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The

Boulcott Broadcast

Wednesday, 7 December 2022

Kia ora koutou Boulcott Whānau,

Welcome to the last Boulcott School newsletter for 2022!

ATHLETICS SUCCESS!

Eight of our students represented Boulcott School at Regional Athletics competitions on Tuesday, 6 December. We haven't had any official results yet but we do know that the Year 4 girls came second in the relay.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AND CUSHION CONCERT

Congratulations to Kahikatea tamariki for an amazing Christmas Market. Such great products and ideas. It is great to see such budding Boulcott entrepreneurs!! They raised over \$1,300 for next year's camp. Ka rawe tamariki ma! This was followed by a cheerful Christmas cushion concert - the weather unfortunately moving the event into our hall. It was a great turn out - thanks to our community for coming along to join in the fun! Thanks to our Kaiako for organising these fun end of year events.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

Keep an eye on the community calendar - there's lots on! Key events are:

- **Year 6 Leavers' evening** - Wednesday, 7 December 6:30-8:30pm.
- **Parent helpers' afternoon tea** - Thursday, 8 December 3:15-4pm in the staffroom.
- **Prize Giving Assembly 2022** - Friday, 9 December, 1:30pm in the hall (early lunch 12:15pm).
- **Monday, 12 December** - whole school trip to Avalon park - your child's teacher will send information.
- **Wednesday, 14 December** - Meet the teacher morning - class lists and reports go home.
- **Thursday, 15 December** - Leavers' Assembly 11:30am - **school finishes at 1pm.**

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING FOCUS

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SUCCESS! At this time of the year, when we celebrate Prize Giving - it is important to remember - while some students will receive awards on Friday, every one of our students has shone in different ways this year and need to be celebrated for the progress they have made academically and socially this year.



KĪWAHA O TE WIKI



Kōrero Te Reo Māori at home!!

REPORTS AND CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2023

Students will meet their teacher and classmates for 2023 on Wednesday, 14 December in Block 1. There is an amendment to our previous newsletter - due to staff illness, reports will be going home on this date along with your child's class list for 2023.

REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please advise our school office by email: info@boulcott.school.nz, our absence line (04) 566 3058, or on our Boulcott School website.

MISS MITCHELL SIGNING OFF FOR 2022...

Phew! It's been a big year! Early on we faced challenges as a result of Covid - starting the school year with drop offs and pick ups at the gate, and staggered breaks to minimise mixing across syndicates. Covid also presented us with challenges around staffing when teachers were unwell. Relievers were very hard to come by! Building work in Kahikatea was completed, and the hall roof project started - this has presented several challenges too - with classes having to move, access to areas blocked and the noise of the mahi above us!

Through all of the ups and downs that 2022 has thrown at us, our tamariki and staff have been AMAZING - so flexible, adaptable and resilient. They've also supported one another so well this year - and remained positive. I commend our teaching team and support staff - who have been committed to seamless provision of excellent educational experiences for our tamariki. We are so fortunate to have such a hard-working, professional and dedicated staff at Boulcott School. Kaiako who have stepped into management roles this year have shown exemplary leadership and kept everything ticking along, ensuring everyone has felt informed, settled and safe.

We farewelled Mr Devenport at the end of Term 3, sending him on his way with a special farewell at Boulcott and a beautiful powhiri at Muritai. In February we will welcome our new Principal, Mrs Rachael Sole - and under her guidance, a new exciting chapter will begin for our kura.

I would like to thank everyone on our staff - our kids and you all - our wonderful community, for your support in my role as Acting Principal for two terms this year. It has been an absolute privilege to be at the helm to provide some stability through a tricky year!

I hope you all take time over summer to switch off from your mahi and re-connect with loved ones - have a peaceful, joyful Christmas and a safe, sun-filled break!

Arohanui Boulcott Whānau,

Jodi Mitchell
Acting Principal



CHEER Awards:

Term 4, Week 6& 7

Congratulations to the following students who have been our CHEER recipients from our last assemblies. 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.

Room 1: Grace R, Nate W, David V, Thomas C

Room 2: Isla O, Abigail J, Jawab W

Room 3: Indie T, Juana M, Priya W, Gene M

Room 4: Addison V, Riley G, Henry C, Stella F, Micah I, Addison K, Ashton L

Room 5: Hugo M, Julian E

Room 6: Olive B, Amaris U

Room 7: Martina M, Vera M, Jude K, Bashir Q

Room 8: Luxton D, River SC,

Room 9: Amyrah Y, Richie O

Room 10: James B, Vy T, Samaira B, Hope CT, Josiah F, Ziah MJ, Joshua O, Kaashika P, Theo S, Roman T, Cherry X, Brooklyn S

Room 11: Gomat A, Darcy M, Jessica K, Cooper W

Room 12: Brock F, Heidi E

Room 13: Leven VDV, Daniel M

Room 15: Malin B, Zoe C, Sarina V, Kobe W

Room 16: Jahdyn P, Corbin B



Boulcott **Broadcasters**

Interzone Athletics

On Tuesday, 29 November a group of students went to Interzone athletics. Interzone is the 3rd athletics event, 1st was school athletics, 2nd was Central Zone, and then Interzone. It was an awesome day out in the sun, and we all tried our very best with some amazing results! The Year 4 girls relay team won their race and are moving on to Regionals which is in Masterton. A few other kids are also going to Regionals. Everyone jumped their highest, threw their furthest, and ran their fastest. Overall, it was an amazing opportunity for everyone who got to go. We can't wait to do it all again next year.
by Anna Henry



The Christmas Market

On 30 November Boulcott School had a Christmas Market. You might have gone to it too. The kids were working on this market for the past term and were also working at the stalls and games. Also you got tokens instead of coins.

One of the games was '*chocolate pong*'. Chocolate pong was the most popular because the prizes had A LOT of chocolate. In chocolate pong you had to bounce a ping-pong ball into a paper cup full of chocolate. You get 3 turns and if you get one ball into the cup you won the cup full of chocolate. When it was my turn I got nothing.

Another game was '*pin the nose on the reindeer*'. The game is kind of like pin the tail on the donkey but with a nose and a reindeer. Also you get spun around 10 times instead of 5 times.

Another game was '*bean bag throw*'. Bean bag throw is you stand from the appropriate distance. One token = 3 beanbags. If you get one bean bag in the bucket you get a little bag of lollies. If you miss the buckets all 3 times you still get a lollipop. There were also drinks, rock pets and Christmas cards made by the children.

At the end of the Christmas Market we raised \$1382.90 for the Year 5 and 6's camp next year. Also, thank you Home and School for the donation to help us get the equipment for the market.

by Kaleb Christiansen



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 - Brooklyn

Year 2 - Harshini

BOARD NEWS

It is hard to believe that December is here already and we are headed into our last week of school. It only seems like it was yesterday that we were dropping our children off at the gate for their first day of school. With another disruptive year to everyone, the Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Boulcott School who worked hard in some trying times. With various Covid alert level changes, all of the winter illness that left you very understaffed, the departure of Mr D and of course

all of the construction within the school and surrounding areas. It's not easy to power on with all of these disruptions thrown at you, but you did and made sure the children were safe and happy. So thank you.

With the departure of Mr D, we would like to acknowledge and thank Jodi Mitchell for her hard work and passion as she took on the role of Acting Principal during Term 2 and Term 4. You ensured there was little or no disruption to daily school life and it was a pleasure to work alongside you.

With a few things on the horizon for 2023, we would like to make mention of Cohort entry and what that would look like for Boulcott School. Cohort entry is when a group of children who are 5 all start at the same time (at regular intervals within a term - Week 1 & 6) rather than on their 5th birthday. Karen Clements is carrying out a great deal of research into this and during Term 1&2 will be conducting consultation within the wider community. We

encourage you to look out for this and provide your thoughts when it arises as all research and feedback will be taken into consideration before any decision is made.

That's it from us for 2023. Boulcott School wouldn't be what it is without the support of our families, whānau and wider community. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to connecting with you all again in 2023. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Take Care - Margie, Jodi, Karen C, Kai, Andreas, Whaitiri, Wendy and Jacqui.



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Athletics: Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Interzone athletics last week and have qualified for the Regionals, which took place on Tuesday, 6 December in Masterton.

Interzone Results

Year 4 Girls: Elyse - Long jump, 60m & 100m sprints
Emily - Long jump, High jump, 60m & 100m sprints

Year 5 Girls: Ilex - Quoits

Year 6 Girls: Anna - 800m

Year 6 Boys: Declan - Quoits

Congratulations also to the Year 4 girls - Kailani, Elyse, Emily, Crystal and Hazel who won their relay event.

Touch Rugby - Congratulations to the Boulcott Titans, who are Touch Champions, winning the Year 5&6 Mixed Division grade.

Return of Sports Uniforms - Please return all sports uniforms and gear to the office as soon as possible.

HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ice Block Fridays

Our Ice Block Fridays are proving very popular - available under the shade sails at 3pm Term 4. Ice blocks can be purchased for \$1 or with a prepaid voucher.

Boulcott School Twilight Gala - 24 February 2023



We are seeking donations of books, toys and children's clothes to sell at our upcoming Twilight Gala at Boulcott School!

If you're in the midst of a spring clean, please keep aside any **books** and **children's toys** (including **games, puzzles, dress ups** etc) that are in good, clean, used condition as we'd love to accept them as donations for the gala. We are also seeking donations of **children's clothing and shoes** - in good, clean condition.

Items can be dropped to the hall at Boulcott School (21 Boulcott Street, Lower Hutt) between 1pm-3pm on Sunday 13 November, Sunday 4 December, Monday 30 January, Sunday 5 February or Sunday 12 February.

Any electronic items need to be in working order, with batteries included when required.

Drop off dates:

School hall - Monday, 30 January 1-3pm

School hall - Sunday, 5 and 12 February 1-3pm

If you are doing a spring clear out we would LOVE donations of the following :

Children's toys, games, puzzles and dress ups, adults and children's books

Children's clothing and footwear in GOOD, CLEAN condition.

Please email gala@boulcott.school.nz to arrange donations outside of these times.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Just a reminder with school finishing early on Thursday, 15 December that there will be NO school lunches. School lunches will resume again next year starting 9 February 2023..

TERM DATES for 2023

Term 1: Wednesday, 1 February - Thursday, 6 April

Term 2: Monday, 24 April - Friday, 30 June

Term 3: Monday, 17 July - Friday, 22 September

Term 4: Monday, 9 October - Thursday, 14 December

Public Holidays:

Monday, 6 February: Waitangi Day (Mondayised)

Friday, 7 April: Good Friday

Tuesday 25 April: ANZAC Day

Monday, 5 June: Queen's Birthday

Monday, 23 October: Labour Day

Important Dates	
Wed, 7 Dec	Year 6 Leavers Evening 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs, 8 Dec	Thank you Afternoon Tea for Parents 3:15 - 4:15pm
Fri, 9 Dec	Prizegiving 1:30pm in the Hall (early lunch 12:15-1:15pm)
Mon, 12 Dec	Avalon Park Trip (whole school), Road Patrol Party 10am-2pm
Wed, 14 Dec	Meet the Teacher morning: class lists and reports go home
Thurs, 15 Dec	Final Assembly (Time TBC) Last day of Term 4 - school closes at 1pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OPEN DAY – Junior Pickleball

Come and have some fun with Pickleball – a game that combines tennis, table tennis, and badminton

Who: Ages 9 - 18

When: Tuesday 20th December
10am – 12 noon

Where: 25 Vogel Street, Naenae

What to bring: Sports shoes, comfortable clothes
a drink bottle, a snack

Cost: \$5 per player (paid on the day)

Register with player name, age, gender, emergency number



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and try
it!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
DEVELOPMENTOFFICER@BHV.ORG.NZ



Under 13's competition

Monday 19th December

10am – 12noon for ages 9, 10, 11 and 12 (age on day)

Venue: Badminton Hall, 25 Vogel Street, Naenae

Format: Swiss Ladder System, doubles

Cost: \$10 per person (limited to 32 players)

(paid online by 5pm 16th December please, no pay = no play)

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Players must have an understanding of the rules and be able to hold a rally

To register email Nikki: developmentofficer@bhv.org.nz

With the following details: player name, age, dob, gender, emergency contact, ability level



Summer Volleyball Camps - Years 5-8: Monday-Tuesday Dec 19-20

Time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM each day

Location: St Oran's College gym

Cost: \$60 for both days per player for camp. PAID IN ADVANCE

Signup: <https://forms.gle/goZoniT3Z5xsPvp37>

Please bring a bag lunch, snack and a water bottle. A light morning tea will be provided.

PAYMENT- Prepay BEFORE camp in this account: 01-0530-0515415-00 (Include student's first/last name and Reference Code: NZFIRE-22 in payment) 2nd child is \$45. 3rd child is \$30

Our Facebook Page- <https://www.facebook.com/Nzfirevolleyball/>

Questions: NZFireStaff@gmail.com

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School Holiday Programmes

Coding Holiday Activity - Ages 10 -15, Learn to make games, websites & applications. For more info go to codingnz.com/freeactivity.

Code Camp - Kids Coding, Games, Robotics and Apps. For more information go to www.codecamp.co.nz.

Pride Escape Adventure Weekends - are mid-term adventure escapes designed for young people between the age range 5 – 17 years*. The weekend runs from Midday Friday through to Midday Sunday. We design the trips to give the cubs the very best of Pride Lands, with a focus on social development, teamwork, self-organisation, participation, confidence and respect. We also help them develop a sense of responsibility and discipline and we do heaps of structured physical activity to keep them fit and healthy over the weekend. Oh and the usual Fun, Adventure and Laughter will always come along. The kids help

to make many of the great nutritious meals, and we all eat together. Food, accommodation, transport and supervision are all included in the package. If your child requires extra support during our Adventure Weekends, we can provide additional, dedicated, one-on-one mentoring for them. See our fees page for the cost.

Our Pride Escape is MSD approved and WINZ subsidised.

Places available on each Adventure Weekend Pride Escape are limited, and they fill up quickly, so book early to avoid missing out. Go to <https://pridelands.org.nz/services/adventure-weekend/>



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16th - 31st January 2023



<p>Monday 19th</p> <p>Generous Gifts Put your elf hat on and shape your clay before painting it and taking it home to be the perfect gift for someone you love!</p> <p>ARTS & CRAFTS STEM</p>	<p>Tuesday 20th</p> <p>Merry Grinchmas Play rob the whos game and make green Grinch slime! Make handprint art of the Grinch and his dog Max and tasty marshmallow pops.</p> <p>ARTS & CRAFTS STEM</p>	<p>Wednesday 21st</p> <p>Global Festivities Learn about global holidays and make papier mache Pinatas for Las Posadas, Dreidel-like snacks for Hanukkah and Filipino Parol stars.</p> <p>ARTS & CRAFTS WELLNESS</p>	<p>Thursday 22nd</p> <p>Have a safe and happy holiday!</p>	<p>Friday 23rd</p> <p>Have a safe and happy holiday!</p>
<p>Monday 16th</p> <p>Summer STEM-sation This STEM-sational day is filled with Summer experiments, plenty of games and smores baked in a solar oven.</p> <p>COOKING STEM</p>	<p>Tuesday 17th</p> <p>Topical Tropics Create carnival headwear from Brazil, volcano science from the Galapagos Islands and Lemur inspired sushi from Madagascar!</p> <p>COOKING STEM</p>	<p>Wednesday 18th</p> <p>Ultimate Frisbee The team at Ultimate Leagues is coming to teach new techniques to throw a frisbee, and compete in team games for ultimate fun!</p> <p>PREMIUM</p>	<p>Thursday 19th</p> <p>Draw with Scissors We don't need pens and paint to create art, we just need scissors and glue! Test hurricane science, creative sculptures and more.</p> <p>ARTS & CRAFTS TEAMWORK</p>	<p>Friday 20th</p> <p>Splash-in good fun! Spish, Splosh, Splash with fun water games like sponge toss, water-ball pinata and relays. Bring a towel and spare clothes!</p> <p>COOKING TEAMWORK</p>
<p>Monday 23rd</p> <p>Happy Wellington Anniversary!</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th</p> <p>You'd be lost without em! Fly your Flag high on a DIY Flag Mast, test your geography with our Running Quiz and make a flag sandwich.</p> <p>COOKING STEM</p>	<p>Wednesday 25th</p> <p>Colour Chaos Create chaotic pendulum paintings, blow art monsters and try different tie-dye activities and make colourful pizza for afternoon tea!</p> <p>ARTS & CRAFTS COOKING</p>	<p>Thursday 26th</p> <p>Let it Rip! Get stuck into Beyblade cookies, DIY Fidget toys and LOL Doll Jewellery. Learn to draw a 3D Rubik's cube and play fun ball games.</p> <p>ARTS & CRAFTS COOKING</p>	<p>Friday 27th</p> <p>Drive to Survive Try out your racing skills on our obstacle course today! Make a sling-shot car and quiz your brain. Don't forget to bring a pair of wheels!</p> <p>STEM TEAMWORK</p>
<p>Monday 30th</p> <p>Carnival Jump on bouncy castles, bike the outdoor tracks, play group games and enjoy meeting new sKids friends!</p> <p>TRIP</p>	<p>Tuesday 31st</p> <p>Gotta catch them all Create fizzing pokeballs and catapults. Then enjoy a pokeball snack after pokemon games and endless folding cards.</p> <p>COOKING STEM</p>			

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