



The
Boulcott



Wednesday 13 November 2019
Term 4 Week 5

Broadcast



Kia Ora koutou Whanau,

We are already half-way through the final term of 2019! Time is certainly flying!

Around this time of year we start to notice a bit of a shift in student behaviour at school - this may well be something you are experiencing at home too. In education circles, this month is sometimes referred to as "Madvember". The combination of lighter nights (which makes it difficult to get to sleep), the unpredictable weather, the low-level anxiety about leaving their teacher and class, and the excitement of Christmas on the horizon, means that children can be particularly tired and temperamental at this time of year. Sometimes, November can be hard for adults too as we gear up for a huge two months ahead. The best remedy for all of this is slowing down and ensuring there is ample down-time for everyone, and meeting all outbursts and tears with compassion and understanding.

This week our Senior students are looking forward to our annual Kapa haka Exchange with Waterloo School and Eastern Hutt School. This year we have the honour of hosting the event and we are looking forward to showcasing our wonderful performance again.

Well done to the 16 students that took part in the EPro8 challenge this year at Avalon Intermediate. This challenge is an inter school science and engineering competition. It is designed to give students a fun and rewarding introduction to science and engineering. At this event our teams competed with other schools in our area to try and finish a variety of interesting science and engineering based challenges. Although we narrowly missed out on a place to head through to the next round, it was a thoroughly enjoyable opportunity for all involved.

Thank you for all of the parent feedback and information that you have provided regarding our class placement consultation period for the 2020 classes. The classroom teachers and Senior Leadership Team are now commencing the complex task of placing students appropriately for their next class. We take a lot of things into consideration during this process including all learning, social and behavioural needs of each individual.

STAFFING UPDATE

Last week Eileen Falconer announced her retirement as a full time classroom teacher at Boulcott School. As many of you would know, Eileen has been a valuable member of our teaching team for over 25 years. Her knowledge of the school and classroom practice makes her an asset to the school. Thankfully, this will not be a final 'goodbye' at the end of the year but more of a 'see you later' as she will be returning as a part time release teacher in 2020. To acknowledge her many years of service to the school, we will be holding a special assembly for Eileen on Tuesday, 10 December. All are welcome to attend.



We will welcome Will Evans to the Year 5 and 6 teaching team in 2020. Will is a beginning teacher, completing his post-graduate paper in Education this year. He also holds a Bachelor of Music so will have a lot to offer our Senior students. Will is replacing Craig Beer who is heading back to the Manawatu in 2020.

So, below is the make-up of the teaching teams for 2020:

Boulcott Teaching Teams 2020

Principal: Stu Devenport

Deputy Principal & SENCO: Jodi Mitchell

Associate Principal: Jo Lock

Junior Team: Year 1-2

Karen Clements (Team Leader)
Lisa Hassell
Kaajal Patel
Stacey Rowe
Karen Henry
Jane Anstiss (release teacher)

Middle Team: Year 3-4

Jo Lock (AP & Team Leader)
Leigh McGregor
Gaylene Nankivell
Darlene Avia
Suzanne Cody (release teacher)

Senior Team: Year 5-6

Melissa Coton (Team Leader)
Will Evans
Luke Dentice
Corrina Rayson
Holly Hughes
Ruth Hooke (release teacher)
Eileen Falconer (release teacher)

What a talented bunch of teachers for 2020!

SCHOOL DONATION SCHEME

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent information evening and/or completed the online survey to share their views on the School Donation scheme for 2020. A summary from the survey indicates there is a close split between people wanting the school to accept the Government offer and people wanting to keep things the same (the school asking for family donations and contributions). Towards the end of this week the Board of Trustees will be sharing their decision with you, keep a lookout in your inbox for this important email.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE REVIEW

You'll be aware that an organisation called SKIDS will be taking over the operation of the Before and After School Care service from the beginning of 2020. SKIDS are very keen to meet with our school community and share their vision with you all. We invite you to attend an information session on **Wednesday, 20 November** in the School Library to learn more about the new team. They are offering two sessions on this day; **5pm and 6.30pm**. If you have questions or wonderings about this new service I encourage you to attend.



BLACK AND WHITE DAY - SUPPORT OUR SUPPORT STAFF!

We have a fantastic team of support staff at Boulcott School who are currently negotiating a new collective agreement with the Government. This week our NZEI Union members are amping up their campaign 'Fair's Fair - Pay Equity'.

We are asking Boulcott families to support them this Thursday, 14 November, by students wearing black and white to show their support and we will take photos to post to the NZ Support Staff Facebook page.

A fact you may not be aware of is 90% of Support Staff are paid under the living wage. We are asking for pay equity, pay increase, career development and job security.

Please show your appreciation of our Boulcott School incredible Support Staff, our Teacher Aides, Office Staff and Librarians, this Thursday.



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: Addison & Elizabeth



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TOUCH RUGBY PLANNING FOR 2020 IS TAKING SHAPE!!

Early in Term 1 the training and games will begin with Year 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 Boulcott teams playing.

Touch Rugby is about improving the kids' fitness and ball skills - all with a low risk of injury. It's also developing their sportsmanship and team building, but most of all it's about having loads of FUN!!! The school's philosophy for Touch Rugby is all about inclusion and participation. Coaching or managing a team is hugely rewarding and can

take up as little as one hour a week for 6 weeks. You don't need to know a whole lot about touch rugby, just have a bit of enthusiasm and a willingness to encourage the kids to learn, support their team mates and have fun. We are currently developing an information pack for coaches and managers with tips and ideas, which will give you all the information and help you need to do the job. Registrations for kids and a form to sign up to be a coach or a manager will come out by google form in January.

If your child is playing touch next year we encourage you to become a coach or manager! This can only happen with parent support! If you have any questions you can contact Jodi Mitchell – jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

Our annual Library stocktake commences on Friday, 29 November. The library will close on Thursday, 28 November to prepare for this. Please return any library books that you have at home. On completion of the stocktake any outstanding library books issued to students will be invoiced for.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Pizza Lunch Fundraiser - Home and School are organising a pizza lunch fundraiser on Thursday, 28 November. Pizza's are \$5. Please pay this into the **Home and School** account. Pizza Hutt will be supplying the pizzas. A google form will be sent out today for you to complete and this needs to be submitted by Friday, 22 November. Any questions please contact homeschool@boulcott.school.nz.

SICKNESS

We have had several children sent home today after vomiting at school. If your child has had vomiting or diarrhoea they need to remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode.

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 November:	Teacher	Student
Room 5a	Maaz	Matine
Room 6	Hana	Kysen
Room 7	Greta	Lilly S
Room 8	Chloe C	Addi T
Room 9	Alice C	Brianna
Room 10	Abigail	Molly
Room 11	Franklin	Daniel
Room 12	Lucas B	Krish
Room 13	Lily M	Jasper
Room 14	Te Whairua	Samantha G
Room 15	Addyson	Joseph M
Room 1	Oly	Noah W
Room 2	Thomas B	Mishall
Room 3	Sia	Peighton
Room 4	Sofia S	Logan
Room 5	Toby	Brooklyn



Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
14 Nov	Senior EOTC - old school games day, Central Zone Athletics postponement day
15 Nov	Kapa haka Exchange
18 Nov	Dental Van arrives, Wheels day (Senior EOTC)
20 Nov	SKIDS Before/After School Care meeting 5pm or 6:30pm in the Library
22 Nov	Assembly (2:10pm)
29 Nov	Year 5 & 6 Marae Visit/Stokes Valley pool
3 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party, River Walk (Middles EOTC)
4 Dec	Evening Cushion Concert
5 Dec	2020 Road Patrol training, Botanic Gardens trip (Middles EOTC)
6 Dec	Afternoon of water activities at school (Middles EOTC)
9 Dec	Kite making (Senior EOTC), Board Meeting 7pm
10 Dec	Special assembly for Eileen 2:20pm
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:

The Foodbank Project 2019

Foodbanks rely on regular donations to ensure they have the available supplies to help people in need throughout the year. The Foodbank Project is a not-for-profit, self-sustaining online shop that makes it easy for anyone to donate groceries to Kiwis in need. As a donor at The Foodbank Project, you can choose from a range of products that are needed for food parcels. You can make your donation a one-off or give on a recurring basis; weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Countdown will then pack your order along with others received from your community and deliver it to the nearest Salvation Army foodbank hub to include in their food parcels. For more information go to foodbank.org.nz, which will show what foodbank hubs are in your area.

Beeswax Wraps

I'm a lady beekeeper and my bees bless me with honey and wax. I use the wax straight from the hives with organic oil and resin to create wax wraps using 100% cotton.

Wraps are used to cover food instead of plastic wrap. They will last a year or more with care. To clean, simply rinse in cold water with or without a small amount of dish wash liquid. Air dry. Wax wraps are moulded by warm hands over containers and are able to be composted.

Available in 4 sizes. Small - wraps snacks and covers cereal or noodle bowls. Medium - perfect for sandwiches, cheese and medium dishes. Large - covers salad bowls, halved watermelon or a small loaf of bread and much more. Extra large - covers platters.

Perfect for gifts.

Small - \$6, medium - \$9, large - \$12, extra large - \$15.

Pay into ANZ bank account: K J Weir, 06 0541 0571068 00, code: wax wrap. Samples available in the school foyer.

Twilight Christmas Parade - Friday, 22 November, 7pm, Jackson Street, Petone. The Christmas lights will be turned on at 8pm. Santa's Grotto opens on Saturday, 23 November.

Goodtime Music Bus - Love music? Come and learn on the Music Bus with us! Goodtime Music Academy comes to your child's school each week to run its unique Music Bus Programme. These small groups lessons of up to 5 students are held weekly during school hours and on the school grounds. Lessons cost \$17.50 per lesson and students can choose to learn the ukulele, guitar, keyboard or drums. For an information pack email schools@gtma.co.nz.

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