe also attended her final Board meeting after being seconded to assist with the changeover in services. The Board of Trustees thanks Tracey

for the enormous amount of work she has done on behalf of the school as Treasurer over the past 3 ½ years. Over that time, Tracey has not only provided the benefit of her financial skills and knowledge, she has also prepared all the schools accounts and managed all of the audit processes. Accounting for Schools also acknowledged that the information she was able to provide made the transition a straightforward process.

School Donations Scheme

Many of you will have read in the media about the Government's School Donations scheme that is being offered to schools that are decile 1-7. Boulcott School is a decile 7 school, and under this scheme has the opportunity to receive a flat rate payment of \$150 per student on the condition that it no longer requests donations from whānau. The Board has started work on the financial implications of opting-in or out of this proposal.

As part of this work, we have decided the best approach is to hold an open evening with the school community to present both options, and hear your views. We will then distribute an online survey to capture the community response and use the results to form a final decision.

The open evening will be held on the second Monday back in Term 4 - **Monday, 21 October - in the school Library at 7pm**. The Board will attend along with Stu Devenport 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. The 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.

National Measles outbreak

We also discussed the current national measles outbreak and Stu confirmed that the school has received advice from the Ministry of Education about what to do if the outbreak is transmitted into our school environment. You will also have all received an email on Friday, 6 September with the most recent advice to families from the Regional Public Health services.

And finally...more thanks!

The final thanks for our newsletter goes to the teachers and staff for the wonderful Celebration of Learning evening held on Wednesday, 4 September. The classrooms looked amazing and the art display in the hall was absolutely spectacular - there were a lot of proud parents and whānau in the hall to see the wide range of art projects that have been happening in the school. Thanks also to the Before and After School Care team who managed to operate from the much smaller space of the staffroom for the afternoon when the hall was being set up for the display.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Our next Home and School fundraiser will be at Junglerama on Saturday, 28 September from 6-8pm. Tickets will be \$7 per child (under 2's free). A google form was sent home last week with details about the event and purchasing tickets. Ticket sales close on Friday, 20 September. Please click on the link below to purchase tickets and support this great Home and School Fundraiser.

<https://forms.gle/hN9A5XfPY4drspyW9>

ROAD SAFETY

Can you remind your child, if they walk to school in the mornings along the stopbank, that when they exit onto Boulcott Street they need to follow the footpath around and not cross diagonally across the road. There have been a couple of near misses lately with cars backing out of the parks and children crossing behind the cars and nearly being hit. It is advisable to walk down the road and use the pedestrian crossing.

Junglerama Playland H&S Fundraiser



Date: Saturday, 28 September 2019
Time: 6-8pm
Tickets are \$7 each per child (Adults and children under 2yrs are free)
Location: Junglerama Playland, 93 Hutt Park Road, Lower Hutt
Ticket sales close Friday, 20 September.

Remember to spread the word and invite your extended family and friends to come along!

Note: Remember children must wear socks in Junglerama.

We also have two courts available, where H&S will set up indoor cricket and football for children to play.



If you have any questions please email: homeschool@boulcott.school.nz

Important Dates	
Date	Event
19 Sept	Capital E Performance (at school - no cost)
20 Sept	DanceSplash
20 Sept	Black Out Day
21 Sept	School Donations Scheme Open Evening, 7pm Library
24 Sept	Jump Off! (Bring a gold coin)
24 Sept	Parent Information Evening on Puberty, 6 - 7pm Library
27 Sept	Assembly (2:10pm), Term 3 Ends (3pm)

Community Notices:

Give Softball A Go - Come give Tee-ball or Softball a go this season. All ages welcome. No softball gear or experience required. Sunday, 22 September at the Hutt Valley Dodgers Softball Club, Fraser Park, Diamond 1 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. If wet it will be held in the Green Room in the Ricoh Centre. To register go to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/huttvalleydodgers>.

Spotlight Performing Arts - Does your child love to sing, dance and act? Come and be part of our Muscial Theatre Show. Led by London West End performer Sherene Clarke. Book your place now. Visit our website www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz.

Avalon Tennis Club Spring/Summer Junior Programme - Enrolments are open for club memberships, which include tennis activity options on several days of the week and interclub. Come and enjoy our Friday Club Night (free bbq included) for all Juniors and adults. Saturday morning Junior coaching, ages 6-12 years with one of NZ's best coaches, and our new Community Play session on Tuesdays for members and also non-club members (\$5 casual attendance). Interclub runs on Saturdays and all players are welcome to attend Wednesday practise. Also, check out the Hutt Valley Tennis Academy Spring Holiday Programme which runs from October 2 - 4 at Mitchell Park, and more info about the Avalon Tennis Club and the HVT Academy can be found by visiting www.hvtacademy.co.nz or call/txt Marc Paulik 027 4500 449.

Holiday Programmes:

Oscar House Holiday Programme - Programme plans, information and enrolments are now available. For Years 0-3 go to <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/>
For Years 4-8 go to <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-middle/>
For Years 7 & 8 go to <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-intermediate/>
Early Bird enrolments close, and fees are due, on Wednesday, 23 September.

Marrzipan Holiday Workshop - Monday, 7 October to Friday, 11 October from 10am to 4pm at the Wellington Dance Studio. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day. For more information go to www.marrzipandrama.co.nz, email workshops@marrzipandrama.co.nz or phone 027 521 7352.

'The Process' Art Holiday Programme - Sarah Cappleman is running the first 5 day Holiday ArtVenture from Monday, 30 September to Friday, 4 October. 5 days, 10 different movie themed sessions. Morning session from 9am to 11:30am, Afternoon session from 12:30pm to 3pm. Full day sessions are available. Single sessions are \$30 and Full days are \$60. To book go to www.TheProcessArtStudio.co.nz.

Learn to Play Tennis - Monday, 7 October to Wednesday, 9 October at Mitchell Park. If wet the programme will be held in the squash courts. Cost \$33-00 for 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Timetable: 9am - 10am Girls from 5-8 years old
10am - 11am Boys from 5-8 years old
11am - 12 noon Girls from 9 years+
1pm - 2pm Boys from 9 years+

To register contact Gary Nelson on 589 7178 or email a.nelson@xtra.co.nz. Enrolments must be received by Monday, 30 September.

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