


The  
**Boulcott**

Wednesday 28 October 2020  
Term 4 Week 3



**Broadcast**



Kia Ora koutou Boulcott Whanau & Happy Diwali!

Week 3 of Term 4... time is flying by fast in our final quarter of 2020. We have had an action packed start to the term already. Firstly, a big thank you to the community for supporting us for our second Teacher Only Day yesterday. This was a hugely beneficial day for ALL staff. The classroom teachers used the time for moderating assessment and preparing for student report writing, while our Teacher Aide team took the rare opportunity for professional development, working with key facilitators from the Health and Education sector. A big thank you to Jodi Mitchell for organising the day for our support team!



We were so impressed with the time and effort our tamariki applied to our annual Book Character Day at the end of Week 1. There were some truly impressive outfits on display for our character parade. What a creative bunch you all are!

Congratulations to our two Year 5 and 6 teams that represented Boulcott at the Hutt Science STEMM Challenge last week. Out of 20 schools and 33 teams, Boulcott School achieved 2nd and 6th place at the annual competition - Ka rawe!! Later this week, we have two teams representing us at the Epro8 competition, which is another technology problem solving event. Best of luck to everyone involved!



The weather managed to play its part today for our annual Year 3-6 Athletics Day. This is always a highlight of the events calendar at this time of year. It is wonderful to see everyone participating in all the events, no matter what ability level you are! Congratulations to our top Year 4-6 athletes, who have been selected to represent Boulcott at the Central Zone event soon. This is a great opportunity to compete against others from around the region.



Another event we are able to kick-start at the end of this week is 'Boulcott's Got Talent!' This is an opportunity for our tamariki to showcase their talents to their peers during the lunch hour. Well done to everyone who has submitted an entry, we can't wait to see what you have to share!

## STAFFING UPDATE

I am thrilled to announce we have appointed an awesome classroom teacher to join the Boulcott School team in 2021. Lucy Bould will be joining us from Houghton Valley School. Lucy has strengths in Literacy, Numeracy, The Arts and Te Reo Maori.

## 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 email me, [principal@boulcott.school.nz](mailto: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](mailto:principal@boulcott.school.nz)



# 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.

<b>Monday, 19 October :</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Student</b>
Room 6	Katie	Mackenzie
Room 7	Jasper M	Arthur
Room 8	Lea	Indy
Room 9	Aaliyah	
	Ethan	
Room 11	Brigade	Aaria
Room 12	Crystal	Jack
Room 13	Micah	Sim
Room 14	Brody	Abigail
Room 15	George B	Mandy
Room 16	Indie E	Ethan B
Room 1	Lachlan F	Lorraine
Room 2	Lachlan M	Paxton
Room 3	Chloe W	
	Eric	
Room 4	Suri	Issachar
Room 5	Adiya	Ella-Rose



## WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Hugo and his family to Boulcott School. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott.

## LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 7 - Online orders due by 3pm today.

## PARKING

If you arrive early to collect your child at the end of the school day please do not park in the 15 minute car parks, if you intend on being longer than this. This is only short term parking for pick ups and drop offs shared with kindergarten parents. There is longer term parking available down the end of Boulcott Street or on Ariki Street.

Nga mihi nui  
Stu Devenport  
**Principal**



Kia ora e te whānau.

Last week the Board of Trustees held its first meeting for Term 4 – only two more to go!

### **New research in early literacy teaching**

Fiona Ranchod and Karen Clements opened the Board meeting with a presentation around new research in literacy. They outlined how outdated the current methods of teaching early literacy are for children arriving at school as New Entrants. There is growing interest nationally in an approach called Structured Literacy, where children are given the tools to decode sounds and language before they begin learning to read. Structured literacy allows children to move through the early literacy process at their own speed – children that take to reading quickly have more tools to extend their knowledge, but more importantly, it gives children that find stepping into reading more difficult the tools to build success.

The proposal is to run a trial in 2021 of the new approach in two of the Junior classrooms. If the trial is successful – and they have seen strong results in other schools around Lower Hutt/Awakairangi – it will be extended across the rest of the Junior school. It's a big change, and we have work to do on how it can be successfully funded, but all of the Board members felt inspired by what we saw and the potential for our youngest learners to achieve much better outcomes right at the start of their school journey. The proposed trial will be discussed again at our next meeting and we will provide an update to the school community.

### **Science Teaching Leadership Programme Opportunity**

Stu Devenport and Melissa Coton have also been working towards an amazing opportunity for Boulcott School to take part in the Science Teaching Leadership Programme run by the Royal Society Te Apārangi. At the Board meeting Stu confirmed that they have successfully secured a place in the programme and this will be led by Melissa Coton in 2021. Melissa has already completed phase one of the programme at her previous school and will now take Boulcott with her through phase two. The key objective of the programme is to improve the quality of science teaching across the school – it's a wonderful opportunity that will really impact the learning experiences for all our tamariki.

### **Property update**

Our property update for the meeting included a first look at the architect's plans to update and modernise areas in the Senior and Middle school blocks. Senior and Middle school staff feedback has been incorporated into the new layouts, and the plan strikes a great balance between updating classrooms to suit modern teaching practises and retaining the character of the school.

## **Farewell and thanks**

Our final item in the newsletter is to thank Kaajal Patel for all her hard work during her time here at Boulcott School, she will be missed by staff, parents and especially the students.

*Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu - Adorn the bird with feathers so it will fly.*

Thank you for helping our tamariki fly high Kaajal. We wish you all the best to find a new adventure on your journey.

### **2021 Term Dates**

Boulcott School Board of Trustees

### **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

<b>TERM 1</b>	
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
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Start date	Monday, 3 May
Queens Birthday	Monday, 7 June
End date	Friday, 9 July
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Start date	Monday, 26 July
End date	Friday, 1 October
<b>TERM 4</b>	
Start date	Monday, 18 October
Labour Day	Monday, 25 October
End date	Thursday, 16 December

<b>Important Dates</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Wed 28 Oct	School Athletics all day Year 3 - 6
Thurs 29 Oct	EPRO8
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

## HOME AND SCHOOL

Disco - Friday, 6 November. A new google form will be sent home over the next few days for everyone to complete if their child wants to attend the disco. Even if you completed a google form originally, due to the date change, everyone will need to complete a new form.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

**Lunchonline** - Golden Wrapper Promotion on **Thursday, 5 November**. Everyone that orders lunch online this day will go in the draw to receive the lunch with the golden wrapper. Inside the golden wrapper will be a free voucher for the family to redeem in store at Pita Pit.

### 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@lcclubs.co.nz](mailto:stefi@lcclubs.co.nz) or 021 178 2099
- visit the website [www.lcclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcclubs.co.nz)

**Gingerbread Houses** - A Boulcott School parent, Judith Taylor, is making gingerbread houses to sell as a Kids Can fundraiser. The cost of the gingerbread houses are approximately \$65 per constructed and decorated house, \$40 per DIY kit with everything included, with around 60% of the purchase cost of each house going to Kids Can. Please contact Judith on [judith.taylor@westpac.co.nz](mailto:judith.taylor@westpac.co.nz) for more details. Gluten free is also available.



**Naenae Festival of Cricket** - Naenae Park, Fridays 5pm from 30 October to 4 December.

Programmes:

- Superstar Cricket (4-8 years old) An opportunity for young kids to come along and learn fundamental motor skills in a safe and fun environment, using cricket as the motivating factor.
- Yeah! Girls (9-12 years old) Cricket, but not as you know it! An opportunity for fun and learning, providing a girls only experience.
- Backyard Cricket (all ages) Bring your families and friends along and give cricket a go.

**Wellington Diving Club** - WDC turns 30 – Star Wars meets springboard diving at Kilbirnie Pool.

Wellington Diving Club is turning 30 and to celebrate we're putting on a spectacular display & show that will be hugely entertaining!

Saturday, 14 November at 11.00am. Free entry plus vouchers for all spectators for a free Sunday have-a-go session. Trial Lessons also available throughout Term 4, Tues, Wed, Thurs (4pm) or Saturday 10:15am. T&C's apply. For more information please call Barbara on 027 485 8888 or <https://wellingtondiving.org.nz/contact>.

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**SAINTS & ANGELS**

Fun friendly costumes are welcome!  
(no scary ones though please)

free popcorn and candyfloss  
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inflatable fun  
glow in the dark room  
giant slide

bungee run  
sausage sizzle and drinks on sale  
face painting  
arts and crafts  
soccer cage

Gold Coin AND/OR Can of Food entry  
All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult

SATURDAY 31ST  
OCTOBER 5-7PM  
AT **Knox Church**  
574 HIGH STREET  
WĒTĀ OR FINE  
569 9528

**SAINTS & ANGELS PARTY**

**Lower Hutt City AFC** - First Kicks Programme held on Thursdays from 29 October to 3 December at Ricoh Sports Centre Indoor Facility. For ages 3-5 years from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. Runs for 6 weeks and costs \$5 per player per week.

**The Inspiration Garden** - Hutt Valley's newest, most inspirational FREE art event for all ages, curated with top Wellington designers & artists taking you behind the scenes of their passion, demonstrating their creative process & journey. Find stunning Christmas gifts & watch how ceramics, jewellery, paintings, felt, leather products, sculptures & many other artworks are made. Come along to experience the creative magic & leave with beautiful products along with a new knowledge and understanding of art/ design that will spark your curiosity for creation. Saturday, 28 November, 10am till 4pm at the Petone Baptist Church. Free entry & perfect for all ages, children & families.

**Next Chapter Parenting** - is offering a free parenting course to parents who might be having a struggle in managing their children, or just need some tips and advice. This course does work and has the potential to be very helpful. All it requires is for parents to look, read, watch and hopefully gain out of the process. The course is offered on the website [www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz](http://www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz) and is set out in video, and in written format. Based on filial therapy principles, it is child centred and most definitely works for those that put in the time. Have a look and happy parenting. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact [nextchapterparenting@gmail.com](mailto:nextchapterparenting@gmail.com).

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