



The
Boulcott



Wednesday 5 2021
Term 2 Week 1

Broadcast

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

Kia ora koutou Boulcott whānau

Welcome to Term 2 2021! I hope you all enjoyed the break from school routines over the last couple of weeks. Wellington is definitely starting to feel quite autumnal, with chilly mornings changing colours - it's always a nice time of year!

It is great to see all the tamariki and staff back, looking relaxed and refreshed. Our Senior Syndicate were in definite need of relaxation after an action packed final week of term at Camp Makahika! What an awesome adventure you all had in the bush, embracing the elements. It was amazing to see our Senior students push themselves outside of their comfort zone and wonderful to hear stories of them supporting each other throughout the various challenges that were on offer. For some of our children, even being away from home for a couple of nights was a massive achievement, let alone scaling high-rope courses, river crossings and sleeping in tents (in the rain too!).

A huge thank you to our dedicated teaching staff and helpful camp parents who made the week such a success for all the children - we could not have provided this experience without you all. A special thanks to Melissa Coton who did an incredible job coordinating the big week. Planning for this started way back in 2020, so we thank you for all your hard work and excellent organisation.

We have an exciting term planned, full of great learning experiences to explore. Term 2 is usually the term when lots of 'meaty' learning happens in the classroom. The class culture and relationships have been established in Term 1, so teachers and children can get into the real nuts and bolts of learning. A reminder that at the end of this term, parents will receive a mid-year report on your child's progress and achievement throughout the first half of the year. As always, you are welcome to touch base with your child's teacher prior to this to check how they are progressing.

We are continuing to focus our learning around the concept of HAUORA in Term 2. This term all the classes will be exploring 'Taha tinana,' how we look after our physical well-being. Keep a look out for syndicate newsletters later this week which has more in-depth information on the learning programmes for the term ahead.

At the end of last term we gave a sad farewell to Darlene Avia as she has now moved up to Auckland. This term we welcome Dana Skinner back to Boulcott to take the teacher reins in Room 14. Our latest New Entrant class has also opened this term, with



Jane Anstiss teaching our youngest tamariki in Room 9. We start the term with a total of 307 students at Boulcott.

SCHOOL FUN RUN & CROSS COUNTRY - MAY 19th

Term 2 is also packed with exciting events for the community to get involved in. One of the first events in the calendar is our annual school Cross Country and we have some exciting changes installed for 2021! Firstly, you would have received the communication from Home and School about fundraising for the 'Fun Run' which will be held on Wednesday, 19 May. This will be a full participation event with some exciting additions to the race. We will also be holding our traditional competitive races for our Year 3 to 6 students on this day. This is to identify our top runners for our Zone events later in the term. Further details about this day will be shared with families shortly. In the meantime, keep getting those sponsorships in from friends and family before the big day!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Speaking of events, I encourage you to keep up to date with our Community Calendar, which can be found on our school website or by [clicking here](#). We endeavour to keep this up to date each week so it is a useful tool in managing the busyness of school life.

Another important date to lock into your diary is our first **TEACHER ONLY DAY** of the school year, which is scheduled for Friday, 4 June (the day before Queen's Birthday).

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS, while Boulcott staff complete professional development in Literacy teaching and assessment.

If you are having trouble arranging child care for this day, our After School Care provider, SKIDS, will be operating a full day service in the school hall on this day. To register your interest in using this service on Friday, 4 June, please contact Caitlin at boulcott@skids.co.nz

SAVE THE DATE



CHEER TOKENS!

We have replaced the old House point cards with flash new CHEER tokens. Turquoise tokens are worth 10 House points and the coveted gold tokens are worth 50! These still go into House points boxes and totals are announced at assemblies. The winning House is celebrated and gets 10 minutes free supervised playtime that day. Points get added up over the year to go towards the House Cup.

All tokens are then poured into a transparent container in the office area. This is a visible way of seeing how many tokens we are earning as a whole school by working together to show our CHEER values. The School Council interviewed classes about rewards. When the container is full the whole school has their reward - for e.g. a pyjama and bring a game day.

This initiative sits within the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework, which we are in our third year of implementing. For more information about PB4L check out the noticeboard in the front foyer - or go to <https://pb4l.tki.org.nz/PB4L-School-Wide>



SUNSHADE REPLACEMENT

If you have visited the playground over the last month you would have noticed we are missing our big sunshade. No need to worry as we have a replacement one ready to go through funding from a community grant. There are a few areas of rust in the frame that need fixing up, so once this has been completed the new sunshade will be installed.



THANK YOU

Over the term break our awesome caretaker Dean Scahill replaced all the lighting in the school hall to LED lighting. It required some impressive scaffolding to reach these fixtures, so we are extremely grateful to Shawn Parahi and his team for providing the scaffolding free of charge to the school. Much appreciated!!

Many Thanks!





SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Our winter sports start over the next few weeks. Good luck to all our netball teams and the Boulcott Makos water polo team for their first games.

ENROLMENTS BALLOT

Our Enrolment Ballot for out of zone students wishing to start at Boulcott School in Terms 3 and 4 of 2021 takes place on **Friday, 14 May**. 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, 10 May**. A reminder that this ballot also applies to students who are out of the school zone that have siblings at Boulcott School.

If you currently live in our school zone and have a child turning 5 in Terms 3 & 4 of 2021, please ensure you have completed an enrolment form for your child, and returned it to the Boulcott School office at least 6 months before their starting date, along with proof of address. It is important when deciding on how many out of zone places we can offer if we know how many in zone students we have starting.



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Camp Makahika - 2021

At the end of Term 1 the Senior Syndicate went on a fantastic camp. For weeks the anticipation had been building and when we stepped onto the buses, everyone was excited.

As there were three different days and overnight places at camp, there were three groups of people as well. These were the yellow, blue and green groups, which all rotated through the different activities.

One of the most popular activities at camp was the Zipline. Everyone enjoyed whizzing down the line, striking poses all the way. Most people wanted to go again. Another favourite activity was high ropes, where everyone loved to be scared by the terrifying heights of 14 metres. If you didn't enjoy the heights, you could always just climb the ladder or guard the harness of whoever was climbing at the time.

We learnt about bushcraft survival and one of these activities was fire lighting. We roasted marshmallows and learnt how to start a fire in the bush out of tinder and fuel.

We also went to a special area and built some bivouacs (a shelter in the middle of nowhere made out of tarp and big sticks). On cue the rain started pouring down. Luckily we all got in our shelters and were fine.

Another activity was the river crossing. We did a freezing cold walk through the water. It was so exhausting and your legs stung like crazy but it was great fun. Once the whole group got across the river and back again we got Freddo Frogs and had a hot shower. That possibly was the best bit of the day.

The bush walk was really long (like 5 hours). It was also very muddy. It passed through a private farm so there was a lot of cow poop. Good thing there was a stream and a huge rushing river. We walked up a steep incline, followed by more cow poop then down another steep incline into a National park. We did a huge loop track back up towards camp, then turned into the bush hut.



At camp, everyday we got delicious food. Even people from home made amazing baking for our morning teas. Most mornings we had cereal and toast for breakfast, except the morning at the Bush hut - we got sausages and eggs.

We had different meals every night. Burgers, Pasta-Bake and Roast chicken. We even got yummy apple crumble and ice cream. It was delicious.

A huge thanks to the wonderful staff and instructors at Camp Makahika, the awesome parents who helped us out and the amazing Senior teachers, Ms Coton, Mrs Rayson, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Henry.

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Lily, Frances, Zoe and Regan



Tena koutou Boulcott Whanau,

Update on Board of Trustee Vacancy

As communicated earlier, the Board of Trustees has had a casual vacancy for a Parent Representative. The Board resolved to fill this vacancy by selection.

It is the Board's pleasure to announce that Josh Williams was the successful candidate and we are looking forward to Josh joining us at our next BOT Meeting on Monday, 17 May.

Josh currently has Poppy at Boulcott School in Year 2, and 3 year old Lachlan destined to join his big sister in a couple of years.

Josh brings to the Board a background in education, working for several years in policy management roles at the MOE in both schooling and Tertiary Education sectors. Currently Josh is a Principal Consultant with Skills Consulting Group, providing vocational education consultancy services both in New Zealand and overseas.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the parents who put their names forward for consideration. We were fortunate to have a strong group of nominees volunteering to join the Board of Trustees, and look forward to all candidates putting their names forward again next year for the 2022 BOT elections, as you all have so much to offer the school community.

Senior Camp

As a Board, we would like to thank all those involved in planning, coordinating, and attending our Senior school camp in the last week of Term 1 at the Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre. The feedback from the school community was that it was an overwhelming success, and despite the "weather gods" threatening to wash us out, it was a fantastic 4 days/3 nights.

Special thanks to Melissa Coton in her camp leadership role, the teaching staff, and our fantastic parents. Your efforts and commitment to making the camp a huge success is much appreciated.

Home and School

Sausage sizzle fundraiser - Yesterday, fundraising information and a google form from the Home and School Committee for a sausage sizzle on Wednesday, 19 May was emailed out. Order forms and payment need to be submitted by Friday, 14 May. All payments to the Home and School account:12-3478-0056621-00. This fundraiser will go ahead whether the cross country is on or not. Sausages will be available for parents attending the cross country event to purchase, this will be cash only as there is no eftpos available.

Home and School Meeting - Tuesday, 11 May, 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Launchpad Champions

A notice was sent home to all Year 3-6 families on Monday about the change to our Launchpad Champions programme (formerly Bible in Schools). This programme, previously taught on a Friday morning to our Year 3-6 students, is now being taught on a Friday lunchtime at 1pm for half an hour in our school hall or Room 16. The form sent home was an 'Opt-In' form, which needs to be completed and returned to school by Thursday, 6 May, if your child would like to participate, as this programme commences on Friday, 7 May.

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.

Friday, 9 April:	Teacher	Student
Room 6	Elizabeth	Tiger
Room 7	Kenzie Dylan	
Room 8	Maddie I	Julian
Room 10	Poppy	
Room 11	Virika	Hunter
Room 12	Greta	Addison V
Room 14	Alana	Charis
Room 15	Brianna	Olive
Room 16	Emma R	Leo
Room 1	Ashton L	Jada
Room 3	Aaliya	Lawrence
Room 4	Charlee	Marley
Room 5	Lily O	Tamati



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: Jorja, Marlowe, Michael & Zaiden

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 Day - Friday, 4 June.

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Fri 7 May	Junior Syndicate Wheels Day
Mon 10 May	Senior Syndicate Wheels Day, Ballot closes
Tues 11 May	National Young Leaders Day, H&S Meeting 7:30pm staffroom
Fri 14 May	Assembly 9:10am (Seniors sharing about camp), Ballot
Mon 17 May	BOT Meeting (7pm), Bully Free Week

Wed 19 May	Cross Country & Fun Run, Senior Water polo starts at Stokes Valley Pool
Fri 21 May	Colour Day
Mon 24 May	Shuttle Time begins at school
Fri 28 May	Assembly 9:10am
Fri 4 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Mon 7 June	Queens Birthday - school closed
Fri 11 June	Assembly 9:10am
Mon 14 June	BOT Meeting (7pm)
Tues 15 June	Inter Zone Cross Country (pp 22 June)
Fri 25 June	Assembly 9:10am, 40 hr Famine
Mon 5 July	Huttfest Week, Matariki celebrations
Fri 9 July	End of term (3pm)

From the School Office

Reminder - if your child is away from school for any reason ie sick, dental or doctors appointments, please ensure you let the office know by leaving a message on the absentee line (ph 566 3058) or using the school app, website, or email to record an absence.

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.

Whitby Collegiate Open Day

Whitby Collegiate is the first co-educational, independent school for Year 7-13 in the Wellington region, giving us a rare ability to create a place where all students are happy, generous achievers.

We believe in small classes, big thinking, individual attention and collective responsibility - all focused on helping children be the very best that they can be, in every aspect of their lives. Our Open Day on Sunday 16 May from 11am - 1pm is an opportunity for you to come along and enjoy a tour of our campus and meet our friendly staff and students.

Register online at whitbycollegiate.school.nz or call us on 04 234 1070.

Kiwi Hoops - Provide boys and girls a fun and safe basketball experience jam- packed with learning and healthy activity. The Randwick after school programme will cater to newbies and seasoned ballers. Through a games approach, our coaches will teach fundamental movement, ball skills and life skills that help tamariki develop and enjoy their sport.

For: Children in Year 1-6

Where: Randwick School Hall

When: Mondays after school, starting 17 May-5 July

Cost: \$28

Register and Pay by Thursday 13 May, via the link below.

<https://www.capitalbasketball.org/kiwi-hoops-sign-up>

Limited spaces available.

Piano Lessons - Ingrid Palmer, BMus (Hons) Performance

- Fun and engaging music lessons
- Supportive learning environment
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- Opportunities to perform
- Beginner to advanced students welcome

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