


The
Boulcott

Wednesday 14 October 2020
Term 4 Week 1



Broadcast



Kia Ora koutou Boulcott Whanau,

Welcome to Term 4! It's hard to believe we are in the final term of 2020. I hope you all had a nice break from the usual school routine over the holidays. It is great to see all the children back, looking rested and energised for another exciting term!

We are all hoping for a smooth term, free of Covid interruptions! Term 4 is traditionally a busy one, with loads of exciting learning experiences plus Education Outside the Classroom opportunities and our usual end of year celebrations, which include farewelling our Year 6 leavers. It is really important to us that our leavers get a good send off from Boulcott School, especially after such a challenging year. I encourage you to keep up to date with the school events by referring to our Google School Calendar on the school website and the 'Important dates' at the bottom of each newsletter.



A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Celebration of Arts evening during the final week of Term 3. It was great to see all the parents and whanau back in the classrooms after a long hiatus! We hope you enjoyed sharing the learning artifacts and arts that were on show.

We had a great morning at school on the final day of Term 3 with our annual Jump Off. This is always a fun event where House groups compete for points at various skipping activities. The highlight for all the staff is seeing the older students support their younger House members in these events - a lovely example of tuakana teina in action!



This term the teaching teams are continuing with our CONNECTIONS concept for the year. Keep a look out for the Syndicate newsletters later in the week, which will give you additional information about the learning programmes for your child's syndicate over the next term.



Remember in Term 4, we require all children to be wearing a wide-brimmed pōtae (hat) everyday in the playground, no matter what the weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with one of these each day. If you do need a hat, you

can purchase a Boulcott School hat from the school office for \$19. We have an exciting week planned this week for BOOK WEEK! We had author Sacha Cotter and illustrator Josh Morgan yesterday and the teachers have been spending time reading with the tamariki in other classes. We are looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up for BOOK CHARACTER DAY this Friday!

Students in Year 3 to 6 are currently preparing for our annual Athletics Day which takes place on Wednesday, 28 October. We invite you to come along to this event to support your child (and others) with various running, jumping and throwing events on offer.

If you've visited school this term you'll notice our playground has been freshened up with new playground markings - it is looking so good! This was made possible by being successful in a community grant by the Four Winds Foundation. Our concreting projects have also been completed in the playground, which has also tidied up the area under the shade sail and outside the caretakers shed.



SAVE
THE DATE



TEACHER ONLY DAY - TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

A reminder that school is closed for students on **Tuesday, 27 October** (the day after Labour Day). This will be a valuable day for teachers to complete assessment moderation and prepare for student achievement report writing (which will be distributed at the end of Term 4 to all students). Our Teacher Aides will also be using the day for professional development to upskill in a number of areas.

A reminder that during the negotiations for Teachers and Principals collective agreements last year, an additional 8 Teacher Only days were established to be used during the term of the current agreement. In order to meet these requirements, this will be the second Teacher Only Day to be held in 2020. Thanks for your continued support.

CLASS ORGANISATION & INTENTIONS FOR 2021

Although we are still in October, the Senior Leadership Team has already commenced their planning for 2021. One of the key planning components is looking at our student numbers so we have a good understanding of how many children we will have in each syndicate. If your circumstances are changing and you know your child/ren will not be returning to Boulcott School in 2021 can you please contact me on principal@boulcott.school.nz.

Later in the term, the teaching teams will commence the process of forming classes for 2021. This is often an intricate process where a lot of factors are taken into consideration. Learning, social, behaviour and emotional needs, are all put into the mix to ensure we make the right decisions for each child.

Although at Boulcott School we do not take parent requests for class placements, if you have some information you think we would find useful about your child, you are welcome to provide us with this. If you wish to do this, please let me know directly by Friday, 6 November. You can email your thoughts to principal@boulcott.school.nz

STAFFING UPDATE

I have received a resignation from Kaajal Patel, who has decided to head on her big 'OE' for 2021. Kaajal will be missed greatly by everyone at Boulcott School as she contributed so much to the school over her 3 years with us. We are currently advertising for teacher vacancies for 2021.

We welcome Mel Ross to the Teacher Aide team, who will be working this term primarily in the Junior School, supporting our young learners. We also welcome back Dana Skinner to the teaching staff for Term 4. Dana will be working 1 day a week, releasing classroom teachers in the Junior School.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

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

Aaria, Aurora, Basil, Clarice, Kenzie, Mandy.

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Congratulations to the Boulcott Blues, Year 5 & 6 Water polo Team, who were runner up in the Term 3 Water polo competition held at Stokes Valley pool. Well done team!



LIBRARY

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported and visited our Book Fair last term. It was a great success and we sold over \$6000 of Scholastic books. Boulcott School receives a percentage of these sales, which we put towards buying new books for the library. Thank you to the wonderful parent helpers, who helped each morning and afternoon with the Book Fair, we were kept very busy! The amazing artwork was thanks to Carol, our very creative Teacher Aide, who spent many hours making the library look amazing.

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.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

ASSEMBLY TERM 4

As you are aware Boulcott School is well on our way on our Positive Behaviour for Learning journey. We have decided to be creative and try something new - based on research and successes happening in other schools we work with in our network. As part of this initiative, we are going to trial a different approach to our **assemblies and House points system for Term 4**. The PB4L team will seek feedback from staff, kids and community at the end of Term 4 around this trial.

Our assemblies will be on even weeks (2, 4, 6, 8) on a **Monday morning** - starting just after the teachers have taken the roll and then walked their classes over to the hall. Families are welcome to attend after dropping their children off at school. The content will be similar to what we have currently. We will try to keep assemblies to around 40-45 minutes long. Please feel free to stay after drop off and enjoy our morning assemblies.

House Points will be announced in assembly as usual. The House Captains will then pour the contents of all four House point boxes into a see-through tube that will be on display in the office. This shows that when we all work together as a team at Boulcott School to earn Cheer House Points, we can earn a school-wide reward. Our first reward last term was 'bring a toy' day which the kids really enjoyed. Our School Council has interviewed kids and come up with a great list of fun, cheap/free fun whole school ideas for this term once the tube is full!!

One last trial involves the winning House each fortnight - as this usually just contributes to the cup at the end of the year. We are going to trial the winning House each fortnight having 10 minutes extra supervised play on the Monday the points are announced. Research shows that if rewards are frequent and as immediate as possible, positive behaviours are reinforced.

Please note in Weeks 9 and 10 our special 'End of Year Leavers' assembly and prize-giving celebration will be at usual times (to be advised closer to the time).



Thank you for your support with this trial! We are excited to be trying something new!!

Jodi Mitchell and the PB4L team



This is the type of tank/tubing we are looking for. Can any of our families help us with this? We've been looking but can't find anything similar anywhere!! Thanks!!

HOME AND SCHOOL

Calendar Art reorder forms were sent home on Monday. In order to get these processed and returned in time for the end of the term, orders are due back by **Monday, 19 October** and will be **CASH ONLY**. Please get your child to put any orders into the black bag in their classroom.

Ice Block Friday will begin this week, Friday 16 October. Ice blocks will be sold under the shade sail at 3pm and will cost \$1-00.

Disco - Friday, 6 November.

2021 Term Dates

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

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Mon12 - Thurs 15 Oct	School Photos
Fri 16 Oct	Book Character Day
Mon 19 Oct	Assembly 9:10am, Ballot closes, BOT meeting 7pm
Tues 20 Oct	Seniors Zoo Trip
Wed 21 Oct	Hutt Science STEMM Competition
Fri 23 Oct	Ballot drawn
Mon 26 Oct	Labour Day Holiday - School closed
Tues 27 Oct	Teacher Only Day - School closed, H & S meeting
Wed 28 Oct	School Athletics all day Year 3 - 6
Thurs 29 Oct	EPRO 8
Mon 2 Nov	Assembly 9:10am, Hutt Intermediate Open Morning 9:30 - 10:30am
Fri 6 Nov	H & S Disco
Mon 9 Nov	BOT Meeting 7pm
Tues 10 Nov	Central Zone Athletics Years 4 - 6 (pp 12 November)
Fri 13 Nov	St Bernard's Orientation Day 9-3pm
Mon 16 Nov	Assembly 9:10am
Wed 18 Nov	National Young Leaders Day, HIBS Testing & Orientation Day
Fri 20 Nov	Kapa haka Exchange
Tues 24 Nov	Interzone Athletics Years 4-6 (pp Thurs 26 Nov)
Wed 25 Nov	Junior Athletics Day
Fri 27 Nov	Spelling Bee
Mon 30 Nov	Assembly 9:10am
Tues 1 Dec	Regional Athletics (pp Thurs 3 Dec), Rm 13 & 16 at the Dowse
Wed 2 Dec	Room 14 & 15 Dowse
Thurs 3 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party, Cushion Concert
Mon 7 Dec	BOT Meeting
Thurs 10 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Evening
Fri 11 Dec	Reports to go home
Mon 14 Dec	Whole School Picnic at Avalon Park
Tues 15 Dec	Prize giving Assembly
Thurs 17 Dec	Term 4 finishes at 1pm

Additional Holidays:

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

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

Junior Touch Rugby - 8 - 13 years, Ex-Tender series is beginning this term! Skills and games will be held at **Hutt Park** on **Sundays**, 18 October - 15 November 2020, **9:30AM-12:30PM**. There will also be an **open skills and info day** at Hutt Park, 11 October 10am to 12pm. The cost is \$60pp or for a family of 2 or more, \$50pp (tournaments are an extra cost TBC). This cost will be paid directly to the Wellington Touch Association. If you would like to register your child, all the information can be found here: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/135398>.

Singing Lessons - Experienced singing/performance teacher available for individual lessons. 35min \$35 60min \$50. Casual for fun or competitive training, great for confidence/self esteem/personality development. Based in Te Aro in a lovely comfortable space. Weekdays or Weekend slots available. Jazz/pop/musical theatre. All ages but specialises in youth. Check out vocal and performance lessons with Jacquie Fee on Facebook for further info and videos! Free consultation - whanau welcome to observe :) Open to have a korero about payment options. 0220976101-jacquiefee@gmail.com <https://www.facebook.com/Jacquiefeesinging>.

SKIDS BOULCOTT TEACHER ONLY DAY



sKids Boulcott Teacher Only Day Fee Schedule

Programme	Session Time	Price
Full Day	7pm to 6pm	\$55
Short Day	8am to 3pm	\$42

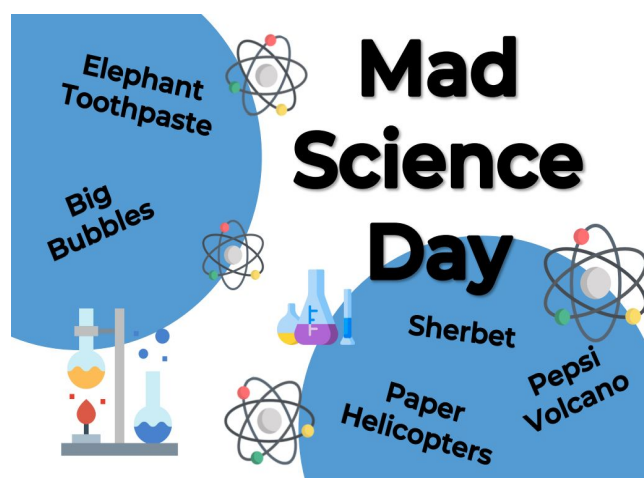
BOOK NOW!

Boulcott School Hall

Tuesday 27 October
Full Day: 7am – 6pm
Short Day: 8am – 3pm

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