



The Boulcott



Wednesday 25 November 2020
Term 4 Week 7

Broadcast



Kia Ora koutou Boulcott Whanau,

What an honour it was to attend our annual Kapa haka Exchange with Eastern Hutt and Waterloo Schools last Friday. Our Year 5 and 6 students performed with a huge amount of mana and passion - once again sending shivers down everyone's spines with their waiata and haka. It was wonderful to see our Kaia take the lead with karanga and whaikorero during the welcome powhiri too. A huge thanks once again to Matua Whaitiri for preparing us for the big performance, your guidance is a vital part of us performing to such a high standard.



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Central Zone Athletics last week at Hutt Recreation Grounds. We also had over 30 students that qualified for the Interzone Athletics yesterday, competing against students from across the Lower Hutt Cluster. We are incredibly proud of you all!

We also had a large group of Year 5 and 6 students represent Boulcott School at the first TouchJam competition on Saturday. It was a brisk day with the gale force northerlies sweeping across Hutt Park. Well done to everyone involved and a huge thanks to our parent support crew on the day. A particular thanks goes to Phil Vaaitoa for coordinating the event for Boulcott School.



Well, things are moving along at a cracking pace as we head towards the end of the school year. As always with the second half of Term 4, it is jam-packed with school and community events, so it is essential to keep a close eye on the calendar to keep informed and attend these events as a whanau!!



- **2 Dec:** Cushion Concert. Bring your picnic dinner to the school field for Xmas Carols and fun. (5:30pm)
- **10 Dec:** Year 6 Leavers Evening (Year 6 Whanau only) 7pm.
- **11 Dec:** Student reports to go home and 2021 stationery lists
- **14 Dec:** School Picnic at Avalon Park (All welcome)
- **15 Dec:** Whole School Prize Giving 1:30pm
- **17 Dec:** Final Assembly, farewelling our Year 6's (12pm)

SPELLING BEE

Best of luck to all of the tamariki involved in our first Spelling Bee on Friday! The key focus of this event is all about raising money for the school while learning a few spelling words at the same time! The children will be working in teams to get all their words correct. We understand spelling can be tricky for some children but this is another opportunity to step out your comfort zone and 'Give It A Go!' A huge thanks to the Home and School team, Karen Henry and Melissa Coton for coordinating this event.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS EVENING

On Thursday, 10 December we have our annual Year 6 Leavers' Evening. This event will be from 7:00pm until approximately 8:30pm in the school hall.

Year 6 students and their families are invited to attend to help us celebrate the Year 6's time at Boulcott School. We have close to 70 Year 6's graduating this year so due to space constraints, **numbers are limited to two family members per student.**

There will be a few speeches, songs, certificates and performances. Students will also receive a copy of the YearBook. While students usually dress up a little for this event, there is no need for formal wear or to buy anything new. The school will provide tea, coffee and slices to enjoy after the formalities.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

GEAR AMNESTY!

As the school year draws to a close the staff at school start to undertake a comprehensive stocktake of all school resources. We are aware that there may be many of these items at homes around our community, so it would be wonderful if they could be returned. Keep a look out at home for any of the following and return them to school as soon as possible:

- School Library books
- School readers (eg school journals, Junior journals etc)
- Kapa haka uniforms
- Sports uniforms
- Sports gear

In addition to this, if you have any outstanding accounts with the school office please pay these before the end of the school year.

ROAD SAFETY & ROLE MODELING

Anyone who has attempted to drive a car down Boulcott Street during pick up time, understands the importance of being patient and staying calm while you are trying to manoeuvre in and out of parks to collect children. Over the past week there have been some reports of some really irrational behaviour by adults, often with children witnessing it. We understand how tricky this pick-up process can be at times, but I ask you to show courtesy and tolerance toward others in the community so you role model positive behaviour for your tamariki.

A reminder that it is not essential for you to find the closest park to school. There is always the option of utilising the Walking Pou on Ariki Street or parking a little further down Boulcott Street and walking. Thanks again for your consideration on this matter.

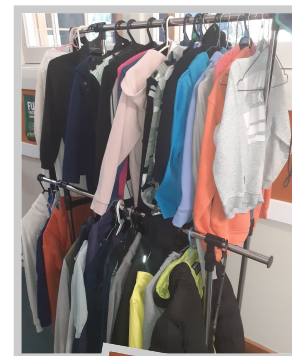
WELL DONE APRIL!

You may recall that this time last year we celebrated April Langstraat, who was selected to dance with the New Zealand School of Dance, after successfully auditioning for a place in their National Scholars

programme for Classical Ballet training. Every year the students' are assessed to determine if they will be invited back for the next year. A couple of weeks ago she underwent her assessment and April has retained her position with them and will enter Level 2 of the Classical Scholars Training programme with them next year. She is one of only 15 students nationwide to be accepted, so it is a pretty big accomplishment. Ka rawe April!

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is overflowing. Please check along the hallway and the clothing rack outside the library to see if there are any items of clothing belonging to your child. Please remember to name all clothing so it can be easily returned to its owner if it has been misplaced.



LIBRARY

Scholastic Bookclub Issue 8 - Online orders due today by 3pm.

Library Stocktake - Our library will close for the year this Friday to prepare for our annual stocktake. Please return all library books to the library slot by Friday, 27 November. Once the stocktake has been completed, any students with overdue books will be invoiced.



CUSHION CONCERT

Next Wednesday we have our wonderful annual Boulcott Cushion Concert.

- When:** **Wednesday, 2 December.** Come at 5:30pm with your dinner. Singing starts at 6pm.
Where: On the grass area in front of Room 12 and 13, alongside the playgrounds.
Who: Boulcott School Community
What: Bring a picnic dinner and listen to our lovely children sing Christmas songs.

If the weather is wet the event will be held in the school hall. We hope to see as many of you as possible to join the Christmas festivities. Please note this community activity is not suitable for dogs. The Home and School Committee will be selling ice blocks and confectionery which can be purchased using **CASH** only.



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Athletics: Congratulations to the following students who competed at the CentralZone athletics last week and have qualified for the Interzone, which took place yesterday at the Hutt Rec:

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
100m - Anna 3rd, Lucy 4th	100m - Joseph 1st, Luke 3rd
Long Jump - Anna 3rd	Vortex - Declan 3rd
Quoit Throw - Alexandra 1st, Chelsea 5th	Quoit Throw - Declan 3rd

Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
80m - Scarlett 3rd, Eva 4th	800m - Jacob 1st
800m - Eva 2nd	Long Jump - William 2nd, Krish 4th
High Jump - Charlee 1st equal	High Jump - William 1st
	Vortex - Marley 2nd

Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
80m - Ellie 1st, Nevaeh 2nd	80m - Tyler 4th, Thomas 5th
800m - Madi 3rd=	800m - Tyler 3rd=, Toby 4th
Long Jump - Ellie 1st	Long Jump - Taine 3rd, Elijah 4th, Toby 5th
High Jump - Ellie 3rd	High Jump - Taine 1st=, Thomas 3rd
Quoit Throw - Madi 1st, Bella 4th	Quoit Throw - Jake 5th
Vortex - Mabel 5th	Vortex - Logan 5th

Congratulations also to the Year 4 boys, Year 5 & 6 boys and girls who all won their relay events.



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.

Monday, 16 November :	Teacher	Student
Room 6	Hannah	Malin
Room 7	Zoe	James
Room 8	Charlie	Philip
Room 9	Hugo	
	Matthew	
	Kenzie	
	Clarice	
Room 11	Inge	
	Sienna	
Room 12	Ollie	Mikayla
Room 13	Dakota	
	Riley G	
Room 14	Toby	Jack P
Room 15	Luke	Jasmin
Room 16	Georgia	Rashid
Room 1	Dharmik	Ben Y
Room 2	Stella	Jake
Room 3	Lily O	Cassidy
Room 4	Kaya	Camden
Room 5	Marley	Siosaia



WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

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

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Wed 25 Nov	Junior Athletics Day, H & S Pizza Lunch
Fri 27 Nov	H & S 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, Cushion Concert, Junior School Fun Day
Thurs 3 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party
Mon 7 Dec	BOT Meeting
Wed 9 Dec	Middles Trip to Percy's Reserve, Parent Thank you Afternoon Tea
Thurs 10 Dec	Middle Syndicate Celebration Day, Year 6 Leavers Evening 7pm
Fri 11 Dec	Senior School Water Day, Reports to go home
Mon 14 Dec	Whole School Picnic at Avalon Park
Tues 15 Dec	Prize giving Assembly 1:30pm
Thurs 17 Dec	Term 4 finishes at 1pm



Tēnā koutou Boulcott Whānau – first up for this report, the Board would like to thank Stu, the teachers and all the Boulcott staff for guiding the community through the recent situation with the COVID-19 case in Lower Hutt. The outcome has been very positive - it's great to hear that the family affected have come through their isolation time without any further infection.

Structured Literacy update

You may recall from our last update, the Junior Syndicate teachers have been investigating a change to the way they teach reading and early literacy – it's called Structured Literacy and it's a hot topic in primary schools right around the country at the moment. Many primary schools are choosing to make the shift to a Structured Literacy approach as they find it better meets the needs of new entrants arriving at school, and it gives all students the tools to move into literacy with confidence. At our recent meeting, the Board was unanimous in supporting a trial of the programme for 2021 – the trial will run in three new entrant classrooms and we will evaluate progress later in the year.

Hand in hand with the change to Structured Literacy, we also reviewed the effectiveness of our Reading Recovery support programme. Reading Recovery was developed in the 1980s as an early intervention tool for children struggling to learn to read. It is based on a rigid teaching model and works with very small numbers of students. Looking at recent data for students that have been through the programme, and whether their success continues over time, the results are not very impressive. The Junior Syndicate

proposed that Reading Recovery be discontinued for 2021, but that the school retains Fiona Ranchod to continue working with children who need extra help moving into reading. The team are confident this approach will mean more children will receive help each year, and they will have the ability to plan the best approach for each learner, based on what their needs are, rather than having to rigidly stick to the Reading Recovery model. The Board felt the evidence backed this approach, and we have agreed to fund this change also.

So overall, it's a big change to the way early literacy will look in the new entrant classes next year, but the Board and the teaching team are very excited about the potential for making really positive changes for our students. Karen Clements and her team will be running parent information sessions in 2021, so that all whānau have the opportunity to find out about Structured Literacy, in action, or you are welcome to submit any queries or comments to bot@boulcott.school.nz, and what they can expect reading to look like over that first year at school.

Annual Plan Update

At our recent meeting, we also reviewed the draft Strategic and Annual Plan for 2021. The school is required to put together an Annual Plan each year and submit it to the Ministry of Education. It spells out what the priorities are for the upcoming year and where the teachers and staff will be focussing their time and resources. There are some exciting developments ahead for our school and community! The confirmed plan will be available on our School website at the start of 2021.

Final meeting for 2020

The final Board of Trustees meeting for 2020 will be held on Monday, 7 December in the school staffroom at 7pm. As always, you are welcome to come along to see the Board in action.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

TENNIS COACHING - TERM 1, 2021 - (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, 15 February 2021 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 on 589 7178 as soon as possible.

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

Waikawa Beach (Horowhenua) Holiday Home available for rent

We have a 3 bd house, which is fully fenced, canoes for the river, and pet friendly on request. A fantastic wide beach with the choice of beach or river swimming. Large sand hills to climb and explore. Otaki shops are only 12 mins away to the South and Levin 15 mins to the North. Contact Karleen Wilkins, 021 266 9589 for rates and availability.

The Voice of Christmas: WIN A SMART BEDROOM!! - This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'... If you can sing, and you're under 13, call **0800 THE VOICE** (that's **0800 843 864**) and sing a Christmas carol or Christmas song as your audition. The grand prize? The ultimate smart bedroom bundle complete with an Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs! Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6am, to see if you've won!

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Duncan on duncan@cba.org.nz or call on 022 476 1401.

Holiday Programmes



OSCAR House Holiday Programme

Programme plans, information & enrolments now available

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/> Years 0 – 2 in 2020

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-middle/> Years 3 – 8 in 2020

Early Bird enrolments close on **Wednesday, 9 December 2020.**

We are an MSD OSCAR approved programme & OSCAR subsidies are available.

Our premises are adjacent to Eastern Hutt School.

We welcome new families and we'd love to have you join us!"

Kids Domain - Online bookings are now open at Kids Domain. Half day and full day programmes in two locations, Lower Hutt Central and Stokes Valley. For more information go to www.kidsdomain.biz, email kidsdomain@slingshot.co.nz or phone 027 474 9573.

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