



Kia ora koutou, Guten tag, Bula, Nǐ hǎo, Mingalaba, Namaste, Greetings, Sàwàtdee, Hallo, As-salām 'alaykum, Min-ga-la-ba, nín hǎo, Néih hóu, Konnichiwa, Chôm rab suôr, Tālofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana!

The last few days have been a feast for the senses, having all the students and staff return to school and back to some kind of normality! Having the classrooms and playground filled with smiling faces and laughter has been an absolute joy. The children have all done a fantastic job at transitioning back into routines under the new restrictions - what an incredibly resilient group of children we have at Boulcott School. After the hype of returning earlier in the week, tiredness will start to kick in (if it hasn't already), so it is essential they all get to bed early to get as many hours of sleep as possible! No doubt you will all be endeavouring to get back into some good routines again, which all children like to have.

A big thank you to our parent community who have done so well at complying with the continued restrictions in place under Level 2. We appreciate the challenges of having to drop your children at the gate rather than take them into class, but the children have actually proven they are more than capable of doing this little trip by themselves and what a great opportunity to build their independence!

Below are reminders of our expectations during pick-up and drop off time in Level 2:

- All children from Years 3 to 6 can enter and exit the school grounds without your assistance now. Make a meeting spot with your child/ren for the end of the day. The Walking Pou on Ariki Street is a good meeting point.
- The only parents that need to be onsite are those of children in Year 1 and 2. The earliest you can arrive on the school grounds for a pick up is 2:55pm.
- These parents need to wait outside the external doors of the classroom, keeping to social distancing of 2 metres.
- Please leave the school grounds straight after you have collected your child.
- There is no need for parents to be using the internal corridors of the school.
- If visits to the school are required, all visitors need to sign in at the office for contact tracing purposes.
- If children are not collected at 3pm they will be directed to the Senior courtyard at the front of the school for you to collect them. If you are unable to collect your child/ren by 3:10pm, please consider enrolling them in After School Care.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing Boulcott teachers who have done a remarkable job of managing the challenges of the lockdown period, including the quick transition to teaching via distance learning. It was a steep learning curve for us all but they all accepted the challenge with a growth mindset and have learned a whole lot of new skills along the way! The team are all thrilled to be back on-site, doing what they love... in the classroom!

## LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has already made a time to meet with your child's teacher over the next week. We are really looking forward to meeting with you all during the 're-start' of the year.



The focus for these 15 minute sessions would be three fold:

- Parents provide feedback to the teachers on how the lockdown and distance learning programme has gone for their family.
- Teachers provide assessment information from Term 1 about your child.
- Establishing some shared goals / next learning steps for your child for the next two terms.

We are really keen to connect with every family (adults only). We are offering 3 afternoons for you to make a time:

- Thursday, 21 May
- Wednesday, 27 May
- Thursday, 28 May

We welcome you to book in a time to meet with your child's teacher using the link below:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=rb6bs>

## TEACHER ONLY DAY CANCELLED

At the beginning of the year, you would recall, we were planning to hold a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday, 2 June for curriculum development. In light of the past 7 weeks, I have decided to cancel this day as the priority is having the children working with their teachers in their classrooms as much as possible. We are still planning to hold our Teacher Only Day in Term 4 on Tuesday, 27 October.

## BAKING AND SHARED FOOD AT SCHOOL

I appreciate that it may have become somewhat of a birthday tradition for children to bring a cake, baking, lollies or other types of treats to share with the class to celebrate at school. Under Level 2 restrictions we should not be sharing food at school, so please save these treats for home or parties. Coincidentally, at the beginning of the year the Senior Leadership Team were reviewing our Healthy Eating policy, so keep a lookout for changes and recommendations later in the year, regardless of the Covid-19 Alert Levels.

## EMERGENCY FOOD PACKS

Thank you to those families that have returned their child's emergency food packs. In order to be prepared for an emergency, we would like every child to bring an ice-cream container packed with food items ie spaghetti/baked beans, small tin of fruit, muesli bars, barley sugars etc. Please avoid items containing nuts due to allergies. We would appreciate it if you could return your containers to the school before the end of this term, last day being **Friday, 3 July**. Please ensure the containers have your child's name, room and House colour clearly labelled.



## WELL-BEING & TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL SEMINAR

Hosted by Dr David Wales, National Director, Learning Support, this webinar is for parents and whānau supporting children and young people with disabilities, high health needs, learning and behaviour difficulties to return to early learning services and schools. Panellists including Mark Potter, Principal Berhampore Primary School, parent Friar Wadia, RTLB Cluster Manager Roseanne Gibson, Practice Adviser Māori (Pouhikiahurea) Sonja MacFarlane and Psychologist Michelle Wood, Ministry of Education, will share their diverse knowledge and experience.

You are welcome to [join the live webinar any time](#) from 10:45am for an 11am start on Thursday, 21 May and participate by sending questions you would like the panel to answer through the live chat.

## WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We welcome the following students and families to Boulcott School. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott:

Year 1: Pat, Amelie, Poppy, Isabelle, Charlie, Kelly, Dustin, Indy

Year 3: Archie

Nga mihi nui  
Stu Devenport  
**Principal**



## Term Dates 2020

**Term 1:** Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Term 2:** Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul

**Term 3:** Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jul – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sep

**Term 4:** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec



## EVENTS

Thursday, May 21

Parent Teacher meetings  
3:15 pm

Wednesday, May 27

Parent Teacher Meetings  
3:15 pm

Thursday, May 28

Parent Teacher Meeting  
3:15 pm

Monday, June 1

Queens Birthday  
All Day

Monday, June 15

BoT Meeting  
7:00 pm

## SKIDS - Before and After School Care

### Additional Holidays:

**Queen's Birthday:** Monday, 1 June

**Labour Day:** Monday, 26 October

**Teacher Only Day:** Tuesday, 27 October

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**French Lessons at Boulcott School** - Fun French for kids at Boulcott School on Thursdays at 3:20pm. Children speak French from the first lesson. Lessons are based on interactive activities, role play, crafts, active games and music. Free trial lesson. After that \$14.50 per 50 minute lesson, plus a membership starter pack of materials to use at home. To register contact Stefi on [stefi@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:stefi@lcfclubs.co.nz) or 021 178 2099. Visit the website [www.lcfclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcfclubs.co.nz).

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**Marrzipan Drama** - Marrzipan Drama is running a special discounted short term for the rest of Term 2. Students will get to explore different scripts, choose their favourite, audition and be cast as a character, and then record a MOVIE TRAILER for the play. A digital copy will be sent to parents so you can celebrate your child's achievements by watching it at home with them. Marrzipan Drama is a safe space where children are encouraged to learn at their own pace and come out of their shell when they are ready, with the guidance of our wonderful, fun and supportive Marrzipan teachers. Check out our website for more info or to book a trial class [marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://marrzipandrama.co.nz)

**Fulton Swim School** - Fulton Swim School is located at 24 Lane Street Upper Hutt, private indoor heated facility, small teaching groups and a structured program that encourages improvement, fun and safety while learning the life skill of swimming. Some of our children currently attend [Fulton Swim School](#) and absolutely love it here. It's an amazing life skill to learn, and we recommend all parents consider the gift of allowing their child to learn how to swim. To find out more, [click here](#)."

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