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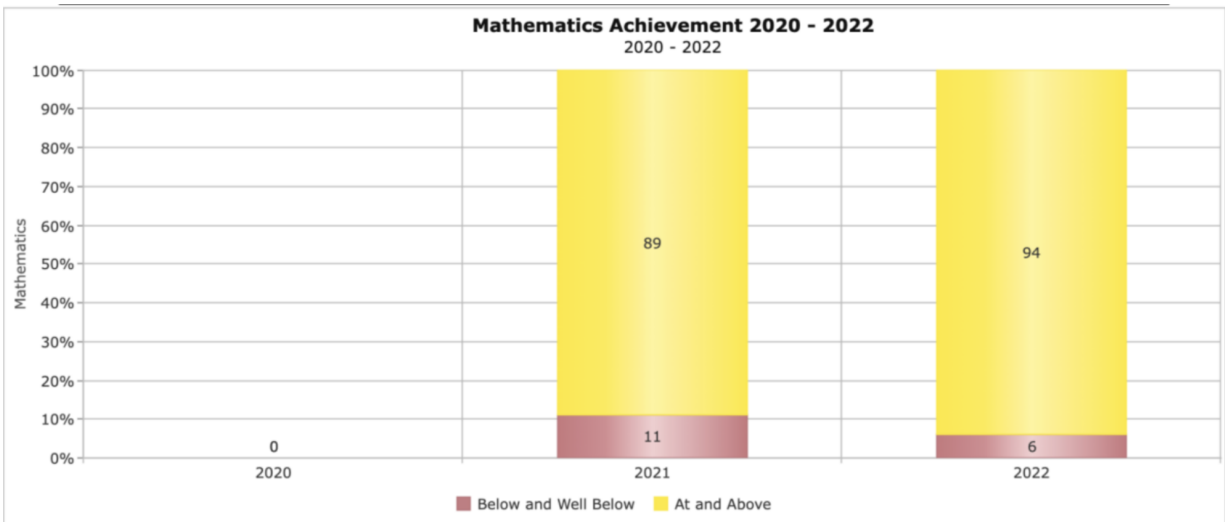
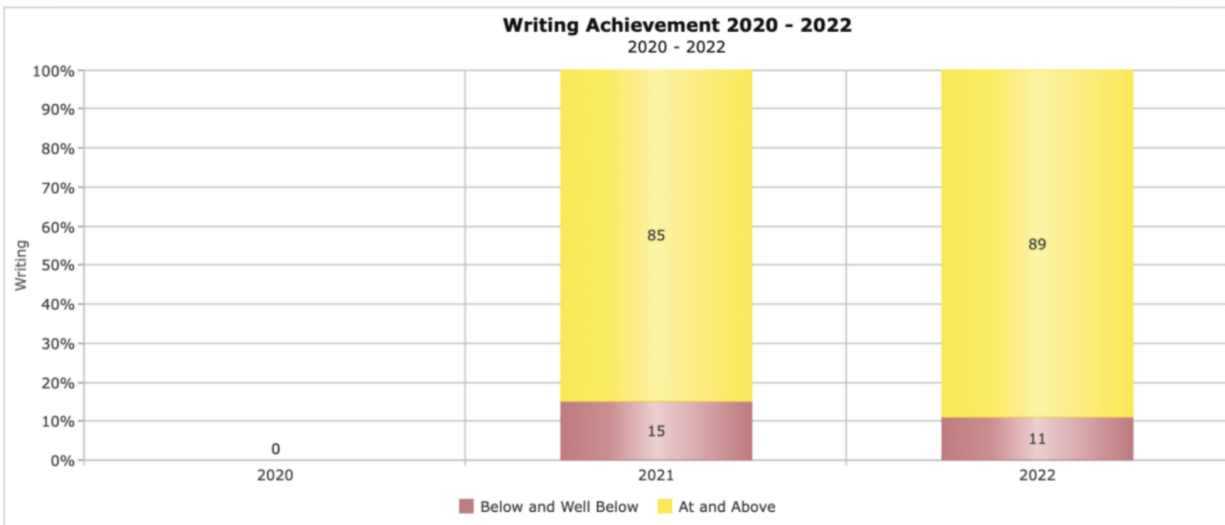
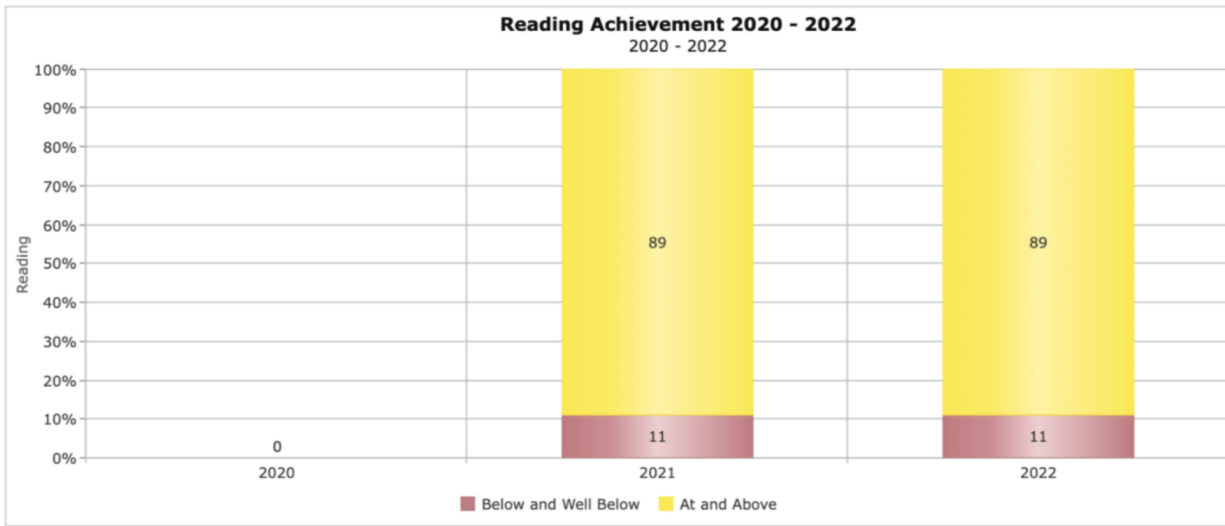
Kia ora koutou Boulcott Whānau,

It's BOOK WEEK this week! Of course, books are always such an integral part of our school life, but it is always great to dedicate a whole week to the love of reading and all things books! One of the highlights of the week have been class visits to the local Hutt City Library to meet the librarians and immerse in the reading culture. Our kaiako have also enjoyed visiting other classes during 'Read and Feed' sessions to share their favourite picture books with other tamariki. Of course, we all look forward to our annual 'Dress Up' day where we come dressed as a favourite book character. Remember, it is not necessary to spend lots of money on a costume. Get creative and utilise what you have at home to create something AWESOME. We are looking forward to seeing everyone get into the spirit of Dress Up day **this Friday!**

As we move into the second half of the term, our Kahikatea team are ramping up their preparation for performing at HuttFest in Week 10. This is always a special event where schools from across the Hutt Valley showcase their Kapa Haka performances. Our kura's performance may look quite different from previous years without Matua Whaitiri supporting us this year, but this does provide some of our kaiako an opportunity to utilise their expertise in performance. Molly Weaver, Lucy Bould and Ruth Hooke are working with the Year 5 and 6 students weekly to create another Kapa Haka extravaganza! Our performance night for HuttFest is confirmed for **Tuesday, 27 September** so Kahikatea parents, keep the date free! Keep a look out for information on purchasing tickets, closer to the date.

At our last Board of Trustees meeting Jo Lock, our Associate Principal, shared our latest student achievement data across the 3 core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths. In the middle of the year we report on the overall teacher judgement which is based on in-class assessment, student work and classroom observations. Below is a snapshot of the judgements from across the school.





It is very pleasing to see the excellent results across all 3 curriculum areas, with approximately 90% of students achieving at or above expectation in the 3 areas. This reflects the excellent teaching that takes place at Boulcott and most importantly - the hard mahi our tamariki do at school each and every day... Ka rawe! Keep up the excellent work everyone!

## PROPERTY UPDATE

The team from Peryer Construction are continuing to make steady progress with our weather tightness project of our main block. They are close to completion of Stage 2, which focuses on areas in the western end of the block. We are hoping we will regain access to our Hall, Junior corridor and Rooms 9 and 10 soon. The next stage of construction will be concentrated around our main entrance and

administration area. We are currently working with Peryer on how this will look as it will likely involve office staff being temporarily relocated. We will keep you posted once we have confirmed the details!



As you know, our parent community is currently deciding who will become our Boulcott Board of Trustees for the next three years. This means the previous Board meeting was the final meeting for our existing Board members. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our out-going Board members for their hard work and unwavering support over the past 3 years. On reflection, their time on the Board has been incredibly complex, having to navigate a new world with

Covid which included lockdowns, traffic light settings, face mask wearing and vaccination mandates. There is also a lot to celebrate with the Kahikatea refurbishment and current weather tightness work underway (which has been a long time in the making!!) So to Margie, Nicky, Pania, Wendy, Andreas, Kai, Glenn and Jodi, thanks so much for all the time and energy you have given to governing Boulcott School. I have appreciated you sharing your expertise and keeping our Boulcott tamariki at the heart of all decision making.

Ngā mihi nui  
Stu Devenport  
Principal

## 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 - Vy, Alfie, Theo, Kaashika

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

By now you would have received your voting papers and candidate statements in the mail. We are very fortunate to have 11 candidates standing for election, so it is important to take the time to complete your voting papers. Voting closes at **4pm on Wednesday, 7 September**. Voting papers can be delivered to school and posted in the voting box located at the school reception. If you are posting your voting papers, please ensure these are posted before **Wednesday, 7 September**. Votes are counted on **Tuesday, 13 September** and the new Board will be announced on **Wednesday, 14 September**.

## HOME AND SCHOOL

**Pie Fundraiser** - Orders are due back at school today. No late orders will be accepted. Please ensure payment for orders are made to the Home and School Account: **13-3478-005621-00** (ref: child's name, pies, child's room). Pies are available for pick up on Thursday, 8 September between 2:30pm - 4pm from the staffroom.

**Rock' n Bingo** - Saturday, 24 September at Boulcott Farm Heritage Golf Club. Tickets \$30. Book the babysitter and brush up on those classic rock songs and join the Home and School for a hilarious night out of bingo.

## WHĀNAU RŌPU

A google form was sent out yesterday with information about a fish and chip lunch fundraiser that our Whānau Roopu group are organising to support small businesses. We thank Great Wall Fast Foods, a Boulcott School family, for assisting us with this fundraiser. If you would like your child/ren to have fish and chips on Friday, 2 September then complete the google form and submit it back to school by **1pm on Friday, 26 August**. Please note that payment is to our Whanau Roopu account: **12-3478-0056621-01**, which is different from our main school account.

## MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

We have noticed recently the increase in parent phone calls to the office asking for messages to be given to their child. While we can appreciate that things happen during the day that your child needs to be informed about, it is time consuming for our office staff to deliver these messages around the school. We would appreciate it if you could ensure your child knows of their after school arrangements before they come to school in the morning. Thanks for your help with this matter.



## **SPORT @ BOULCOTT**

Congratulations to Freddie and Nate, who played for the U10 Petone Settlers team at a tournament in Whanganui on 7 August. They played teams from the Whanganui and Taranaki regions, and went the whole day unbeaten, scoring 35 goals and only conceding 1 goal over

6 games. To top things off, Nate and Freddie scored the goals in the final, which they won 2-0 against Western F.C. Well done boys.



## **Boulcott Broadcasters**

# Hutt Science Competition

Recently, some students took part in the Hutt Science Competition which is a STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) quiz for kids in Years 5 - 8.

This opportunity was kindly organised for Boulcott to compete by Mrs Olds.

The quiz had four rounds which all had ten questions each. In between each round was a practical challenge that teams had to complete. An example from this year's quiz was that they gave the teams twelve gummy lollies and twelve skewers. With that material we had to make a building. We would get one point if the structure stood, two points if it could support a tennis ball, and three points if it could support a rugby ball.



The highest Boulcott scored in the quiz was 3rd place - teno pai!

At the end there was a tie, so there was a tie-breaker where the two teams had to guess how many tonnes the Statue of Liberty was. The tied teams guessed 41 and about 7 tonnes. The statue itself is about 204 metric tonnes (not including the plinth). Our team had a guess for fun (we guessed 50) and this was closer than either of the two tied teams!

The quiz was pretty cool, all thanks to Mrs Olds and all the other parents that helped out!

**by Alexandra Becker**

### 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, 22 Aug	Book Week
Fri, 26 Aug	Book Character Dress Up day
Wed, 31 Aug	Mathswell Competition - Wellington College
Fri, 2 Sept	Onesie Day, Whānau Roopu fish n chip lunch fundraiser, Yr 4-6 swimming time trials for Interzone, 12-1pm at Huia Pool
Sat, 3 Sept	Tournament of Minds
Tues, 6 Sept	Kids Lit Quiz, Futsal Tournament
Wed, 7 Sept	Voting closes at 4pm for BOT Elections
Tues, 13 Sept	Votes counted from BOT Elections
Wed, 14 Sept	New BOT announced
Fri, 16 Sept	Interzone Swimming (Yr 4-6)
Mon, 19 Sept	BOT Meeting (7pm Staffroom)
Tues, 27 Sept	HuttFest Performance
Fri, 30 Sept	End of Term 3

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Nga Manu Conservation Club** - Nga Manu Nature Reserve is giving kids the opportunity to get up close with bugs and grubs and learn to build their own bio-dome during Conservation Week. Conservation Club will comprise of four one-hour sessions after school from 6 September to 9 September. During the weekend of 10 & 11 September, we have a variety of family activities that will appeal to all and a Spring Wildlife Fundraiser which is a Pre-loved clothing and more sale. For more information go to [www.ngamanu.org.nz](http://www.ngamanu.org.nz).

**School Fundraising Shop NZ** - Shop with us and we donate 10% to Boulcott School. Go to [schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz](http://schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz) to view a full range of products.

**Specsavers Lower Hutt** - Government Enable funding, for free or minimal cost. This is available to all families with a current Community Services Card. It entitles each child to two frames every 12 months, until they turn 16. Depending on the size of the frames chosen, all that the family will have to pay could be as little as \$11.50. The eye test for under 16 is FREE at Specsavers Lower Hutt.

**Naenae Village Market** - Join us to celebrate Spring with Team Naenae Trust's annual Spring / Kōanga Festival on Saturday, 3 September from 9am to 1pm in Hillary Court, Naenae. We will also be engaging the community for feedback about what you love about Naenae and what you would love to see in your community. It's a day of celebrating growth and renewal. We would love you to be part of the celebrations! If you would like to have a free stall at the festival to sell second hand products please contact Hannah [naenaemarket@gmail.com](mailto:naenaemarket@gmail.com) to book.



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