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School**

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The

# Boulcott Broadcast

Wednesday, 6 April 2022

Kia ora koutou Boulcott Whānau,

It has been a very special week at Boulcott. On Monday we gathered our Senior students to officially open our new and improved Kahikatea Learning Space. A special thank you to Whaea Pania for supporting us with our blessing - we even had a little pīwakawaka join us outside while we sang! Unfortunately, we were unable to invite our extended school whānau, but if you'd like to check out our short ceremony (including official ribbon cutting!), check out the link [here](#).

The new spaces look amazing. They are bright, open and flexible to meet the needs of how our tamariki learn. This project has been several years in the making and took over 6 months to complete. Over the past couple of days we have shifted Room 1 and 2 into their new spaces, which means we can reclaim our school library and our New Entrant students can spread out across Room 7 and 8. The builders have a couple more jobs to complete in Rooms 3 and 4 and we are hoping we will have all our Senior classes in their new spaces by the end of the term - yay!

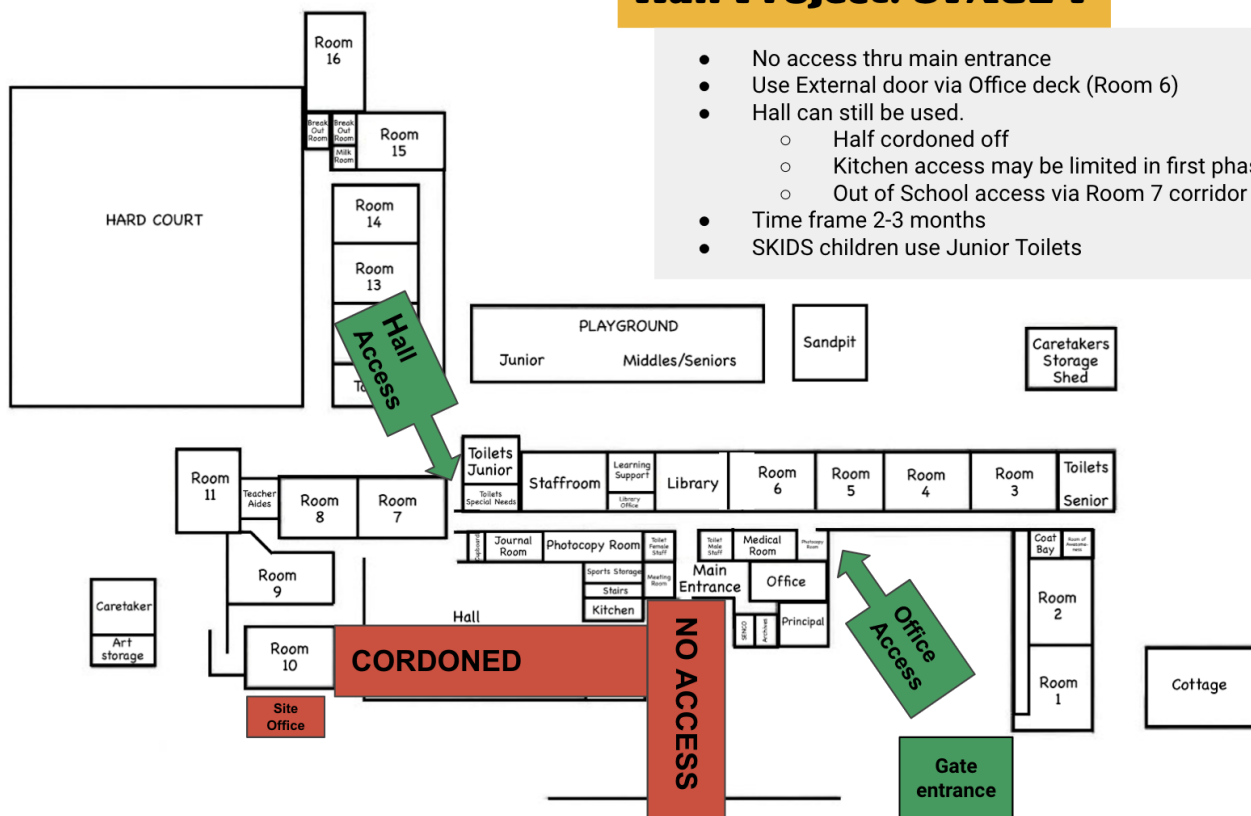
As mentioned in the last newsletter, our next property project has officially begun. The work will address several of the weather tightness issues we have experienced in the hall, main corridor and Junior classrooms over the past 10 years. This is a significant project and will take over 8 months to complete. The first phase of the project involves work on the main entrance and road face of the school hall. This means our hall can still be used but we have restricted space. It also means the main entrance to the **school and hall** will be off limits for at least two months, so we will be setting up alternative access points for the **Office** and **SKIDS** (Before and After School Care). Fortunately, we have gained another access point back due to the Senior School work being completed. Please check out the map below to see how you can access these spaces.



This work will cause some disruption to our daily operations but it is something that we have been preparing for many years. The sooner the builders start, the sooner we can get the school back to normal and leak free!

## Hall Project: STAGE 1

- No access thru main entrance
- Use External door via Office deck (Room 6)
- Hall can still be used.
  - Half cordoned off
  - Kitchen access may be limited in first phase
  - Out of School access via Room 7 corridor (for parents)
- Time frame 2-3 months
- SKIDS children use Junior Toilets



## COVID 19 UPDATE

We have continued to see a reduction of positive cases in students over the past couple of weeks and our overall attendance rates have continued to improve. It has also been pleasing to see most of our staff return from isolation. We are still being notified about positive cases, who have recently attended school, so it is important to stay vigilant for symptoms in your child and keep them at home if they are unwell. We do have a small supply of RAT tests at school if your family requires them.

With the recent changes to the traffic light system, we now longer require staff and parent volunteers to be vaccinated while working with children. We really appreciate your support with following these requirements for the short time they were in place.

A reminder that we are still operating in the RED Traffic Light for our Covid prevention so visitors are still restricted on site as much as possible. We will be watching the Government announcement next week with interest, to see what changes we can make for the start of Term 2.

## MOVIN' MARCH CELEBRATIONS

It was wonderful to finish March on a high with special wheels days for each Syndicate last week. It was great to see the 'bling' students had added to their rides and show them off throughout the day. A big thanks to all the families for supporting our Movin' March initiative this year. It has been a pleasure to see our tamariki being active on their way to and from school each day.



**Māhe Manawa Ora  
Movin' March**

1-31 March 2022 | [movinmarch.com](http://movinmarch.com)



## ONLINE ASSEMBLY

We had our first attempt at a LIVE virtual assembly last week, connecting together online with all the classes and even staff members that were isolating at home! It was great to see some cool art from Kōwhai Syndicate and to celebrate our CHEER award recipients from the past fortnight.



## CHEER Awards - Term 1 Week 9

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
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Room 5	Malakai	Quin
Room 6	Noah	Amaris
Room 7	Shanaea Paige	
Room 8	Lennox Mila	
Room 9	Layla Lailia	
Room 11	Riyah Noah	
Room 12	Arthur	Nathaniel
Room 13	Amelie	Zara
Room 15	James	Lucas
Room 16	Tiger	Evie
Room 1	Jameison	Ilex
Room 2	Joseph	Kelsey
Room 3	Sim	Indie E
Room 4	Rhys E Addison V	



## PB4L NEWS

Next Thursday 14 April, the last day of Term 1, we are having a pyjama day to celebrate filling our CHEER token tube to the top! Students can bring or wear pj's, onesies and oodies. They can also bring a cosy pillow or blanket and soft toy. Classes will be watching a movie to celebrate achieving this huge school-wide goal. Tino pai Boulcott kids!!!

## TEACHER ONLY DAYS for 2022

The Senior Leadership Team can now confirm our Teacher Only Days for the rest of 2022. All teachers are entitled to these days through an Accord between the Ministry of Education, NZEI Te Riu Roa and are

dedicated for Curriculum development and supporting teacher workload. We have tagged these days to public holiday long weekends so whānau may like to take the opportunity to extend a short holiday away.

**TERM 2:**

- Week 6: Tuesday June 7 - Queens Birthday
- Week 9: Monday June 27 - Matariki

**TERM 4:**

- Week 2: Tuesday 25 October - Labour Weekend.

**SIGNING OFF FOR TERM 2!**

As mentioned in my newsletter communication at the end of last year, I will be away from school during Term 2 on Principal Sabbatical Leave. I was awarded this sabbatical through TeachNZ and provides me with an opportunity to research and visit other schools across the country. My topic of interest is exploring how schools and clusters of schools effectively cater to the ever-increasing learning and behavioural needs of their students by effectively utilising a standardised learning support register. Having a shared understanding about how we cater for these needs across and within schools means we could have a more targeted approach when providing support. Having learners at the centre of education and creating a barrier-free environment are key themes of Boulcott School's strategic initiative and also a Government priority.

During my absence Boulcott School will be in very safe hands. Our Deputy Principal, Jodi Mitchell, will be taking on the Acting Principal role, while Jo Lock will be released from the classroom for additional support. Jo will continue to teach in Room 16 part time, while Suz Cody picks up additional days when Jo is on management release. So from Term 2, if you need to contact the school for Principal related matters, please contact Jodi on [jodi\\_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz)



**SPORT @ BOULCOTT**

Congratulations to Emily Williams and Elyse Tye for performing very well at the Wellington Athletics Championships last month. Emily won Gold in the shot put, Silver in 200m, long jump, and discus and Bronze medals in the 60m and 100m. Elyse received Silver in 60m Sprints and Bronze in the long jump. Well done to both girls.

Jacob Williams, who was a Year 6 student here last year, also performed well. He won Gold in the 1500m, 800m and 400m all with personal bests. In the 1500m he broke the Wellington record by 7 seconds, narrowly missing out on the 800m record by 0.3 of a second. He also placed third in the discus. Well done Jacob.

**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 - Isla & Arjun

**HOME AND SCHOOL**

**Upcoming events:**

**Raffle:** There are now 6 awesome prizes to be won. If you require extra tickets these can be collected from the office. All forms are due back on **Friday, 8 April**. The raffle will be drawn on **Monday, 11 April**.

**Pop up Ice Block days** - Our next pop up Ice Block day is **Friday, 8 April**. Ice blocks are \$1 which students

can hand to their teacher on Thursday, 7 April. If you would like to buy an ice block for a younger sibling not at school, this can be added to existing students' orders - just request and pay for the number you require.

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

Thank you for the amazing support for our Pizza Hut fundraiser. We are waiting to hear the final total raised, but judging by the number of Boulcott families picking up yummy pizza all night, it was a huge success.

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
Fri, 8 April	Pop up Ice Blocks
Mon, 11 April	BOT meeting (7pm) staffroom
Thurs, 14 April	PB4L Pyjama Day, Term 1 finishes at 3pm
<b>Term 2:</b> Mon, 2 May	Term 2 starts
Thurs, 5 May	Home and School Movie Night at Lighthouse Petone 8:30pm. Downton Abbey: A New Era
Tues, 7 June	Teacher Only Day
Mon, 27 June	Teacher Only Day

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

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**Spotlight Performing Arts** - Dance, Drama and Singing for students aged 4-15 years. Led by a London West End performer. Book your child's two-week trial for next term. Go to [www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz](http://www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz) for more information.

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**PNP MTB Champs and College Sport Wellington MTB Champs** - Wainui Trail Park, Wainuiomata, Sunday, 10 April. For more information go to <https://www.pnp.org.nz/club-championship>

**Ngā Manu Nature Reserve Easter Celebration** - Open Daily 10am - 5pm. Easter Rock Hunt, Easter activities in our Easter Zone and daily prizes. For more information go to [www.ngamanu.org.nz](http://www.ngamanu.org.nz).

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**

**Planitpro & Purchas** - PLANITPRO & Total Tennis are holding a multi-sport and activity Easter Holiday Camp these holidays at the Mitchell Park Tennis Centre in Lower Hutt and the Renouf Tennis Centre in Wellington. There are a wide variety of sports and indoor activities offered over both weeks with daily and weekly care options available!

A Covid protection policy is in place to protect all of our programme participants and there are limited spots available. Learn more at <https://www.planitpro.co.nz/upcoming/holiday-camp-2/>

**Whitby Collegiate** - will be hosting an introductory course in game programming. Students will start their journey by creating some classic games using the Pygame source library to create graphical 2D computer games. The emphasis will be on learning the techniques needed to be able to move on to computer game programming using software like Unity, Godot and Unreal Engine.

By the end of the three days the course members will have moved beyond beginner level Python programming and will have developed two games as a group. They should have the skills needed to customise these games and be able to create simple games of their own.

DATE: 27 - 29 April 2022

TIME: 9:00am - 4:30pm

VENUE: Whitby Collegiate

AGE: 10 +

COST: \$250

Students must have a laptop, a Chromebook cannot be used. Students must be able to install software on the first day of the programme - Python & PyGame.

There is an optional fee for lunch of \$10 per day - pizza or fish and chips available.

Register online here: <https://form.jotform.com/whitbyenrol/game-programming-holiday-programme>

**Hutt Valley Badminton Learn to Play Badminton** - Tuesday 19 & 26 April, 10am to 12 noon at Badminton Hall, Vogel Street, Naeane. For children from Year 3-8. \$5 per person per session (cash on the day only please). Racquets and shuttles provided. To register email Nikki: [developmentofficer@bhv.org.nz](mailto:developmentofficer@bhv.org.nz). Please provide player name, age, school year, emergency contact number, session date.

SKIDS APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

"What are your plans for April School Holidays? sKids Boulcott is OPEN for the April School Holidays! Spaces are limited, so book today. Visit, [www.skids.co.nz/book](http://www.skids.co.nz/book) and search for Boulcott School."



19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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- Learn to thrive
- Learn through play
- Wellness
- Express yourself
- Learn through movement

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<p><b>CLOSED</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> We'll see you tomorrow.</p>	<p><b>Fall into Autumn</b> Discover how clouds make rain, transform fallen leaves into works of art and become little ants on a log.</p>	<p><b>Let's get Cooking!</b> Flavour and protein are attacking the quesadilla towers and falafels! Who will save them?</p>	<p><b>Kites in the Sky</b> Decorate your own designer kite, learn about how wind works, and fly kites in the Autumn wind!</p> <p><b>PREMIUM</b></p>	<p><b>Earth Day</b> Honour mother nature and make our own beeswax wraps, learn about ocean water, make trees for a snack.</p>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>
<p><b>CLOSED</b> <b>ANZAC Day</b> We'll see you tomorrow.</p>	<p><b>Creative Creatures</b> Jnr's make monsters disappear, Snr's make claws to attack, we'll munch on paws and turn imaginary friends into dough.</p>	<p><b>Rock Climbing &amp; Te Papa</b> 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> <p><b>TRIP</b></p>	<p><b>Go Underground</b> Look at what lives underground, make bats fly, test sticky ice, and make hedgehogs prickly with leaves</p>	<p><b>Fire, Water, Earth and Air</b> Plant edible flowers in oreos, fly planes through targets, make jarred fireworks and marvels with water!</p>

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