



Merry Christmas Boulcott Whanau!

Well, this is it! The final week of the school year for 2019, and what an incredible year it has been! From the school gala and matariki celebrations to our art exhibition, cross country, jump offs and El Rancho Camp, plus a whole lot of teaching and learning in and out of the classrooms. The time has certainly flown by. On behalf of all the staff and students at Boulcott School, thank you for supporting your child in their endeavours and learning this year. The key to any success at school is having strong partnerships between home and school. We are fortunate at Boulcott School to have such an engaged parent community, wanting the best for your tamariki.

We had a wonderful turn out of whanau for our annual Cushion Concert last week. Unfortunately the nasty wind meant we had to retreat indoors but thankfully it didn't put a damper on the festive spirit! The whole school had a wonderful day today at Avalon Park on our final EOTC experience for the year. It was great to be together as a whole school. Thank you parents and caregivers who came along to enjoy the day with us. A special thanks also to our wonderful Home and School team who provided a sausage sizzle, ice blocks and train rides too!

We still have a couple of special events to look forward to in the next few days of the year. Tomorrow night we have a special evening for our Year 6 leavers, to celebrate their wonderful journey at Boulcott School. On Friday afternoon we welcome you all to our whole school prize giving, where we celebrate individual successes and special contributions made by students over the past year. **Tuesday, 17 December is of course the final day of school.** We welcome you to our final assembly at 11:30am, where we give our final goodbyes to our Year 6 leavers. **Please note that school finishes at 1pm on this day.**

Thanks again for your continued support over the past year. I wish you all a safe and happy summer break with your friends and family. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday, 5 February for another fun-filled year.

BOARD NEWS

Kia ora e te whānau – the Board of Trustees held its final meeting for 2019 on Monday night. Looking back over 2019 it has been a big year with several major changes for the school – particularly the changes to the Before and After School Care provider, and the decision to opt-in to the Government Donation Scheme. We appreciate the substantial time and care put into both pieces of work by a lot of different people and if you took the time to fill out the Government Donation survey or came along to the information evening, we'd like to thank you too. Your responses and comments helped the Board to work through the decision making process.

Some of the highlights from the year have been the first school Gala in 10 years run by the Home and School Committee – a fantastic day and a big success, and the school holding it's first Pōwhiri to welcome new families and celebrating Matariki with a hāngi and whānau evening, thanks to the support and mahi of the whānau group.

One last piece of good news for the year, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced in early December that all schools are going to receive a funding boost for property projects. This has come at a great time for our school as we have just finalized a new 10 Year Property Plan, so we will be able to move quickly to make use of the funding. Boulcott School has been allocated an additional \$251,000 and this will be used to accelerate some of the projects identified in the planning process. This will have a really positive impact on our school environment so there is a lot to look forward to in 2020.

A very big thank you to all of our teachers and staff here at Boulcott School as we approach the final days of the year, we hope you enjoy a well-deserved break over Christmas and New Year.

The Board's first meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday, 17 February and we welcome anyone from the school community to attend. Have a safe and happy holiday and see you in 2020 for another great year.

WHANAU ROOPU

Kia ora koutou, on behalf of the Whanau Roopu we would like to thank everyone that contributed their time, energy, koha and resilience in supporting our vision for our tamariki and leading by example.

A special thanks to our office ladies who persevered through our teething stages offering us guidance and support, we couldn't have done it without you. To the Home and School team for helping us to lay foundations within our community and sharing each others spaces.

To our Year 6 students, may you spread your wings and become the best version of all that you can be. Take your CHEER values to use as a tool to put in your kete of knowledge for moving forward in life. To our Principal, BOT, staff, tamariki, parents, whanau and wider community Meri kirihimete me tau hau hari. Be safe and look forward to new things coming in 2020.

Nga mihi

SCHOOL STATIONERY

Information regarding stationery for next year will be sent home with your child's school report. Please ensure your child has their stationery for the first day of Term 1 2019. Paper Plus Lower Hutt are Boulcott School's stationery provider. You can order your child's stationery online by going to www.paperplus.co.nz/backtoschool, by phoning 04 569 8406, or by visiting Paper Plus who will have copies of our stationery lists or emailing lowerhutt@paperplus.co.nz. Please note that for 5 year olds starting next year they will be given their stationery by their class teacher on the first day.

OFFICE

If you have any outstanding invoices that still require payment please pay these at the office, or by internet payment to our school account,12-3142-0062729-00 by Friday, 13 December. Please reference your payment with your childs' name and activity.

CONGRATULATIONS

An ex Boulcott student - Florence Oakley, was announced Dux of St Oran's College on Monday night at their school prizegiving. It is wonderful to hear about achievements of ex Boulcott students.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Casey (Year 1) and her family to Boulcott School. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property cupboard near the hall, which is overflowing, before the end of the term.



SPORT ORDINATION

Touch Rugby - We have had another fantastic Term of Touch rugby.

Here are the final placings:

Y 1 & 2 Y 3 & 4

Boulcott Rams 4th place Boulcott Blues 5th place Boulcott Bullets 3rd place Boulcott Blasts 4th place Boulcott Dragons 3rd place

Y5 & 6 Mixed Y5 & 6 Boys

Boulcott Hurricanes 1st place Boulcott Turbos 6th place Boulcott Titans 2nd place

Thanks to all the superb coaches and managers for their support and hard work this term. We really appreciate your help. Term 1 registrations for next year will be coming out in the first week of Term 1 2020 so keep a close eye on the newsletter.

Sports Uniforms - Any outstanding uniforms (basketball, netball skirts, Boulcott tops) need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

2020 TERM DATES

Teacher Only Days:

Tuesday, 2 June

Tuesday, 27 October

TERM 1			
Start date	Wednesday, 5 February		
Waitangi Day	Thursday, 6 February		
End date	Thursday, 9 April (Friday,10 April is Good Friday)		
TERM 2			
Start date	Tuesday, 28 April (Note ANZAC Day is Mondayised on 27th April)		
Queens Birthday	Monday, 1 June		
End date	Friday, 3 July		
TERM 3			
Start date	Monday, 20 July		
End date	Friday, 25 September		
TERM 4			
Start date	Monday, 12 October		
Labour Day	Monday, 26 October		
End date	Thursday, 17 December		

AFTER SCHOOL CARE



sKids Boulcott Fee Structure 2020

Programme	Session Time	Full Time (5 days a week)	Part Time / Casual (1-4 days a week / One-Off)
After School Care (Full Session)	3pm to 6pm	\$16	\$18
After School Care (Early Pick Up) 3pm to 4.30pm		\$13	\$15
Before School Care (Full Session)	7am to 8.30am	\$11	\$13
Before School Care (Late drop off)	7.30am to 8.30am	\$9	\$11

Enrol Now!

Boulcott School Hall | 7am - 8.30am & 3pm - 6pm Monday to Friday

Book now at
skids.aimy.co.nz or
contact our
Programme Manager
for more information.

Open from 5th February 2020!



Neil Hancock M. 027 291 1438 E. boulcott@skids.co.nz

Please look out for an additional email with further information from SKIDS coming home today.

Important Dates					
Date	Event				
12 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Evening (7pm)				
13 Dec	Prize Giving Assembly (2pm)				
17 Dec	Term 4 ends - Finish at 1pm				

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all,

Stu Devenport **Principal**

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Piano Lessons - Are you interested in piano lessons for your child in 2020? Jonathan Crehan teaches piano at Waterloo, Kelson and Korokoro and will be joining Boulcott School next year. Students of the programme get to enjoy Jonathan's unique and modern teaching method. Parents can also enjoy the convenience of lessons during school hours. For a free trial lesson, contact Jonathan on 027 637 376 or email info@gopiano.co.nz.

Struggling with reading & spelling? - Is your child struggling to crack the code for reading and spelling, despite your best efforts to support them at home?

Holiday help is available with specialist reading and spelling teacher, Brenda Larkin, who successfully works with children with dyslexia. This is a great opportunity to get 9 x 45 minute



sequential lessons, which is basically a terms worth of lessons, with one-on-one tuition. Learn specific skills and spelling rules in a creative way. Evidence based research techniques used.

Keep your child moving forward over the long summer break and re-ignite their passion for learning.

"Regan really loves you and is always keen to do his homework. We've noticed such an improvement in his confidence and last term he went up 4 spelling groups and 3 reading groups. I think you might have become his teacher for life!"

Book your place today:
Brenda Larkin 0274 546 915
Email: brendalarkin1967@gmail.com

Course Dates: Monday 13th – Friday 24th January (excluding Mon 20th Wellington Anniversary Day).

Children's Flea Market - Saturday, 14 December from 9:30am - 2:30pm, Hutt Central School Hall, 6 Railway Avenue, Alicetown, Lower Hutt. Fundraising for WCWA Junior & Youth projects 2020. For more information contact Erin 027 200 3100 or Yuan 021 540 646. Organised by the Wellington Chinese Women's Assocation.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES:

The Kerry School of Irish Dancing - Summer workshops for new little dancers aged 2-7 who would like to come and give Irish Dancing a go. Workshop dates are: 21, 22 & 23 January 4:30 - 5pm,at Randwick Primary School. Workshops are free and you can attend as many workshops as you like. Please bring a drink bottle and wear shorts and a t-shirt. To book your child into the workshop please contact Kristina by PM or email kerryschoolfirishdancing@gmail.com.

Lower Hutt Tennis Club Holiday Camps - Monday, 16 December to Friday, 20 December and Monday 27 January to Friday, 31 January from 9am - 12pm. Come and learn basic technical & tactical fundamentals on court with or Head Coach, Michael McGlinchey. We have racquets available and loads of spot prizes to be won. \$20 dav or \$80 full week. For more information, or to register please mcglinchevcoaching@gmail.com.

Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club is running a holiday programme in January 2020 for children aged 5yrs+ who are confident in deep water & can comfortably swim 25mtrs. Tuesdays & Thursdays – 6 - 23 January. Choose 10am-11am &/or 4pm/5pm. \$10 per session. For more information please call Barbara on 027 485 8888 or make your booking via our website https://wellingtondiving.org.nz/holiday-program

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