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School

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The

Boulcott Broadcast

Wednesday, 23 March 2022

Kia ora koutou Boulcott Whānau,

It's hard to believe we are now well and truly in the second half of Term 1 with the end of the term less than a month away! As reported at the end of last week, things on the Covid front are much calmer at Boulcott School. We continue to have more children return to school from their isolation and we have less reported positive cases. We do still have higher staff absence than usual but we have been thankful we have been able to cover this with our part time staff and regular relievers. This will continue to be a challenge for us as we progress throughout the term.

A reminder that home learning is available to all students who are isolating at home. Your child's classroom teacher will be in touch with you if you are isolating. As always, we understand everyone's situation is different at home, so do what you can.

With our current restrictions in place, I know many of you are missing the opportunity to pop into the classrooms to check out the learning. The learning spaces are looking so bright and colourful with some amazing artwork - our CREATE theme is coming to life! Check out this [short slideshow](#) of snippets from the classes.

There has been some interesting media attention around a new report from the Education Hub about worryingly low literacy levels of students in Aotearoa New Zealand. The report also highlights the importance of providing explicit, systematic phonic instruction in our schools to address these deficiencies. Listening to these media reports and reading the Education Hub's report reassures me that at Boulcott School we are heading in the right direction with the implementation of our Structured Literacy Approach. We are now in the second year of our journey, this year focusing on our Year 2 classrooms. Recently, we had 4 teachers from the Harakeke and Kōwhai Teams attend a two day workshop with Liz Kane, learning about this structured approach in teaching children how to read and write. You can learn more about Liz Kane and our Structured Literacy initiative in this article [here](#). An informative interview on Breakfast TV on our Structured Literacy approach can be viewed [here](#)



PROPERTY UPDATE

We are in the final stages of our Senior School property upgrade and we are hoping to take occupancy of our new spaces within the next couple of weeks! Our Kahikatea students can't wait to get in there and our two New Entrant classes are looking forward to spreading out again! Check out a sneak peek of these new spaces [here](#).

As one property project comes to an end, another is about to start. We have had confirmation from the Ministry of Education that our long awaited Hall roof and re-cladding project is set to commence in April. This is crucial work, which will remedy our weathertightness issues we have been dealing with for close to 10 years. This project is significant and will have an impact on our daily operations at school. In the coming weeks Peryer Construction will be setting up their site office at the front of the school (outside Room 10) and you'll start to see scaffolding being set up around the school hall. There will be restricted access to our main entrance, parts of our school hall will be out of use at certain times. Later in the year there will be times where we will need to relocate some of our Junior classes and administrative staff while work is happening above us. Fortunately, this will be a staged project so we should be able to accommodate everyone with careful planning. I will keep you updated with an official start date and other important details when we get confirmation from the Ministry of Education and the Peryer Construction.

BOARD NEWS

Board News, March 23 2022

Tena koutou Boulcott Whanau,

New Board Appointment

The Board would like to welcome Wendy Dewes to the team, replacing Josh Williams who departed at the end of 2021. Wendy will be known by a lot of our school whānau, and will be a fantastic addition to the team.

"I have Archie in Year 5 and Dusty in Year 3 at Boulcott School and I am keen to use my skills to assist the school and the Board.

My background is in law. I have been practising for 16 years and for the last 5 years, as a Partner at a Lower Hutt firm Gillespie Young Watson specialising in Trust Law. I am also a member of one of the Law Society National Standards Committee's" - Wendy

Delay in the Board of Trustees Elections for 2022

The triennial elections for school boards have been moved in 2022 from the usual May window, to now be held in September (from 5 - 23 September)

The MOE decision to move the 2022 elections was in most parts based on 2021 being such a difficult year due to COVID impacts on schools, with students, teachers, and whānau affected. Moving the elections to later in the year would reduce pressure in the early part of 2022.

It is also expected to make it easier to conduct elections as changes will be made to the regulations to enable an electronic option. The existing paper-based voting papers will continue to be available.

Thank you

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.

A message to all our Kura Whānau

The Board would like to sincerely thank whānau of all of our tamariki for their support, and understanding whilst Stu, our teachers, staff and many school volunteers navigate through this current "curve ball" COVID has delivered us in Term 1.

Whilst a tumultuous time for our school with unprecedented, forced absences (both students and staff), all our school whānau community and stakeholders are also majorly impacted, and we appreciate your efforts and commitment managing in these times.

Kia kaha, Kia noho haumarū



CHEER Awards - Term 1 Week 7

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.



Teacher Student

Room 5	Frank Kason	
Room 6	Ahren	Olive
Room 7	Braxly Kylah-Jade	
Room 8	Jake Bianca	
Room 9	Sahand Araminta	
Room 11	Hadley Jessica	
Room 12	Gracie Kaleb P	
Room 13	Christy	Riley W
Room 15	Crystal	Katie
Room 16	Arshia	Charlie T
Room 1	Olive K Preston	
Room 2	Ethan H	Charis
Room 3	Ansuya	Zac
Room 4	Klara	George S



Our Boulcott students have enjoyed utilising the new sports and play equipment during break times. A huge thank you to our Home and School Committee for donating these resources for our tamariki to enjoy!



Māehe Manawa Ora Movin' March

1-31 March 2022 | movinmarch.com

MOVIN' MARCH CELEBRATION DAYS

Movin' March was a HUGE success! So much so that we have run out of prizes and from now on you can still put your full card in the box to go into the draw to win a BIG prize from Wellington City Council and

Boulcott School is going to have their very own celebration days as well.

Wednesday 30 March - Harakeke Syndicate

Thursday 31 March - Kōwhai Syndicate

Friday 1 April - Kahikatea Syndicate

If it is wet, the day will be cancelled.

On the day of your Syndicate Movin' March Celebration you can:

- DECORATE your wheels (at home)
- Bring them to school and park in allocated classroom spots on the courts (a corner for each class)
- Your class will have a time block during the day to parade your wheels and have a spin!

SMART WATCHES

We have noticed that many of our older tamariki are starting to wear smart watches to school, which provide a means to communicate with parents during the day. Similar to cell phones, we understand caregivers may provide these to children if they need to contact each other after school, but it is not necessary for communication throughout the school day. We are happy for these watches to be worn at school, but we ask that these be switched to 'flight mode' during that day. As always, if there are any urgent messages that are needed between family members during the school day, our admin team is always available to help out. Emailing or phoning the school office throughout the day is always the best approach: info@boulcott.school.nz, ph 566 3058.

Thanks for your understanding on this matter.



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Touch Rugby - Our Senior teams have their last games of the season this Thursday. Good luck for these! A chocolate fish will be given to every Middle and Senior player on Friday - this is courtesy of Total Touch. Touch Rugby will resume in Term 4, and hopefully our Junior students can play this time!

Netball - Our two Year 3/4 teams have their last game this Saturday. All the best everyone! Our Senior school netball registrations have officially closed, and work is underway organising and registering teams. More information will be sent out to those registered by the end of the week.

Thank you again to the parents who help out with our many teams! We love your work!

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 - Jude, Maya, Silas, Lennox

LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 2, online orders only through the LOOP app are due by **Thursday, 24 March**.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Upcoming events:

Pizza night - New date, **Thursday 31 March**. Save the date and have a night off cooking! Pizza Hutt, Lower Hutt, have come to the party and will donate \$1 from every pizza sold between 4-9pm on Thursday, 31 March.

Pop up Ice Block days - 1 April and 8 April

Movie Night Fundraiser - Downton Abbey: A New Era, **Thursday, 5 May**, 8:30pm at Lighthouse Cinema Petone. More information to follow.

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, 10 March	Kahikatea swimming finishes
Mon, 14 March	BOT meeting (7pm) staffroom
Wed, 30 March	Movin' March Harakeke Celebration Day
Thurs, 31 March	Movin' March Kōwhai Celebration Day, Pizza Night - Home and School Fundraiser
Fri, 1 April	Movin' March Kahikatea Celebration Day, Pop up Ice Blocks
Fri, 8 April	Pop up Ice Blocks
Mon, 11 April	BOT meeting (7pm) staffroom
Thurs, 14 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm
Term 2: Thurs, 5 May	Home and School Movie Night at Lighthouse Petone 8:30pm. Downton Abbey: A New Era

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Job Vacancy - Sacred Heart Primary School Petone. School Caretaker, part-time 10 hours per week. Job description available from the school office. Applications close 1 April 2022. Start date negotiable. Please contact the school for further details at liz@sacredheartpetone.school.nz or 04 568 671.

Job Vacancy - Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Aotearoa (PADA), is a small not-for-profit national charity located in Johnsonville. Our ideal candidate will be confident, highly organised and reliable, provide high levels of attention to detail, and have great communication. You will be able to work unsupervised and should

enjoy the challenge of a varied role and working to deadlines within the organisation. This is a part-time position, ideally 5 hours on a Wednesday or Friday, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Rate is \$28 per hour as a part-time employee. Applications close Friday, 25 March 2022. Please email a covering letter and CV to Treena Cooper, General Manager. Email office@pada.nz. Further details can be found at <https://pada.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Financial-Administrator-Job-Description.pdf>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

The Circus Hub - School holiday programme is now open for bookings. For children aged 5-15 years. Runs from Tuesday, 19 April to Friday 29 April from 8:30am to 3pm at Wellington's Circus Hub. Bookings can be made via www.circus.org.nz, email info@circus.org.nz or phone 04 380 0051.

SKIDS APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Holiday Programme

19th – 29th April 2022
sKids Boulcott
 Boulcott School
 21 Boulcott Street, Boulcott

Learn to thrive
 Learn through play
 Wellness

Express yourself
 Learn through movement

Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 th	Thursday 21 st	Friday 22 nd
<p>CLOSED Easter Monday We'll see you tomorrow.</p>	<p>Fall into Autumn Discover how clouds make rain, transform fallen leaves into works of art and become little ants on a log.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div>	<p>Let's get Cooking! Flavour and protein are attacking the quesadilla towers and falafels! Who will save them?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div>	<p>Kites in the Sky Decorate your own designer kite, learn about how wind works, and fly kites in the Autumn wind!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div> <p style="text-align: right; color: #e67e22; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">PREMIUM</p>	<p>Earth Day Honour mother nature and make our own beeswax wraps, learn about ocean water, make trees for a snack.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div>
<p>CLOSED ANZAC Day We'll see you tomorrow.</p>	<p>Creative Creatures Jnr's make monsters disappear, Snr's make claws to attack, we'll munch on paws and turn imaginary friends into dough.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div>	<p>Rock Climbing & Te Papa Challenge yourself, climb as high as you can and reach for the stars! Later we'll visit Te Papa for a fun filled day out!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div> <p style="text-align: right; color: white; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">TRIP</p>	<p>Go Underground Look at what lives underground, make bats fly, test sticky ice, and make hedgehogs prickly with leaves</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div>	<p>Fire, Water, Earth and Air Plant edible flowers in oreos, fly planes through targets, make jarred fireworks and marvels with water!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> </div>

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OSCAR HOUSE APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME - Programme plans, information and enrolments are now available. For more information go to: <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/> - Year 0-2 or <http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-middle/> - Year 3-8.

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