



Kia ora koutou Boulcott whanau,

Welcome to Level 3 at Boulcott School! I have to say, it has been an unusual week here. The school is now open again, but it is very quiet around the place. We have a skeleton staff of around 10 working on-site while the rest of the team continue to work from home. We have two learning bubbles operating on-site, with around 12 children attending school each day. It has been so great to have students back on site and we have been incredibly impressed with how these students have adapted to the different environment with all the health and safety restrictions in place. As you can imagine, practising social distancing can be hard work after being at home for over 5 weeks! A big thank you to our on-site staff, who have all pitched in getting our environment set up for learning under Level 3 restrictions.



We hope you are all continuing to do okay within your bubbles. Some of you will be back to the daily commute this week or may have extended your bubble a little wider. We know many of you have worked out alternative childcare arrangements rather than sending your children back to school. We thank you all for making things work, so you and your children can stay at home for a little bit longer. We know this is not an option for the families that are sending their children to school, so we are very happy to have these students with us.

Thank you also for all the hard work you are doing at home to support your child's learning. We totally appreciate it is not easy, so keep doing what you think is right for your family. If it's a bad day and the learning isn't completed IT IS OK! Keep the well-being of your whanau at the centre of all decision making. We welcome any feedback or queries you may have about the learning that is being set.

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our HOUSE DAY last Friday. If you haven't seen the highlights yet, check out the video here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w8aUPzz5tnN-0gyReD-hsYCtVhRojYII/view?usp=sharing>

Next week we will await the Government's decision about moving from Level 3. Guidance will be provided by the Ministry of Education about what Level 2 will look like for schools, then we will put our own plans in place and communicate with you.

Nga mihi,

Stu Devenport

Principal



Kia ora e te whānau and greetings from the Board of Trustees. We hope that you are all well and safe in your bubbles with Term 2 now underway. First up, the Board would like to thank Stu, the teaching staff, the office staff and everyone at Boulcott School that contributed to getting us all up and running with distance learning following the level 4 lockdown.

The Board has moved to online meetings so that we can continue our work supporting the school. The Ministry of Education is doing a great job keeping schools and Boards informed and up to date with the developing situation, and we will continue to follow their guidance around when and how schools can re-open. This week, as we have now moved to level 3, a small number of students have returned to school. The Senior Leadership Team and Stu have done a huge amount of careful planning to prepare for the level 3 partial opening and the Board would like to thank them and also the teachers, teacher aides and staff that have volunteered to return to school during this time.

We know distance learning will be putting pressure on a situation already under stress. We really appreciate the work all whānau are doing to support their children and keep themselves safe. Whatever shape your child's learning can take at the moment, it will be what is right for you and your whānau.

Our final piece of news for this newsletter is that, after 9 months, the Environment Court has made a decision on the Summerset development. On the whole, the development as planned has been approved and will be granted a resource consent. There are some conditions to the consent aimed at reducing the disruption during construction. On 15 April the Court directed that Summerset had 15 working days to submit its revised conditions to the Court. There will then be a further period of 10 days for them to provide any additional supporting information, so that's by 21 May, the Environment Court will be in a position to finalise the consent conditions. The Board will meet on Monday, 11 May to plan our next steps, with a focus on ensuring the school's needs are communicated to Summerset and taken into consideration during the work. We will update you further on this once we have had the opportunity to meet. If you would like to attend the next online Board meeting please email [BOT@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:BOT@boulcott.school.nz) or send any thoughts or feedback to our email address and we will certainly make sure they are seen by all Board members.