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The

Boulcott Broadcast

Wednesday, 23 February 2022

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It is great the weather has played ball for us during school days, so we can make the most of our outdoor spaces for learning and play time. This is especially important for our Kahikatea students as it gives them a break from wearing masks throughout the day.

A big thank you to our parent community for supporting our continued Covid restrictions. We know that one of the hardest parts of this is not being able to visit the classrooms and meet kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) with your child's classroom teacher. Our teachers are missing this opportunity too, especially at the beginning of the year, when we would normally connect to establish a learning partnership between home and school. A huge thank you to all the families who have already completed and returned the student profile forms about their child. This information is really useful for your child's teacher as it gives them an insight into their strengths and weaknesses, what helps them learn and what your aspirations are for your child. If you haven't already, please take the time to complete these and return them by the end of this week.

With a large number of positive Covid cases in our local area, there have also been a number of local schools with positive cases. It is only a matter of time until we have a positive case at Boulcott School, but rest assured, we have some solid plans in place to navigate us through this. Earlier in the week via Seesaw, I shared an update on our School website and a useful one-pager, which explains the processes we would go through if we had a positive case at Boulcott. This is useful information to become familiar with so you are prepared for the procedures, if they apply to your whānau. Check out our [website here](#) and the additional attachment to this newsletter.



A friendly reminder that if your child is away from school, no matter what the reason, please ensure you provide the reason for their absence when you leave a message with our school Admin Team.

SWIMMING PROGRAMME UNDERWAY!

We are thrilled to see our swimming programme for the year well underway. Kōwhai Team are coming to the end of their lessons this week and next week Kahikatea will start their programme. It has been wonderful to see the progress of individuals in the short time they have been visiting Huia Pool.

WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2022?

One of the key events for our start of year calendar is our annual School Captain Elections, where the students across the school vote for their preferred Year 6 student to lead them through the year. This year our Year 6 candidates are creating a campaign movie for the student body, to help persuade them for their votes! Our Election is taking place this Friday - we can't wait to hear who our new Captains for 2022 will be... there are so many excellent (and enthusiastic) candidates to choose from!!



PROPERTY UPDATE

Our Senior school property project is continuing to make progress. We were incredibly excited to see aluminium joinery arrive at the end of last week which was holding up a lot of work. A new roof for Kōwhai deck has also been installed which is pleasing to see. We are continuing to eagerly monitor progress so our Kahikatea classes can return to their new and improved spaces as soon as possible!

SUMMERSET

Speaking of property, you may have seen some progress happening over the back of the school fence with the Summerset Retirement Village. Construction on the buildings are finally underway! Although it is creating noise, it is not causing any major disruption in the classroom environments.

Just a heads up, if your whānau utilise the footpath at the end of Boulcott Street (heading along to the walking pou), the Summerset construction team are making some minor adjustments to this area (see images below). It involves a realignment to the pedestrian footpath. The team has assured me all work will be carried out between 9-3pm, so it shouldn't cause any disruption to your travel plans to and from school. Work is due to start on this project at the beginning of March.



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BOARD NEWS

Board News, 23 February 2022

Tena koutou Boulcott whānau, and welcome back everybody.

The Board would like to sincerely thank Stu, our teachers, and all the Boulcott staff for their effort, and commitment in Term 1 with the school in the COVID-19 “Red Light” status.

With only given a very limited amount of time to put in place the new Term 1 protocols, Stu and the team provided immediate community communication, established manageable learning plans under trying circumstances, and created team “bubbles” to ensure greater protection, if we do find ourselves in the unfortunate position of COVID transmission. Congratulations to all involved, you have made the Board, and the entire school community very proud. Keep up the great work.

Budget

In our first Board Meeting for the year, we were pleased to “sign off” on the 2022 Financial Budget.

Every year the budget process is a major undertaking for Stu and the Finance team, even more so in the uncertain COVID times and the extra costs that come with it.

Thanks to all those involved in this critical process.

Although we no longer ask for parent/community donations, the Board would like to acknowledge the voluntary contributions we do continue to receive.

These donations from parents, whānau, and members of the public, go a long way to help contribute to the operation of the school. These donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

EMERGENCY PACKS

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 i.e. 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 by **Friday, 4 March**. 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 these can be dropped to the office.



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEESAW?

With the current restrictions we have in place, the best way of getting an insight to the learning in the classroom is checking out your child's Seesaw class. Students and Teachers use this platform to share examples of learning and key messages about the classroom programme. This is also a key tool for us to connect with you if your child is isolating at home. If you need assistance with connecting to your child's classroom, please contact their classroom teacher.



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: Amyrah, Braxly, Bianca

WELL DONE PHOEBE!

We always love hearing news about past Boulcott students and their successes. Congratulations to Phoebe Ewington who has successfully auditioned for the 2022 Royal NZ Ballet mentorship programme. This means during the year she will get to meet and spend time with members of the RNZB which is pretty exciting for her. Phoebe is currently in Year 9 at Chilton and studying dance there as part of the emerging ballet academy. Ka pai Phoebe!



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
Thurs, 24 Feb	Kōwhai swimming finishes, Touch Rugby begins Yr 5/6
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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wellington Music Academy - One on One Music Lessons. Your child can learn how to play the piano at Boulcott school. The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome! The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 28 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy at any time for more information and to book a place. *Phone:* 021 885 289 or *Email:* admin@musicacademy.co.nz

Rātā Studios School of Music - Rata Youth Orchestra. An Orchestra to introduce young musicians (aged 6-12) to fun and skills playing together, without having to audition. A brand new venture for Wellington's young musicians run by top Wellington professional musicians. Located at Scots College on Saturdays from 1:30pm-2:30pm running from 12 February to 9 April. Enrol at ratastudios.co.nz.

Individual Chess Tutoring - One hour sessions, after school at the student's home, \$50 per hour, which includes lesson preparation and analysing games. Contact Max on 022 595 3071 or email maxrobby@gmail.com.

Hutt United Hockey Club welcomes new & returning players! Come play hockey!

All welcome to our pre-season JUNIOR HOCKEY HUIHUINGA (Taster evenings!): 6-7:30pm on 23 March (Year 7/8) 30 March (Yr 5/6); 6th April (Year 3/4). Just turn up at FRASER PARK TURF and have a go!

Hockey is great for kids! Improve coordination and balance, teamwork, determination and fitness. Basic kit is just a stick, shinpads, trainers and mouthguard (the club has some sticks to spare).

All are welcome. Registrations for the 2022 season are now open:

<https://airtable.com/shrFMPwd0saimSL7w>

All welcome also at our Club Day, from 10:30am, Saturday March 12 at the National Hockey Stadium. P1 Men's game 11am, **Junior hockey fun 30 min session starts 12:15pm**, then P1 Women's game after. For more information see <https://www.huttunitedhockeyclub.co.nz/juniors> or email us huttunitedhockeyjuniors@gmail.com.



Term 1

After School CARE

WEEK 1

Chinese New Year

Gong Xi Fa Cai! Start of the year with good fortune (cookies), dragon dancing puppets and red lanterns.

WEEK 2

STEAM

We test and build ziplines with blocks, explore sound with a DIY Kazoo, try fizzing lemonade and scratch art into paper.

WEEK 3

Winter Olympics

Come make a ski race, compete in a curling race, and eat Olympic rings. On your mark, get set, GO!

WEEK 4

Unique You

Let's make a sKids family tree, make your favourite colour music jars, and selfie pancakes with your favourite fruit.

WEEK 5

Lemurs

We make a crown fit for a King (Julian), eat Lemur tail Sushi and move it with musical games.

WEEK 6

International Women's Day

Honour our female role models and make inspirational bookmarks and learn about the first women in Aotearoa.

WEEK 7

Whale Tales

We celebrate Whale Tales with blow hole paintings, learn about ocean water and play fin-tastic games!

WEEK 8

World Water Day

Let's make art with water and oil, freeze and melt in a game and defy gravity with a water experiment.

WEEK 9

Children's Book Day

Rub and scrub origami animals, make caterpillars when we are very hungry and make a story a word at a time!

WEEK 10

Creepy Crawlies

We go on a Bug Hunt! The ladybugs turned into bookmarks, spiders are playing tag and turned into delicious snacks

WEEK 11

Happy Easter

Hop into Easter and make a kite, race easter eggs and spoons and make poppyseed muffins!

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