


The
Boulcott

Wednesday 10 March 2021
Term 1 Week 6



Broadcast

Stand tall, fly high, together. Kia tū kaha, kia maia, kia rere ki te ao.



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Wow! It's hard to believe we are halfway through Term 1 already! We are all thrilled to be operating back in Alert Level 1 again - long may it continue!

We are still living off the thrill of our outstanding Twilight Gala. How lucky were we to hold such a huge event between two sets of Alert Level 2, with the weather coming to the party too! The Gala Committee certainly achieved their goal of creating a great community event with a healthy profit being a bonus. Well, they definitely achieved the bonus too with \$24,000 raised for the school. These profits will be held in the Home and School account, which the school will tap into throughout the year. We will keep you updated on where the funds are spent as the year rolls on. We are looking forward to acknowledging our wonderful Gala team this Friday in assembly, but in the meantime, on behalf of all the students, staff and parents at Boulcott School, thank you for your outstanding efforts to make the event such a success in more ways than one! School Galas are always a mountain of a project to undertake, yet your excellent organisational skills made the mountain achievable to climb and hopefully an enjoyable process too! What an outstanding community evening!

Boulcott has continued to be a busy place over the past fortnight with all our students attending swimming lessons at Huia Pool. Thanks to all the parents/caregivers who have helped out with supervision at the pool during these lessons - it is much appreciated by our classroom teachers!

We are incredibly excited to host our first whole school assembly this Friday. Please note that our assemblies will now be held at the beginning of the day - 9:10am, so we welcome you to hang around after drop off on Friday to attend. We will be presenting certificates to our first round of CHEER recipients for 2021 and this week we have classes from the Junior school presenting some of their learning from the past few weeks. It's sure to be lots of fun!

In the last newsletter we celebrated our Year 6 House Captains for 2021. Do you know there are many other leadership opportunities that are on offer for our Senior students? Over the past two weeks these students have had the opportunity to

apply for a myriad of leadership roles; Office Assistants, Greenies, ICT Crew, Sports Monitors, Librarians, Peer Mediators and Kapa haka Leaders to name just a few! We are very fortunate at Boulcott to have such a depth of talent with our students, who are keen to step up and utilise their great leadership skills! Congratulations to everyone who has put themselves forward for one of these roles.

Movin' March

It's great to see all the Boulcott students making the most of the fine weather for Movin' March! Well done to everyone who is collecting their stamps in their Movin' March Passport - keep up the great work!

We've noticed there are several scooters left at school at the end of every day. Please make sure these are collected at the end of the day so you don't lose track of where they are.

It is also timely to chat to your children about the importance of road/footpath safety while they are travelling on scooters or bikes to and from school. It is natural for children to want to travel at speed on these machines, but it's important for them to be aware of the hazards at the same time.



Drop off and Pick up from School

We have noticed many children have been arriving at school after 9am on a regular basis. A reminder that the first bell of the school day is **8:55am**. We expect all children to be at school and ready for learning **before** this time so they are set for success for the busy day ahead. Arriving early means they have time to connect with their peers, play and get their equipment ready for learning. Arriving late often means children miss out on key messages from teachers, which can put them on the back foot for the rest of the day.

Please also ensure your child/ren are collected on time at the end of the day. It is simply not okay to have children waiting to be collected after 3:20pm. If you know you are going to be late collecting your children, we encourage you to utilise SKIDS for after school care in our school hall.

Staffing Update

In our last newsletter I shared the sad news that Darlene Avia will be leaving Boulcott School at the end of Term 1. I'm pleased to let you know we have a great teacher to take over in Room 14, starting in Term 2. Dana Skinner is returning to Boulcott School, through to the end of the school year. Dana will be working Monday - Thursday, with Ruth Olds teaching every Friday.

Many of you will know Dana as she was a classroom teacher with us before she had her baby in 2019. Dana is an excellent classroom teacher with many years experience teaching Year 3 and 4. She is super excited to be returning to Boulcott! With both Dana and Ruth working together, Room 14 are in safe hands for the rest of the school year.

Towards the end of Term 1, Dana will be spending some days working alongside Darlene to ensure there is a smooth transition.

Community Reading Programme

We are excited to begin our Community Reading Programme in Term 2. If you are interested in coming to Boulcott School to read with some of our amazing Year 3-6 students please email jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz. There will be a meeting this term to explain more about how the programme works. We will also need all helpers to complete a Police Vetting form. We look forward to having a fantastic reading programme this year.

Garden classroom

We are excited to have a special space in our garden for outdoor learning and fun. Huge thanks to Gavin van Staden who constructed this landscaping for us!!

We are adding to this area as we go and making this an even more adventurous place to play in! We have a storage area which we would like to fill with equipment for the kids to access. These could include tarpaulins, plastic tubing (eg piping or guttering), bread crates, wooden poles (e.g. long manuka branches) – for building tepee structures for example. Any items will be considered – just nothing with sharp edges!!

If you have anything to donate please initially email Jodi on



jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz as we need to ensure we only take items we can store. Drop in and check out our 'work in progress' in the garden area!!!

Thanks Again

We are continuing to receive some voluntary parent donations from Boulcott whanau over the past month. Although we will not be asking for donations this year, we will always graciously receive any that come our way! A special mention to one family who has donated \$500 to the school!



Greenie Group

NOOD FOOD!

A few years ago, Boulcott introduced the Nood Food initiative. Now it's back, and ten times bigger than before. For those of you who don't know what Nood Food is, Nood Food is a waste free lunchbox system. This means no plastic packets, single-use packaging and plastic wrap.

But just because your favourite chippies come in plastic doesn't mean you can't pack them in your child's lunchbox. Simply remove the packaging at *home* and send your child to school with the chippie rubbish gone. With things such as chippies, crackers, yoghurt, custard and easily bruised or canned fruit, you can transfer them into a suitably sized multi-use container. This will make you have a clean and green school lunchbox approach.

But sometimes even that isn't possible. For people who are busy full time, just buy food without rubbish to begin with. Swap out your plastic container fruit-jelly for a can of fruit. And if even that's not possible, just try your best to reuse, reduce and recycle.

The Boulcott Greenies



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Boulcott School participated in the LHPSSA non-stop cricket tournament yesterday at Fraser park. We had 24 students from Years 3-6 involved and it was a fantastic day. Each team played 3-4 games and everyone had a turn at batting and bowling. A big thank you to Margie, Ros, Mark, Amy and Anthony, who provided transport and helped with supervision on the day.

Boulcott School would like to thank Lardy for donating a big bag of awesome rugby balls for our students to use. We really appreciate this kind gesture and we'll be sure to put them to good use. Thanks Lardy!!



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: Yaniv, Darcy, Dylan, Micah, Tia & Maddie

Library

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 2, online orders are due by Wednesday, 24 March. Orders are online only through LOOP. To download the app go to scholastic.co.nz/LOOP.

Home and School

The Home and School are holding their AGM on Tuesday, 23 March, 7:30pm in the staffroom followed by a committee meeting to outline fundraising ideas for this year. We are a fun group of parents/caregivers, who meet termly to discuss ways of raising money for our students. It would be great to see some new faces join us. This year we are looking for people to fill the roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, so let us know if you might be interested in taking on one of these roles.

Any questions please contact us through the home and school email: homeschool@boulcott.school.nz.

Naming of Clothing and Equipment

Our Lost Property cupboard, located outside the hall, is overflowing with clothing. Any clothing which is named is returned to its owner. We encourage you to name all your child's belongings including school bags and hats, so if they are misplaced they can be returned.

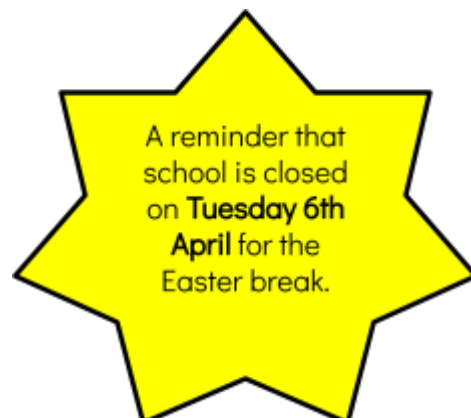
Please note: Teacher Only Day - Friday, 4 June.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

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
Mon 8 - 11 March	Junior and Senior swimming continues
Fri 12 March	Assembly 9.10am (Junior School sharing)
Mon 15 March	BOT meeting (7pm staffroom)
Fri 19 March	Assembly 9:10am (Senior School sharing)
Tues 23 March	H&S AGM (7:30pm staffroom)
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 (Middle School sharing)
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

EMERGENCY FOOD PACK

Thank you to those families that have returned their child's emergency food packs. In order to be prepared for an emergency, we would like every child to bring an ice-cream container (2 litre as shown in the picture for easy stacking), packed with food items ie spaghetti/baked beans, small tin of fruit, muesli bars, barley sugars etc. Please avoid items containing nuts due to allergies. We would appreciate it if you could return your containers to the school before the end of this term, last day being Friday, 16 April. Please ensure the containers have your child's name, room and House colour clearly labelled. If you have any spare ice cream containers at home please drop these into the office.



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.

Wellington Brick Show - Amazing Lego creations. Saturday and Sunday, 13 & 14 March, from 9am - 5pm, at the Lower Hutt Events Centre, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt. \$10 entry per person, Under 3's free, \$30 family pass.

Marrzipan Drama - Self-Confidence classes at Boulcott. Spaces Still Available! - 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, 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 termly productions. Our classes are running on Thursdays, at 1:00-1:50pm. We are halfway through our term and still need a couple more superstars to join for our performance - please register your interest by emailing josh@marrzipandrama.co.nz or calling 022 436 5608. See you there!

Queen Margaret College Open Days - Queen Margaret College has created a culture of curiosity and exploration for over 100 years from academia to arts, sports and science, our students embrace all aspects of school-life with confidence, passion and courage. Come along to one of our Open Days and get to know us better - take a personalised tour, meet our team, see our students in action and discover all the opportunities we can offer your child.

Friday 26 March 9am-12pm

Sunday 28 March 10am-1pm

Register online at <https://www.qmc.school.nz/>

Vivistop Mini Pop-up Creative Studio - Opening Wednesday, 10 March at 2 Dudley Street, for ages 9-15 years. During the following 2 weeks, kids are able to create, make, tinker and work on fun projects with the help of VIVITA volunteers. All the events and activities are free to attend. For more information contact Kadri Uljas on 022 1974 868 or email kadri@vivita.kiwi.

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



Term 1 Activities

February 4th 2021 – April 16th 2021

Boulcott
21 Boulcott Street, Boulcott
Wellington 5010

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

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

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

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