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The

Boulcott Broadcast

Wednesday, 9 February 2022

Kia ora koutou, Guten tag, Bula, Nǐ hǎo, Mingalaba, Namaste, Greetings, Sàwàtdee, Hallo, As-salām 'alaykum, Min-ga-la-ba, nín hǎo, Néih hóu, Konnichiwa, Chôm rab suôr, Tālofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana and Welcome to Boulcott School in 2022!

The start of the school year certainly looks quite different to previous years, but regardless it has been wonderful to welcome our tamariki back to the learning spaces and playgrounds at school. Considering the new restrictions in place, the students have transitioned back to school seamlessly and overall seem very happy to be back with their buddies at school! I have been most impressed with our students in Kahikatea, who have had to become accustomed to wearing masks while they are working inside. They have all come to school prepared and are just getting on with things with minimal fuss - what superstars! So far, the weather has been pretty kind to us so all classes have been making the most of our spaces outside for learning and play.

Thank you whānau for doing a wonderful job of preparing your children for the start of the year with the new restrictions in place. It makes such a difference to know we have a supportive and responsive community during times like this.

The next couple of months are likely to be a challenge, but we have already started our planning and preparation for a number of scenarios for when we get into the thick of things. This includes planning for what the learning programmes will look like with large portions of students and staff away from school. This will look different to previous 'lockdown' events as we will have students learning at school and students learning at home. Communication and collaboration will need to be key during this time.

Schools across the country already have staff and students away from school and it is likely to happen at Boulcott too. If your child is classified as a close contact



or tests positive for Covid-19, please ensure you contact me as soon as possible:
principal@boulcott.school.nz

For the moment though, things are ticking along nicely at school. Our current focus is around building a strong class culture, establishing good routines and expectations for learning. Our CHEER values are an incredible resource for these areas.

Boulcott Staff for 2022

As mentioned at the end of 2021, we have a talented group of teaching and support staff lined up for 2022. Below is our confirmed staffing.

Boulcott Teaching Teams 2022

Principal: Stu Devenport

Deputy Principal & SENCO: Jodi Mitchell

Associate Principal: Jo Lock

Harakeke Team: Year 1-2

Karen Clements (Team Leader)
Brigit Scahill
Jane Anstiss
Lisa Hassell
Leigh McGregor
Karen Henry



Kōwhai Team: Year 3-4

Jo Lock (AP & Team Leader)
Lucy Bould
Gaylene Nankivell
Sophie Kay
Suzanne Cody (release teacher)
Jenny Fraser (release teacher)
Ruth Olds (release teacher)



Kahikatea Team: Year 5-6

Melissa Coton (Team Leader)
Luke Dentice
Corrina Rayson
Molly Weaver
Ruth Hooke (release teacher)



Learning Support:

Fiona Ranchod (Structured Literacy Intervention)
Craig O'Connell (+ Sports Coordinator)
Carol Healy
Karen Prince
Hannah Watkins
Dharini Walpita
Matt McDowell
Donna Larsen
Samantha Smith

Administration:

Bev de Wever (Office Manager)
Tania Blucher (Office Administrator)
Hannah Watkins (Office Administrator)
Dean Scahill (Caretaker)
Craig O'Connell (+ Sports Coordinator)

The best way to get in touch with any of our staff is via email. You can find a full list of contact details on our staff page on our website: <https://www.boulcott.school.nz/staff/>

Please be mindful that as a general rule, classroom teachers will not reply to emails during teaching time as they are, of course, busy with the children. Our office staff are regularly checking their emails throughout the day so if there is an urgent message during learning time, it is best to send it to info@boulcott.school.nz

As explained in our previous newsletter, due to us operating in RED setting we are rescheduling our usual Parent Interview sessions at the beginning of the year. The purpose of these sessions were for parents and caregivers to share information about their child with the classroom teacher. In the absence of these sessions, we will be sending home a simple form for you to complete about your child so you can share with their teacher remotely. This information will be incredibly useful for your child's classroom teacher as they build a relationship with each other. Keep a look out for more information about this process in the next couple of days.


While we are operating in RED setting our school playground is closed before 9am. Children are able to be onsite from 8:15am but will need to wait outside classrooms until 8.30am. If your child needs to be at school earlier than 8:15am there is SKIDS, 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.

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 2022. 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 2022. Using this app, you'll find photos and videos that showcase your child's work. This is also a key platform for our distance learning programmes in Harakeke and Kōwhai Teams. 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.



Speaking of 'sun', we have recently purchased a set of sun umbrellas for our outdoor picnic tables which will come in handy during our outdoor learning. Does anyone have a spare sun umbrella stand we could borrow for the next couple of months? Please let the office know if you can help. Thanks in advance!



Swimming Programmes for Term 1

Due to the current RED setting restrictions we have had to complete some additional planning for our swimming programmes at Huia Pool this term. With additional health and safety procedures in place, I can confirm that we will be proceeding with swimming for students in Kōwhai and Kahikatea teams this term, but we will be rescheduling swimming for Harakeke to later in the year.

Please be aware that these lessons may be cancelled at any point, depending on the availability of Boulcott staff and Huia Pool instructors during the Omicron outbreak.



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 2022. 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. Because of this, we need to be careful choosing the trips and activities, so we keep to budget!

Although we will not be asking for donations in 2022 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 2022! We are excited that 57 of our kids are registered across eight teams this year. Registrations have now closed for Terms 1 and 4. Games start on Thursday, 17 February. Your child's adult helper will contact you about game times, training sessions and any other information. A 'Code of Conduct Contract' will be emailed for completion before your first game – please read, discuss and sign this with your child.

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 **Thursday, 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.

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: Lucas, Charles, Lucia, Layla, Kobe, Samuel, Luxton, Paige, Killian, Oliver, Vera, Mila, Hazel, Bashir, Shanaea

Year 3: Lillie-Moana, Elinda

Year 5: Ourania, Te Aotahi, David

Nga mihi nui
Stu Devenport
Principal

Term Dates 2022

Term 1: Wednesday, 2 February - Thursday, 14 April

Term 2: Monday, 2 May - Friday, 8 July

Term 3: Monday, 25 July - Friday, 30 September

Term 4: Monday, 17 October - Thursday, 15 December

Public Holidays:

Monday, 7 February: Waitangi Day (Mondayised)

Friday, 15 April: Good Friday

Monday, 6 June: Queen's Birthday

Friday, 24 June: Matariki

Monday, 24 October: Labour Day

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Mon, 14 Feb	Kōwhai swimming starts, BOT meeting (7pm) staffroom
Thurs, 24 Feb	Kōwhai swimming finishes
Mon, 28 Feb	Kahikatea swimming starts
Thurs, 10 March	Kahikatea swimming finishes
Mon, 14 March	BOT meeting (7pm) staffroom
Mon, 11 April	BOT meeting (7pm) staffroom
Thurs, 14 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm

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. Payment for invoices can be made by direct credit using account 12-3142-0062729-00. Please include your child's name as a reference. Any 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.

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, 10 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.

Uniform

If your child requires a new sun hat or sports top please email the school office and we can send you out an order form. Once payment has been received, via direct credit to the school account, we will organise the uniform item and get it to your child. If you are unsure of sizing we are happy to try the item on your child to ensure they have the correct size.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	
<p>Chinese New Year</p> <p>Gong Xi Fa Cai! Start of the year with good fortune (cookies), dragon dancing puppets and red lanterns.</p>	<p>STEAM</p> <p>We test and build ziplines with blocks, explore sound with a DIY Kazoo, try fizzing lemonade and scratch art into paper.</p>	<p>Winter Olympics</p> <p>Come make a ski race, compete in a curling race, and eat Olympic rings. On your mark, get set, GO!</p>	<p>Unique You</p> <p>Let's make a sKids family tree, make your favourite colour music jars, and selfie pancakes with your favourite fruit.</p>	<p>Lemurs</p> <p>We make a crown fit for a King (Julian), eat Lemur tail Sushi and move it with musical games.</p>	
WEEK 6	WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10	WEEK 11
<p>International Women's Day</p> <p>Honour our female role models and make inspirational bookmarks and learn about the first women in Aotearoa.</p>	<p>Whale Tales</p> <p>We celebrate Whale Tales with blow hole paintings, learn about ocean water and play fin-tastic games!</p>	<p>World Water Day</p> <p>Let's make art with water and oil, freeze and melt in a game and defy gravity with a water experiment.</p>	<p>Children's Book Day</p> <p>Rub and scrub origami animals, make caterpillars when we are very hungry and make a story a word at a time!</p>	<p>Creepy Crawlies</p> <p>We go on a Bug Hunt! The ladybugs turned into bookmarks, spiders are playing tag and turned into delicious snacks</p>	<p>Happy Easter</p> <p>Hop into Easter and make a kite, race easter eggs and spoons and make poppyseed muffins!</p>

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