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I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday break, spending time with friends and family. I'm sure you'll all agree that the holiday break was much needed for everyone after the roller coaster of a year that 2020 was!

It was great seeing all the tamariki and whanau back at school last week. Everyone looks very refreshed and ready for another year of learning fun! A warm welcome to our new Boulcott families for 2021 - a total of 20 new families to start the year. I know you'll love being part of the Boulcott community.

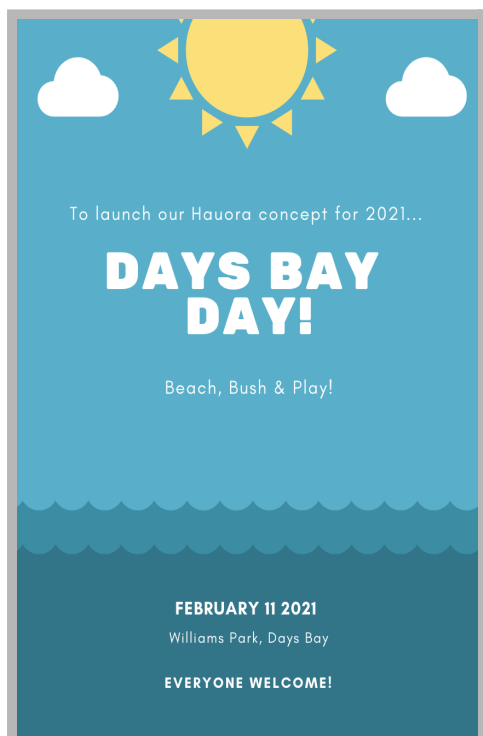
Although school only officially opened last Thursday, our staff have been at school much earlier making sure everything is top-notch for students. Last Tuesday, the teaching staff had their first professional development day with Murray Gadd. Murray is a New Zealand literacy guru and has a particular passion for teaching writing. He will be working with us for the year, modelling writing sessions in class, coaching teachers and much, much more! We are all really excited to be commencing this journey of growth in 2021. You can check out more about Murray by visiting his website [here](#).

Concept for 2021 - Hauora!

The teachers have a very exciting year planned for 2021 with a variety of opportunities that will enrich our programme and extend our learners. Our overarching concept for 2021 is 'Hauora'. To launch this concept at the start of the year we are heading to Williams Park for a 'Days Bay Day!' This will be an opportunity to connect with nature, our environment and each other. The children will be in classes and syndicates, having the opportunity to play at the park, take a nature walk and play at the beach. Whanau are welcome to join us for the day and we will require additional adult supervision to make the day successful. If you are able to help, please complete the google form that was sent home last week or [click here](#).

So what is Hauora? In a nutshell, it's all about well being. Check out this [clip for a short explanation](#). We see this concept fitting in many areas of the curriculum: Health & Physical Education, Social Sciences, Science, Te Ao Maori and so much more.

We will be using the Hauora concept to drive most of our learning programmes throughout the year. The classes are starting the year focusing on unpacking our CHEER values, exploring what they look like, sound like and feel like in the classroom, playground and around the school. They will also be focusing on what these values mean to them as a learner who is continuing to grow and change.



Parent-Teacher Learning Conversations

The first official opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher will take place in Week 3 (Tuesday, 16 and Thursday, 18 February).



Please check your inbox for an email sent out yesterday explaining the booking process for these meetings. You will also receive a copy of a Goal Setting & Profile Form for your child. Before your meeting with the teacher, we ask you to take some time to complete this form. You may like to discuss it with your child too. Bring the completed form along to the meeting as it will assist in framing the learning conversation with the teacher. This is a great opportunity for you to share important information about your child with us.

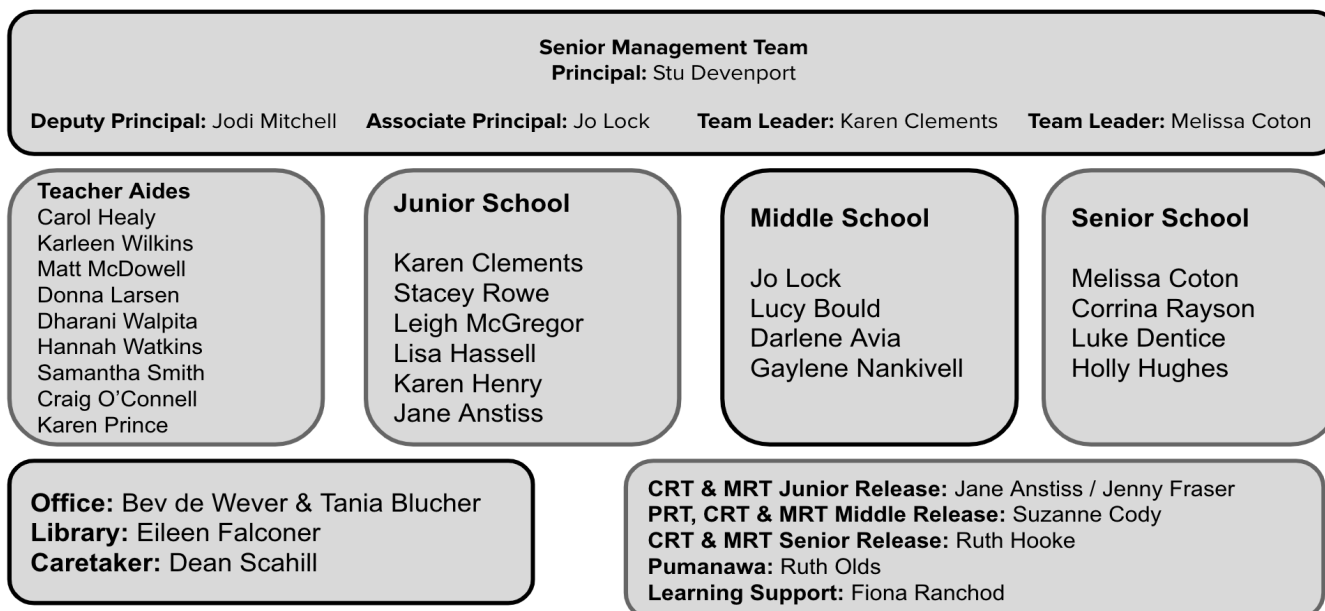
Jodi Mitchell, our Deputy Principal and Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), will also be available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Feel free to email her at jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz if you'd like to meet with her. Please click on the link below to book your interview time.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/kiosk?ecode=6t8rx>

Staffing for 2021

As mentioned at the end of 2020, we have a talented group of teaching and support staff lined up for 2021. Below is our confirmed staffing.

School Structure 2021



School Organisation

School starts at 8:55am

Morning Tea 10:30am - 10:50am

Brain Break (in class) 11:40am

Lunch 1 – 1:55pm

End of school 3pm

The school office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm (Mon – Fri).

Children are able to enter their classrooms from 8:15am. However, teachers are doing prep at this time so are in and out of their classrooms. If your child needs to be at school earlier than 8:15am there is a Before School Care Programme operating from 7:00am (details can be found here:

<https://www.boulcott.school.nz/our-people/out-of-school-care/>).

If your child arrives after the 8:55am bell they will need to go to the office to sign in using our VisTab sign in/out system.

Please ensure your child/ren is collected promptly at 3pm. All children that are waiting to be collected will wait in the Senior courtyard at the front of the school. If you are unable to make collection time at 3pm, we suggest you

utilise SKIDS after school programme.

School Twilight Gala

Excitement is building as there are just over TWO WEEKS to go until our school gala!

Volunteers needed: Thank you to those who have signed up to volunteer at the gala! We need many volunteers to bring this fantastic community event to life and with just over two weeks to go, we still have OVER 80 one hour shifts to fill. Please nominate yourself, your family, friends, colleagues, neighbours etc for a shift using the roster outside the staffroom, emailing gala@boulcott.school.nz, or clicking on the link and completing the google form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclrb8O3UwiPPIQe3N5tZcakWpMM_RRMSnFBo1QgyxvouQWjA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628



Mystery jars: Thank you to those who have dropped off their mystery jars, we've seen some fantastic creations coming in! Please remember to drop your jar to the box in your child's classroom.

Bring-a-week baking: We are kindly asking each family to contribute baking to sell at the Gala Bake Stall. This was a huge success at the last gala and we appreciate you contributing to this fundraising event again!

CHEER Awards

We encourage students with the positive values that Boulcott School holds dear through school wide assembly awards. This year we will continue to present the 'CHEER' Awards to selected students from each class every fortnight at assembly. Nominated children's names are celebrated in the newsletter. A few lucky nominees are drawn out for a prize at each assembly. If you see a Boulcott child displaying particularly positive behaviour do let the office know so we can acknowledge the good things our children do.

Assembly - Our first assembly for this year is in Week 5, Friday, 5 March. Our assemblies this year are on a Friday morning starting at 9:10am to 10:10am in our school hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

Welcome to New Students

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

Year 1: Hampton, Milena, Khanh, Juhi, Noah, Amaris, Petra, Olive, Fraser, Kason, Quinlan, Rashindi

Year 2: Zachary, Jay-Ming, George, Harry

Year 3: Sam, Riley, Cooper, Sarina

Year 4: Marlee

Year 5: Rhys, Jasmine, Bach

Year 6: Imran

Communication

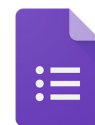
At Boulcott we use a variety of platforms to communicate important information between school and home. We believe in keeping you updated with up and coming events along with celebrating our successes.

- **The Boulcott Broadcast:** This newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon. As we are an Enviro-School we distribute this via email. If you currently receive a paper copy of this newsletter but would prefer it sent by email, please contact the school office. We are also happy to include community messages in the newsletter. We would appreciate it if all messages could be shared with the school office by the Monday afternoon before the Broadcast is distributed.
- **Email:** We regularly utilise email for reminders and other important messages. Please contact the school office if your email address needs updating from last year.
- **School App:** Our school app is another useful tool for communicating with parents. This is a secure app where you can view information about your child, report an absence, view our newsletters, along with many other features. When your child starts at Boulcott School you will receive an email with a link to download the app. If you have not joined up to use the app and would like to please contact the office.
- **School Website & Calendar:** On the front page of our website: www.boulcott.school.nz there is a Community Calendar, which we will be continuing to utilise in 2021. All important dates for families will be included on this calendar, so it is useful to visit this regularly to keep up to date with the latest events.
- **Facebook:** Have you 'liked' our School Facebook page? We utilise this page for reminders, but



more importantly, to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Boulcott School. Just search Boulcott School on Facebook to find our page.

- **Seesaw:** We will be utilising this fantastic platform to share learning between school and home in 2021. Using this app, you'll find photos and videos that showcase your child's work. We hope to have this service up and running for you and your child by next week.
- **Google Forms:** We will continue to use Google Forms for permission and newsletters that require responses from parents. If you ever need assistance with completing these, please contact the office.



We are always interested in hearing how we can make our communication more effective with our families, so feedback is welcomed.

Sun Smart

Boulcott is a SunSmart school. This term it is compulsory for all children to wear hats when outside at playtimes, lunch or undertaking sport. Please ensure your children have their named sun hats at school every day to enable them to play outside freely. Children without sun hats will be restricted to the shade sail area. Sun hats can be purchased through the school office. You may also like to apply sunblock to your children before school. Children also need to wear shoes at school to protect their feet, and clothes that are suitable for sun protection and sports activities.



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

Please note: Teacher Only Days are yet to be set.

School Donations

A reminder, Boulcott School has opted into the Government's Donation Scheme Funding which means we will not be asking for family donations in 2021. We will also not be asking families to cover additional costs for trips and other activities. You will still be asked to cover the cost of any optional activities and school camp (Year 5 and 6 students). Because of this change, we need to be careful choosing the trips and activities, so we keep to budget! Rest assured, our swimming programme is continuing in 2021.

Although we will not be asking for donations in 2021 they will still be graciously received and welcomed! Last year we received some generous donations from families which went towards school operations. We really appreciate all contributions.

Birthday treats in classrooms

Some of the classroom teachers have noticed that a tradition is forming with students bringing treats (lollies, cake, ice blocks) for their classmates when it is their birthday. Although we see this as a lovely and generous gesture, it can create complications with dietary requirements and additional pressure for others to reciprocate. We ask that you save these birthday treats for parties or after school hours. Children are made to feel special on their birthday with each class having their own ways to celebrate. Thanks for your support on this matter.

Touch Rugby update

Thank you to all whanau who registered their tamariki for Touch Rugby 2021! We are excited that 75 of our kids are registered across ten teams this year. Registrations have now closed for Terms 1 and 4. Games start on Thursday, 18 February. Your child's Team Coach or Manager will contact you about game times, training sessions and any other information. We will meet with the kids this Friday to let them know what team they are in and some general info about Touch Rugby. Your child will bring home a 'Code of Conduct Contract' – please read, discuss and sign this with your child. These are due back on Monday, 15 February.

For more info check out <http://www.totaltouch.org.nz/>. Good luck for an awesome season.

Library

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 1, online orders are due by **Wednesday, 17 February**. Orders are online only, no order forms are to be returned to school. To download the app go to scholastic.co.nz/LOOP.

Parents are welcome to borrow books from our 'Parent Section' of the library. If you need to be set up with a barcode pop into the library on Friday morning or afternoon and this can be organised for you.

Road Patrol

We have new road patrollers manning the pedestrian crossing before and after school. Please support their safety role and cross Boulcott Street at the crossing with your children. A patroller will call out 'Cross Now' as the signal for pedestrians to step onto the road once they have checked the road is safe. A special thank you to the parents who have offered their time in the mornings to supervise our patrollers. We appreciate your support.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Thurs 11 Feb	Whole school trip to Days Bay (pp Friday, 12 Feb)
Mon 15 Feb	Middles swimming starts, BOT Meeting (7pm staffroom)
Tues 16 Feb	Learning conversations 2:30pm - 7pm
Thurs 18 Feb	Learning conversations 2:30pm - 5pm, Touch Rugby starts
Fri 19 Feb	Powhiri for new families 9:10am - 10:10am
Mon 22 Feb	Middles swimming continues
Wed 24 Feb	Camp information evening for Senior students 6:30pm - 7:15pm
Thurs 25 Feb	Last day of Middles swimming
Fri 26 Feb	Twilight Gala 4pm - 8pm
Mon 1 March	Junior and Senior swimming starts, Movin March begins
Fri 5 March	Assembly 9:10am
Mon 8 March	Junior and Senior swimming continues
Mon 15 March	BOT meeting (7pm staffroom)
Fri 19 March	Assembly 9:10am
Fri 26 March	Senior swimming sports
Fri 2 April	Good Friday - school closed
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday - school closed
Tues 6 April	Easter break - school closed
Fri 9 April	Assembly 9:10am
Mon 12 April	BOT meeting (7pm staffroom)
Tues 13 April	Seniors on camp
Fri 16 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm, Seniors return from camp

From the School Office

Absences

Please ring the school office before 8:55am if your child is going to be absent for the day. Messages can be left on the school answer-phone, emailed, or you can leave a message using our website or our school app.

Invoices

Invoices will still be issued for optional activities. The expectation is that all invoices will be paid immediately, unless arrangements have been made with the office. All money and forms returned need to be in a (recycled) sealed envelope or plastic bag, with your child's name and room number clearly written. It would be helpful if parents could organise the envelopes or bags the night before so children can hand them directly to the classroom teacher. These are then handed into the office after the roll has been taken, as the office is busy dealing with absentees in the morning. Alternatively, you can pay by eftpos or direct credit using account 12-3142-0062729-00. Please include your child's name as a reference.

Student Information and Medication Update

It is very important that we have up-to-date information on our records. If you have any changes to the information we presently hold, please inform the office. Any medication your child may require at school needs to be held at the office with instructions on how it is to be administered. Medication needs to be in a clear container with your child's name on it.

Lunches

We offer Pita Pit lunches on **Thursdays** and sushi on **Fridays**. School lunches will be available from Thursday, 18 February. This can only be ordered online by going to www.lunchonline.co.nz to register. An account is created for your child and payment made, so you have funds in the account before you order, which can be used at any time to order lunch on a Thursday or Friday. The lunches are delivered directly to school and given to your child. **Please note** that if you already have an account set up from last year, you will need to go in and change your child's room number to their current room number.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

French Lessons at Boulcott School - Fun French for kids at Boulcott School on Thursday 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 or 021 178 2099. Visit the website www.lcfclubs.co.nz.

Music Lessons

Keen on piano lessons at school? There are a couple of spaces available to learn on Tuesdays with Jonathan from Go Piano. Call 027 637 3764 or email info@gopiano.co.nz for more details and for a free trial lesson.

Goodtime Music Academy - is taking enrolments for 2021 in-school music lessons now. If you want your child to be a part of these award winning music lessons, and may not want to commit to taking your child anywhere after school, then in-school lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course. Please visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

Marrzipan Drama - Self-Confidence classes at Boulcott School. Spaces Available for Term 1 2021!

Marrzipan have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our term productions.

Our classes will be running on Thursday, at 1pm. **Spaces are limited to 10-14 students, to sign up for a non-obligatory trial lesson** - please register your interest by emailing josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz. See you there!

Parenting Course - *Initiating Independence*— Parenting 6 to 12-year olds

Starting Wednesday, 10 March to Wednesday, 14 April. 2 hours per week for 6 weeks. Wednesday 7 pm – 9 pm. Small group classes (max. 14 people) in Petone Community Centre, 6 Britannia Street, Petone, Lower Hutt

- Learn skills to communicate with and support your child
- Understand your child's behaviour
- Feel empowered to solve behavioural issues

Register here <https://www.parenthelp.org.nz/parenting-course/>

Kids Yoga - Eastbourne Library 1st floor. For more information go to www.kutumbayoga.co.nz or email kutumbayoganz@gmail.com.

Singing Lessons - Experienced singing/performance teacher available for individual lessons. \$35 for 35 mins or \$50 for 60 minutes. Casual for fun, or competitive training, great for confidence/self esteem/personality development. Based in Te Aro, Wellington. Weekdays for weekend slots available. For more information phone Jacquie on 022 097 6101 or email jacquiefee@gmail.com or go to <https://www.facebook.com/jacquiefeesinging>.

Cricket and Basketball Opportunities- Girls Year 1-8

Chilton runs two afterschool sports clubs that they would like to open to all Girls in the Hutt Valley region. The focus is to develop skills in a non competitive fun environment.

Cricket club:

Date: Thursday Feb 11th, 25th March 4th , 11th & 18th

Time: 3.30pm- 4.30pm

Venue: Chilton field / turf

Deliverer: Cricket Wellington

Cost: \$25 for 5 sessions

Contact: adenney@chilton.school.nz to register asap

Basketball Club:

Date: Tuesday 11 May- 6 July

Time: 3.30pm- 4.30pm (if numbers of Year 6-8 are large we may split and run the older groups from 4.15pm- 5pm)

Venue: Chilton JC gym

Deliver: Capital Basketball

Cost: \$30

Contact: adenney@chilton.school.nz to register by April 2nd

sKids Boulcott is here for Term 1 2021! Visit: www.sKids.co.nz/book-with-us to book now!

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Wellington 5010

Term 1 Activities

February 4th 2021 – April 16th 2021

Before School Care | 7:00am to 8:30am
After School Care | 3:00pm to 6:00pm

Week 1 Space Come explore the wonders of Space with us!	Week 2 Wonders of Nature Experience the wonders of the Natural World!	Week 3 Myths & Legends Learn about creatures from myths of old and perhaps create your own!	Week 4 Under the Sea Explore the mysteries of the deep blue Sea with us!	Week 5 Be Dramatic Release your inner actor with goofy games and drama activities!
Week 6 Mystery Solver There are puzzles, riddles and mysteries to be fund. Can you solve them all?	Week 7 Book Week Celebrate your favourite book characters, or maybe discover something new!	Week 8 Mad Science Unleash your inner Mad Scientist with experiments galore!	Week 9 Easter Prepare to celebrate Easter with us!	Week 10 & 11 Kids Choice Kids choose what we do to finish off the school term!

Email: boulcott@skids.co.nz | Onsite Mobile: 027 291 1438 | Office Phone: 0800 274 172

Register now at www.sKids.co.nz

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