



The
Boulcott



Wednesday 19 August 2020
Term 3 Week 5

Broadcast



Kia ora koutou,

Well, it has certainly been a roller-coaster of a week hasn't it! The return to Level 2 restrictions means we are still not out of the woods yet. It was a relief to hear we were not moving to Level 3 last Friday... lets hope we can pull together again to stamp this nasty virus out of the community in Auckland.

A huge thank you for once again supporting the restrictions under Level 2. Our main focus is around minimising the amount of visitors we have on site, hence why we are asking you drop your child/ren at the school gate. If you do need to visit the school, please use the COVID-19 Tracer App to register your presence at school. You'll see these QR codes on most entries and classroom windows around the school. If your child is late please make sure they sign in at the office before going to class.

Our main goal at school over the past week has been keeping things as normal as possible for our tamariki, many of which we have observed a shift in anxiety levels, which is completely understandable. It is important to consider what messages the children are exposed to during this heightened time. Whether it be listening to media reports or simply over-hearing adult conversations, it is surprising what messages 'stick' in their minds. You might be interested in a couple of flyers that popped into my inbox last week, one referring to [tips for parents and caregivers on media coverage of major events](#). The other is around [coping with stress during infectious disease outbreaks](#). Both are well-worth the read.

I also thought I'd share this little message from a Principal colleague which I think sums up things nicely:

Please don't underestimate the toll that the COVID experience this year has had on us all. We all weathered this extraordinary experience over many months, staying positive, being kind and getting through. We have now been thrown back to Level 2, with the uncertainty of how this will play out over the coming days, weeks and months. We are 'COVID-weary'; outwardly putting on the energetic, brave face in front of our families, workmates and friends. Underneath we are weary, and a certain amount of anxiety is bubbling beneath the surface. Digging deep

is harder than it was. So again, be kind to yourself and be aware we are all feeling this in our own way. Humans are fragile and a little TLC goes a long way right now.

CALENDAR UPDATES

As you know, Level 2 restrictions have impacted on our event calendar. This will no doubt continue to change depending on the situation but here's what we know for now:

SAVE
THE DATE



- **TEACHER ONLY DAY** is going ahead as planned this **Friday, 21 August**. School is closed for students this Friday.
- **INTERZONE CROSS COUNTRY** has been rescheduled for **Friday, 28 August**. This is great news for our top runners!
- **HOME & SCHOOL DISCO** at this stage is still on for **Friday, 28 August**. We will make a decision on this after the Government's review of level restrictions this Friday. There is an option to reschedule this event to Term 4 if we have to.
- **INTERZONE SWIMMING** is still on for **Friday, 4 September**.
- **CELEBRATION OF ARTS EVENING** is still on for **Wednesday, 23 September**. Our first Electives session to prepare for this evening starts next week.

PROPERTY UPDATE

We are excited to see some contractors on-site to start a couple of minor concreting projects in the playground. If you do visit school, you'll notice safety fencing up under the shade sail where new concrete is going down, replacing the gravel under the picnic tables. They will then move to the area outside our caretaker's shed, replacing the existing broken concrete. We are excited to finally get this work underway!

SCHOOL RE-VISIONING CONSULTATION

Over the last 2 terms, the Boulcott staff and Board of Trustees have been reviewing our current school vision to see if it still fits with our future direction for the school. Last week, I had the pleasure of working with our Year 6 House Captains, to hear their views of our current vision and their ideas for the school's future. They certainly are a creative bunch! The next part of the process is getting feedback from you, the parents and caregivers, so keep an eye out for an online survey to complete in the next couple of weeks!

SCHOOL APP

Our school app, which was launched earlier this year, is another great tool for communicating with our community and it has been great to see so many families using this. Under the icon 'My Child,' information that you have provided to the school will be displayed, such as mobile numbers, emergency contacts etc. If any of this information is no longer correct can you please contact the school and we will change it. It is important that we have current information for each student.

TERM DATES 2021

I can confirm our Term Dates for the school year in 2021, which are laid out below. Please be aware there will be additional Teacher Only days during term time (probably during Term 2 and 4), which are yet to be set. These will be communicated to you all by the end of the year. It is important to note that these Teacher Only days will not affect the end date for the school year in December, as we are not required to make these up.



TERM 1	
Start date	Thursday, 4 February
Waitangi Day	Monday, 8 February (Mondayised)
Easter Break	Good Friday, 2 April, Monday 5 April, Tuesday 6 April
End date	Friday, 16 April
TERM 2	
Start date	Monday, 3 May
Queens Birthday	Monday, 7 June
End date	Friday, 9 July
TERM 3	
Start date	Monday, 26 July
End date	Friday, 1 October
TERM 4	
Start date	Monday, 18 October
Labour Day	Monday, 25 October
End date	Thursday, 16 December

ENROLMENTS BALLOT

Our Enrolment Ballot for out of zone students wishing to start at Boulcott School in Terms 1 and 2 of 2021 takes place on **Friday, 23 October**. We welcome anyone who wishes to be included in this ballot to contact the school office for a ballot form, or alternatively, you can download a ballot form from our website at www.boulcott.school.nz, under the 'information tab' and click on 'Enrolling at Boulcott School'. Ballot applications close on **Monday, 19 October**. A reminder that this ballot also applies to students who are out of the school zone that have siblings at Boulcott School.

SPORT @ BOULCOTT



Congratulations to Jake Williams who has been selected for the Under 11 Hutt Old Boys Rugby team and Bella Vaaitoa who has been selected for the U13 Hutt Valley Basketball Team. What a great achievement!

Water Polo - Games are still being played at Stokes Valley Pool under Level 2, but no spectators are allowed inside the pool. Players are to be dropped off and picked up from outside the pool.

Cross Country Results - We had some amazing runners and results from last week's Central and Northern Zone Cross Country, held at Trentham Memorial Park. Our top 20 runners now progress onto the Inter-Zone Cross Country on Friday, 28 August.

Top 20 Results: Year 4-6 Boys and Girls

Year 4 Girls	Anna 1st, Lucy 3rd, Hollie 7th, Olive 15th
Year 4 Boys	Todd 6th, Luke 7th, Joseph 13th
Year 5 Girls	Eva 1st, Jada 5th, Zoe 6th, Scarlett 9th, Harper 15th
Year 5 Boys	Jacob 1st, Archie 11th, Marley 15th
Year 6 Girls	Suri 1st, Maddi 4th, Cassidy 6th, Bronte 8th, Arabella 9th, Ivy 11th, Ashlee 13th, April 20th
Year 6 Boys	Tyler 5th, Toby 7th, Jake 12th, Lucas 13th, Thomas 16th, Hugo 17th, Taine 18th



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, 14 August : Teacher Student

Room 6	Maddie A	Maaz
Room 7	Corbin	Franklin
Room 8	Evie	Pat
Room 9	Arya Matilda	
Room 11	Violet	Inge
Room 12	Casey	Raffy
Room 13	Zac D	Ryan
Room 14	Tala	Emily X
Room 15	Azariah	Ethan G
Room 16	Chelsea	Jasper
Room 1	Lorriane	Abbie
Room 2	Eva	Krish
Room 3	Te Whairua	Rishka
Room 4	Ameenah	Camden
Room 5	Lucy W	Jayden



TOITOI YOUNG WRITERS

Congratulations to Katie and Harper who have been published in Toitoi - a Journal for Young Writers. Katie had some writing published and Harper illustrated a story. Well done girls - you are amazing!



WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

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

HOME AND SCHOOL

Boulcott School Disco - **Friday, 28 August**. More information to come.

Additional Holidays:

Teacher Only Day: Friday, 21 August

Labour Day: Monday, 26 October

Teacher Only Day: Tuesday, 27 October

Term Dates 2020

Term 1: Wed 5th Feb – Thu 9th Apr

Term 2: Tue 28th Apr – Fri 3rd Jul

Term 3: Mon 20th Jul – Fri 25th Sep

Term 4: Mon 12th Oct – Thu 17th Dec

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal



Kia ora e te whānau. The Board of Trustees held our first meeting for the term last week and there's certainly a lot going on around the school. The first key piece of news is that the Board approved a decision to opt into the Government donation scheme again for the 2021 school year. The roll numbers for this year are lower than last year, which will mean we unfortunately receive less Government funding, but the Board felt that now more than ever, with so much uncertainty, the opportunity to take financial pressure off the school community was the right decision.

The property plan that was approved in late 2019 is progressing. Following a tender process, we have appointed an Architect to modernise Rooms 1 - 4 in the Senior Syndicate and a couple of the Middle classrooms also. We're very excited to see some innovative ideas that will bring our learning spaces in line with modern teaching practices. We were particularly pleased to find an architect that recognised the special character of Boulcott School and will design in a way that complements our beautiful buildings and environment.

Stu Devenport was also able to share some exciting news with us at our meeting. The Senior Leadership Team has been successful in securing Ministry funding for 120 hours of professional development time to support a big push to raise achievement in writing across the school. Writing has been identified in the School Charter and Annual Plan as an area for improvement through all levels of the school. The Ministry funding will allow a literacy specialist to work with our teachers on the upcoming Teacher Only Day in August, and there will be further input from a second literacy specialist in early 2021, so there's some real opportunity to supercharge some great writing and lift achievement for our students.

Finally for this update, this term the Board will be reviewing the policies on Learning Support, Appointment Procedure and Child Protection. Links to these can be found on the school's website under the Information tab. Look for *Policy & Procedure: SchoolDocs*, follow the link to the SchoolDocs website and log in using Boulcott as the username and password. We welcome any feedback on the policies from the school community.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Thurs, 20 Aug	ICAS Science Exam
Fri, 21 Aug	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Fri, 28 Aug	Inter-Zone Cross Country, ICAS English Exam, H&S Disco 6pm
Tues, 1 Sept	ICAS Spelling Exam
Thurs, 3 Sept	ICAS Mathematics Exam
Fri, 4 Sept	Interzone Swimming Yr 4-6
Mon, 7 Sept	BOT Meeting (7pm Staffroom)
Fri, 11 Sept	Assembly (2pm Hall)
Fri, 18 Sept	Jump Rope
Mon, 21 Sept	Scholastic Book Fair starts
Wed, 23 Sept	Celebration of Learning Evening
Fri, 25 Sept	Assembly (2pm Hall) End of Term 3 (3pm)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fun French for kids at Boulcott School, Thursdays 3:20pm for ages 5-10

- Experience French learning the fun way! Children speak French from the first lesson.
- Lots of interactive activities, role play, crafts, active games and music.
- Free trial lesson. After that \$14.50 per 45 minute lesson, plus a membership starter pack of materials to use at home.
- To register your interest please contact Stefi on stefi@lcfclubs.co.nz or 021 178 2099.
- visit the website www.lcfclubs.co.nz.

NumberWorks n Words - English and Maths Tuition. Free Assessment, book now by phoning 570 0737 or visiting numberworkswords.com/nz.

Tennis Coaching - TERM 4, 2020 - (For children from Y2-6)

Places are available in this programme which takes place at Boulcott School on **Mondays from 3:10-3:50pm, starting on Monday, 19 October 2020** and continuing for 6 consecutive weeks.

The coach will be Mr Gary Nelson, an experienced teacher and qualified tennis coach.

All equipment is provided including rackets. Cost is \$50-00 for the block of 6 lessons and this is to be paid at the first lesson. If you wish to enrol please phone Gary Nelson (Ph- 589 7178) **as soon as possible**.

Enrolments will be taken on a first in, first served basis.

Holiday Programmes

Wellington Phoenix Holiday Programme - The Wellington Phoenix FC are hosting a 2 day training programme during the upcoming October school holidays. Monday, 5 October and Tuesday, 6 October, 9am - 3pm at Fraser Park Sportsville, Lower Hutt. Suitable for ages 7-12 years and all abilities welcomed. Full members \$120, complementary and non members \$150. What's included in the 2 day programme: Coaching from New Zealand Licenced Coaches, Official Phoenix branded apparel, skills, drills and loads of fun! Register now on our website: <https://www.wellingtonphoenix.com/holiday-programmes-1>.

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