



The Boulcott



Wednesday 25 August 2021
Term 2 Week 5

Broadcast

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



Kia ora Boulcott whānau,

I hope this finds you all doing okay and safe in your bubbles on Day 8 of Lockdown 2.0! What a roller coaster of a week it has been. It is hard to believe we are once again back at home and operating our distance learning programmes again after getting back to relative 'normal' for the majority of the year. Thanks to everyone who responded so well to the swift change to lockdown life and getting familiar with online learning platforms again. A special thanks to our teachers who have also adapted so quickly back to online teaching. I am sure you can all appreciate how challenging it is to video yourself explaining tasks, reading stories and hosting class meetings online!

It is wonderful to see the high levels of engagement by our tamariki on Seesaw and Google Classroom. The Boulcott staff have been incredibly impressed with the learning you are sharing with us online. We are all really enjoying staying connected with you as we navigate Level 4 learning. A couple of reminders for you:

- If your child/ren are in Harakeke or Kōwhai and using Seesaw, you would have received a Home Learning Code from your classroom teacher. If you haven't activated this yet, you'll need to contact the classroom teacher again, so they can allocate you another, as the codes are only valid for 24 hours.
- If your child/ren are in Kōwhai or Kahikatea and you would like a school chromebook for your child to access their learning online, please complete the survey [here](#) and we can endeavour to drop a device to you.
- Remember all the tasks that have been rolled out online are completely optional. It is up to you and your child to decide how much to complete. This situation is most unusual and we are not expecting you to recreate the classroom environment at home. If it is too much of a struggle to engage in learning at home, don't force it.

Although we understand many whānau will be managing well without the need of accessing online learning, we are really keen to ensure everyone is doing okay in their bubbles. Classroom teachers are monitoring the levels of engagements online and will be reaching out to families that they haven't heard from. This is simply to check how you are all doing in your bubbles and if there is anything the school can do to support you. We are all in this together, even if we are operating in our separate little bubbles! He waka eke noa!

Below are a couple of resources I fished out from last year as we moved into Distance Learning. They might be useful to help structure your day at home.

It is good to hear that teaching and learning opportunities on TV start this week with the return of Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV.

There are details of the coming week's lessons on the [Learning from Home website](#) so everyone (teachers, parents and learners) can plan ahead.

For the first two weeks there'll be a mix of brand-new content and some more familiar favourites, such as Karen welcoming you back to *Karen's House*.

It is hard to predict what the next couple of weeks are going to look like for all of us, but the Senior Leadership Team is already planning ahead and preparing for what Level 3 may look like at Boulcott School. Again, this is a space we have been in before. There are likely to be some changes to guidelines from the Ministry of Education and Health this time around, but we will be able to use our systems from last year as a starting point. As always, we'll communicate with you promptly once we have any change to Alert levels.

I understand there is a bit of chatter amongst the Boulcott community that there hasn't been an update from Gus the dog during this lockdown.... rest assured, I have instructed Gus to provide an update tomorrow which will include a special announcement about something FUN to do this Friday while you are in your bubbles. He is currently working on this now while I type this newsletter!

The Ministry of Education has updated the [COVID-19 and wellbeing page on our website](#). It includes information that will be helpful for you and the wellbeing of children and young people learning from home and their whānau.

Children and young people will again look to adults for guidance on how to react to stressful events. If parents or teachers seem overly worried, children and young peoples' anxiety may rise.

Parents and teachers can reassure children and young people that everyone is working together, from the Prime Minister down, to help people throughout the country stay healthy and to limit the spread of this virus.

Whakawhānaungātanga: take the time to connect and listen to ensure genuine and authentic engagement with those around you.

In addition to the information above, there are other places to get help.

Helplines that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

- Mental Health Crisis: 0800 800 717
- Lifeline for counselling and support: 0800 543 354 or 0800 LIFELINE

WHAT YOUR DAY COULD LOOK LIKE:

The number one goal of schooling currently is to nurture wellbeing.

FIRST THING:

- Get up
- Get dressed
- Make bed, eat breakfast & brush teeth
- Get outside to do some exercise or find some fitness to do inside



10-12 NOON

- Check in with your Seesaw or Google Classroom and find out what you could do that day. Sometimes there will be tasks/activities that you can do without being on the device
- Take a photo of what you have done and post it to Seesaw using your home learning code
- Make sure that you drink lots of water and have a healthy snack
- Get outside and do some enviro work - tend the vege garden or see how many birds you can hear.



AFTER LUNCH:

- Help with the clean up from Lunch or you could even help make lunch.
- Spend some time being creative - building with lego, reading a book, some arts and crafts or completing a challenge.
- If the weather is good - get outside and run around in the backyard with a ball or someone.



LATE AFTERNOON

- Make sure you spend some time either reading or just chilling out - maybe watching TV or playing a game.
- Help out getting dinner ready or setting the table
- After dinner help with the dishes and maybe play a family game



<https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

- Samaritans for confidential support for anyone who is lonely or in emotional distress: 0800 726 666
- Depression Helpline to talk to a trained counsellor about how you are feeling or to ask any questions: 0800 111 757 or free text 4206
- Healthline for advice from trained registered nurses: 0800 611 116
- Suicide Prevention Helpline: 0508 828 865
- Counselling Free Call or Text 1737.

Also available:

- Family Services 211 Helpline for help finding and direct transfer to community-based health and social support services in your area: 0800 211 211
- [Family Services Directory online](#)
- [Unite Against COVID-19: Family and sexual violence prevention](#) for help and support if you're experiencing family violence or sexual violence.

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 0: Anja, Tatum

Year 1: Saavi

CALENDAR ART - Message from Home and School

Given the current situation, the cut off date for Calendar Art orders will be extended. You can still order and make payment to the Home and School account (12-3478-0056621-00) during the lockdown. Please email homeschool@boulcott.school.nz with your order info - child's name, room number and what you have ordered. Order forms can then be sent to school once the lockdown is lifted.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

If you have a child starting at Boulcott School in 2022, you can go onto our website www.boulcott.school.nz and complete an enrolment form. These can be found by clicking on the 'Information Tab' and going to 'enrolling at Boulcott School'. You will find our enrolment form, administration form and a ballot form if you live out of our school zone. Our ballot for out of zone students takes place on Friday, 29 October for students starting in Term 1 & 2 of 2022.

Please note that under Level 4 the office staff are working from home and are available to answer any emails or queries.

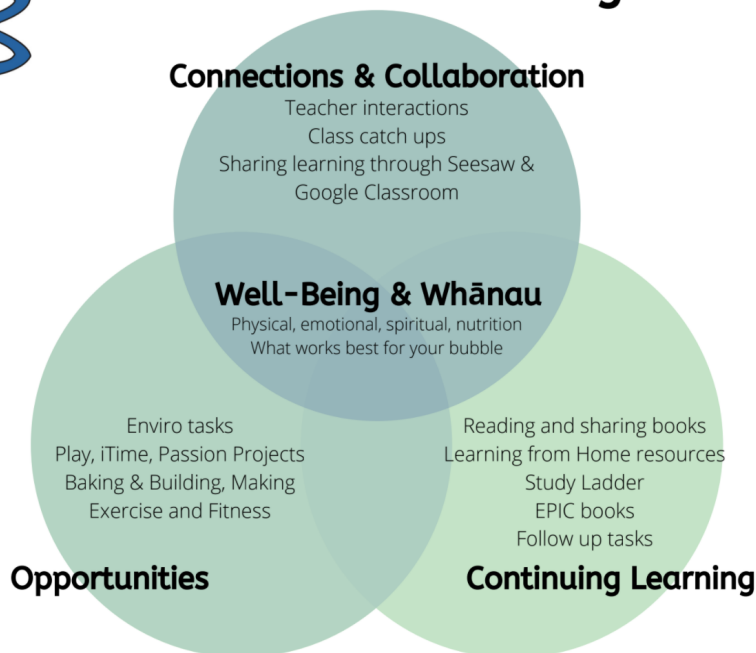


Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Fri, 3 Sept	Onesie Day, Central Zone swimming, Assembly 9:10am
Mon, 6 Sept	BOT meeting (7pm staffroom)
Fri, 10 Sept	Jump Off
Tues, 14 Sept	ArtSplash
Wed, 15 Sept	Pizza Lunch, Community Hui with Murray Gadd 7-8:30pm
Thurs, 16 Sept	Science Roadshow
Thurs, 23 Sept	World of Waste tour (30 students)
Fri, 24 Sept	InterZone swimming
Mon 27 Sept	Book Week
Wed, 29 Sept	Celebration of Learning Evening
Fri, 1 Oct	Assembly 9:10am



Boulcott School Learning from Home



Key tools: Seesaw, Google Classroom .

Our reality:

Your **family** situation is unique. Think about what works best for you and what you can achieve. You choose whether it is 1 hour or 4, try and divide it up from there. We trust that you will make the right decisions for your family.

Connections & Collaboration:

This is vital to remain connected and to support students in their learning and well being. Try to engage with these opportunities either via Google Classroom or Seesaw.

Continuing Learning:

Complete those follow ups and partake in that practice work that you know will make you a better learner.

Opportunities:

Make the most of the time to explore interests and hobbies.

Take action with a project

Have fun with family and challenge yourself

Well Being & Whānau:

Move, breathe, chill and relax, eat well and drink lots of water.

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