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The

Boulcott Broadcast

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

Welcome to Boulcott School for 2023!

I'd like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all our new families and students.

Thank you to everyone I have met so far at Boulcott School, you have all made me feel so incredibly welcome.

What a fabulous start to the year!

Friends old and new, fun, powhiri and reconnecting were the focus of our first week back. The start of the school year has gone smoothly and our tamariki seem very happy to be back with their buddies and teachers at school.

Thank you to all the whānau and community that filled the hall at the powhiri for myself and our new whānau and students. I have been most impressed with our students, who behaved and performed so beautifully during the powhiri on Friday. Special congratulations and thanks to Jahdyn who performed the wero/Māori challenge so confidently and our two young girls - Ruby and Olive who led the karanga, so sweetly calling those of us who are new to Boulcott. Many thanks also to Whaitiri Poutawa who led our special ceremony and Scott Fisher who spoke formally on behalf of the manuhiri.

Our learners have all come to school prepared and are just getting on with things. So far, the weather has been pretty kind to us (I don't know what everyone was going on about regarding Wellington's weather??), so all classes have been making the most of our spaces outside for learning and play. Our current focus is around building a strong class culture, establishing good routines and expectations for learning. Our CHEER values are definitely at the front and centre and permeate all our learning.



Introduction

I'd like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself to you. My name is Mrs Rachael Sole and it is an honour and a privilege to be your new Tumuaki/Principal.

To our tamariki and whānau – can I just let you know how impressed I am with your teachers and support staff at our kura. They have all made me feel so warmly welcome and have done a fantastic job getting ready for their new classes this year. Their learning spaces look vibrant and well organised, their lesson plans for the term look future focused, individualised and innovative - ready for our tamariki to do their best learning. So thank you team - kia ora.

Let me tell you a little bit about me. I began teaching back in the early 90's at a South Auckland Intermediate school and have since then taught in 6 different schools in NZ and 2 schools in the UK. I have taught all year groups from Year 2 to Year 13.

So, what brought me from Auckland to Wellington? Well my sister Catherine has lived down here with her family for over 20 years. And then more recently (last year during Covid restrictions) both of my children have moved down here to work. Stephanie studied for 4 years at Victoria and now has a position with the Treasury and Matthew studied in Auckland and now works as a videogame designer for A44 in Petone. So when Boulcott School advertised for a new Principal, my husband Craig and I decided we were excited about making the big move down from Auckland to our beautiful capital city.

I have most recently been a deputy in a large primary school on Auckland's North Shore. I was at Sunnynook School for 8 years. I am passionate about education - about every child having the opportunity and support to achieve success and be the best they can be. I am all about the whole child. I want to work in a school which is child centred, and so all our efforts, our work and our endeavours revolve around the achievement of each student's potential, academically, socially and emotionally. A school where we stand tall and fly high, together. Kia tū kaha, kia maia, kia rere ki te ao.

I am excited to be Boulcott School's new Principal and I'm very much looking forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael



Boulcott Staff for 2023

We have a talented group of teaching and support staff lined up for 2023. Below is our confirmed staffing.

Boulcott Teaching Teams 2023

Principal: Rachael Sole **Deputy Principal & Senco:** Jodi Mitchell **Associate Principal:** Jo Lock

Harakeke Team: Year 1-2

Karen Clements (Team Leader)
Brigit Scahill
Jane Anstiss
Lisa Hassell
Leigh McGregor
Karen Henry
Jenny Fraser (release teacher)



Kōwhai Team: Year 3-4

Jo Lock (AP & Team Leader)
Lucy Bould
Gaylene Nankivell
Sophie Kay
Suzanne Cody (release teacher)
Tania Tyrer (release teacher)



Kahikatea Team: Year 5&6

Melissa Coton (Team Leader)
Luke Dentice
Corrina Rayson
Molly Weaver
Marg Presland (release teacher)



Learning Support:

Fiona Ranchod (Structured Literacy Intervention)
Jenn Burridge
Carol Healy
Karen Prince
Hannah Watkins
Dharini Walpita
Matt McDowell
Donna Larsen
Samantha Smith
Craig O'Connell

Administration:








Bev de Wever (Office Manager)
Tania Blucher (Office Administrator)
Hannah Watkins (Office Administrator)
Dean Scahill (Caretaker)
Dana Skinner (Sports Coordinator)
Eileen Falconer (Librarian)

The best way to get in touch with any of our staff is via email. You can find a full list of contact details on our staff page on our website: <https://www.boulcott.school.nz/staff/>

Please be mindful that as a general rule, classroom teachers will not reply to emails during teaching time as they are, of course, busy with the children. Our office staff are regularly checking their emails throughout the day so if there is an urgent message during learning time, it is best to send it to info@boulcott.school.nz

Communication

At Boulcott we use a variety of platforms to communicate important information between school and home. We believe in keeping you updated with up and coming events along with celebrating our successes.

- **The Boulcott Broadcast:** This newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon. As we are an Enviro-School we distribute this via email. If you currently receive a paper copy of this newsletter but would prefer it sent by email, please contact the school office. We are also happy to include community messages in the newsletter. We would appreciate it if all messages could be shared with the school office by the Monday afternoon before the Broadcast is distributed. 
- **Email:** We regularly utilise email for reminders and other important messages. Please contact the school office if your email address needs updating from last year. 
- **School App:** Our school app is another useful tool for communicating with parents. This is a secure app where you can view information about your child, report an absence, view our newsletters, along with many other features. When your child starts at Boulcott School you will receive an email with a link to download the app. If you have not joined up to use the app and would like to please contact the office. 
- **School Website & Calendar:** On the front page of our website: www.boulcott.school.nz there is a Community Calendar, which we will be continuing to utilise in 2023. All important dates for families will be included on this calendar, so it is useful to visit this regularly to keep up to date with the latest events. 
- **Facebook:** Have you 'liked' our School Facebook page? We utilise this page for reminders, but more importantly, to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Boulcott School. Just search Boulcott School on Facebook to find our page. 
- **Seesaw:** We will be utilising this fantastic platform to share learning between school and home. Using this app, you'll find photos and videos that showcase your child's work. 
- **Google Forms:** We will continue to use Google Forms for permission and newsletters that require responses from parents. If you ever need assistance with completing these, please contact the office. 

We are always interested in hearing how we can make our communication more effective with our families, so feedback is welcomed.

Sun Smart

Boulcott is a SunSmart school. This term it is compulsory for all children to wear hats when outside at playtimes, lunch or undertaking sport. Please ensure your children have their named sun hats at school every day to enable them to play outside freely. Children without sun hats will be restricted to the shade sail area. Sun hats can be purchased through the school office. You may also like to apply sunblock to your children before school. Children also need to wear shoes at school to protect their feet, and clothes that are suitable for sun protection and sports activities.



School Donations

A reminder, Boulcott School has opted into the Government's Donation Scheme Funding which means we will not be asking for family donations in 2023. We will also not be asking families to cover additional costs for trips and other activities. You will still be asked to cover the cost of any optional activities. Because of this, we need to be careful choosing the trips and activities, so we keep to budget!

Although we will not be asking for donations in 2023 they will still be graciously received and welcomed! Last year we received some generous donations from families which went towards school operations. We really appreciate all contributions.

Birthday treats in classrooms

Some of the classroom teachers have noticed that a tradition is forming with students bringing treats (lollies, cake, ice blocks) for their classmates when it is their birthday. Although we see this as a lovely and generous gesture, it can create complications with dietary requirements and additional pressure for others to reciprocate. We ask that you save these birthday treats for parties or after school hours. Children are made to feel special on their birthday with each class having their own ways to celebrate. Thanks for your support on this matter.



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

The sports season is almost underway and what an exciting time that will be for all the talent that will be displayed from our Boulcott tamariki.

As always, Touch has been extremely popular and we have entered 10 touch teams into the competition at Fraser Park on a Thursday: two teams from Harakeke, four teams from Kōwhai and four teams from Kahikatea. Games start on Thursday, 16 February and run for 6 weeks. Your team's adult helper will be in contact about your

game time.

This term there is Netball for Year 1&2 and Year 3&4. This is held on Saturday mornings at Taita Netball Courts, beginning Saturday, 25 February. The season will also run for 6 weeks, with another 6 week season in Term 4. Please keep an eye on your emails as netball registration information will be coming to you shortly.

For the rest of the year Boulcott will offer Netball for Year 5&6 in Term 2&3 (registration information will come towards the end of Term 1); Badminton for Year 5&6 in Term 3; Tiniball (Basketball) in Term 2&3 (registration information will come towards the end of Term 1); Waterpolo for Year 5&6 (Term 2&3) (registration information will come beginning of Term 2); as well as a variety of Zone events including Cross Country (Term 2), Swimming (Term 3) and Athletics (Term 4).

Best of luck to all those players taking part in a team this year and remember to play fair, display those CHEER values and most importantly, have fun.

Mrs Skinner
Sports Co-ordinator

PRIZE GIVING RECIPIENTS FOR 2022

End of Year CHEER AWARD recipients

Room 6: Ahren & Lily

Room 7: Kyla-Jade & Aroha

Room 8: Julia & Jake

Room 9: Annabelle & Amyrah

Room 10: Arthur & Kaleb

Room 11: Tatum & Joanna

Room 12: Lilly & Gracie

Room 13: Alana & Frankie

Room 15: Elinda & Wilden

Room 16: Ollie & Violet



Kahikatea Team:

Citizenship: Isla

Effort and Attitude: Lexi, Ben, Kristen, Vishaant, Sophie

Sport: Declan

Achievement and Leadership in Art: Kaleb

Academic: Luke, Ethan L, Ethan H, Alexandra, Ben, Clare

Boulcott School 'Friendship' Cup - Harakeke: Arlo & Petra

Boulcott School 'Effort and Attitude' Cup - Harakeke: Hampton & Jasper

Boulcott School 'Citizenship' Cup - Kōwhai: Heidi

Boulcott School 'Effort and Attitude' Cup - Kōwhai: Taika

Boulcott School 'Citizenship' Cup - Kahikatea: Riley

Gibbons Family Cup 'Student of the Year for Excellence, Attitude and Effort' - Kahikatea: Henry

Elyse Gibbons Memorial Cup for 'Excellence, Attitude and Effort' - Kahikatea: Aaliya

Boulcott School 'Performing Arts' Cup: Clare

Boulcott School 'Sportsman' Cup: Joseph

Ingram Family Cup for 'Sportsmanship' (female): Anna

Boulcott School Year 5 'Academic' Cup: Jasmin & Charis

Boulcott School Year 6 'Academic' Cup: Anna

Berry Family Cup for 'Contribution to School Life': Anna

Boulcott School Mana Award: Olive Kerr

Falconer Cup for Environmental Awareness: Alexandra



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 - Vrishaan, Dayven, Finn, Levon, Lily, Octavia, Theo, Eden, Maya, Tia

Year 2 - Noah

Year 3 - Cody, Florence

Year 4 - Kassia

Year 5 - Darrel, Mannat

Launchpad Champions (formerly Bible in Schools) is an opt-in Christian Values Education programme. It is available for Year 3-6 on Friday lunchtimes, starting on Friday, 17 February.

The Launchpad Champions programme is a fun 30-minute lesson that presents tamariki with positive values like being a good friend, respect, making good choices and helping others.

Programmes are delivered through the art of kōrero (story-telling), multimedia and interactive activities.

Each lesson has a specific learning outcome and reinforces the values found in the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa.

Look out for the opt-in form that needs to be filled in and returned to the black bag in your classroom for your child to participate.

For more information, please check their website: <https://launchpad.kiwi/>

Home and School

Ice Block Fridays - Term 1 beginning Friday, 17 February, then again after the Gala from 3 March. Prepaid cards will be available to be purchased later this week or ice blocks can be purchased with cash on the day. Ice blocks will be sold from 3pm under the shade sail for \$1 each.

Nga mihi nui
Rachael Sole
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Thurs, 9 Feb	Learning Conversations
Mon, 13 Feb	Kahikatea swimming commences
Wed, 15 Feb	Camp information evening/parent helper evening, 6-7:30pm
Fri, 17 Feb	Assembly 9:15am in the hall
Mon, 20 Feb	Kahikatea swimming continues, BOT meeting (7pm) staffroom
Thurs, 23 Feb	Kahikatea swimming finishes
Friday, 24 Feb	Twilight Gala 4-8pm
Friday, 3 March	Assembly 9:15am in the hall
Monday, 6 March	Kahikatea Syndicate at Kaitoke camp
Wed, 8 March	Kahikatea Syndicate returns from Kaitoke camp
Friday, 17 March	Assembly 9:15am in the hall
Friday, 31 March	Assembly 9:15am in the hall
Thursday, 6 April	Last day of Term 1, school finishes at 3pm

From the School Office

Absences

Please ring the school office before 8:55am if your child is going to be absent for the day. Messages can be left on the school answer-phone, emailed, or you can leave a message using our website or our school app.

Invoices

Invoices will still be issued for optional activities. The expectation is that all invoices will be paid immediately, unless arrangements have been made with the office. Payment for invoices can be made by direct credit using account 12-3142-0062729-00. Please include your child's name as a reference. Any forms returned need to be in a (recycled) sealed envelope or plastic bag, with your child's name and room number clearly written. It would be helpful if parents could organise the envelopes or bags the night before so children can hand them directly to the classroom teacher.

These are then handed into the office after the roll has been taken, as the office is busy dealing with absentees in the morning.

Student Information and Medication Update

It is very important that we have up-to-date information on our records. If you have any changes to the

information we presently hold, please inform the office. Any medication your child may require at school needs to be held at the office with instructions on how it is to be administered. Medication needs to be in a clear container with your child's name on it.

Lunches

We offer Pita Pit lunches on **Thursdays** and sushi on **Fridays**. School lunches will be available from Thursday, 9 February. This can only be ordered online by going to www.lunchonline.co.nz to register. An account is created for your child and payment made, so you have funds in the account before you order, which can be used at any time to order lunch on a Thursday or Friday. Orders must be received by 9am. The lunches are delivered directly to school and given to your child. **Please note** that if you already have an account set up from last year, you will need to go in and change your child's room number to their current room number.

Uniform

If your child requires a new sun hat or sports top please email the school office and we can send you out an order form. Once payment has been received, via direct credit to the school account, we will organise the uniform item and get it to your child. Uniform items will be issued once a week on Thursday. If you are unsure of sizing we are happy to try the item on your child to ensure they have the correct size.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Would you like to have a go at tennis? Petone Tennis Club offers fun and inclusive Junior Coaching group sessions on Saturday mornings at 34 Bouverie Street - opposite Mitre10 and next to the rugby club. Your first two sessions are FREE and we have mid-season (only pay for half a season) pricing if you enjoy it and want to continue. Go to <https://clubspark.kiwi/PetoneTennis> to find out more, or email petonetc@gmail.com

5-8 year olds 8.30-9.30am
8-10 year old 9.30 to 10.45am
11+ and all interclub players 10.45-12.15am
We'd love to see you!

Piano Lessons - Jonathan Crehan has a couple of spaces available at Boulcott School on Tuesdays during school hours. He has twelve years of teaching his own successful and popular piano learning method and also teaches at Kelson, Waterloo, Maungaraki and Korokoro Schools. If you are interested to know more and register your child for a free trial lesson starting Term 1, please get in touch with Jonathan via info@gopiano.co.nz or 0276373764.

Goodtime Music Academy - GTMA is now taking enrolments for 2023 in-school music lessons now. If you want your child to be a part of these award winning music lessons, and want to be a part of their new curriculum and performing opportunities, then in-school lessons may be the solution for you. Learn in a group setting, and choose between Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele. Or try their 'Intro to Music' course. Please visit www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school to enrol and enquire. You can also call them on 04 568 2237. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

WonderHouse Art Class - This class aims to unleash children's creative potential by providing art guidance, space and materials. We inspire children to explore their own imagination by observing, interpreting and expressing things in great detail. During the class, a great variety of art materials/tools will be used, including paints, clay, foams, coloured paper, cardboard, brush, scissors etc. All these materials and guidance are provided at a very affordable rate (from \$9.99 per class).



An advertisement for WonderHouse Art Class. The top part features a red background with the text 'Our class' in a white circle, listing activities like 'Ingenious Creativity', 'Ingenious Observation', 'Ingenious Art Expression', and 'Ingenious Hand 2nd Coordination'. Below this are small images of children's art. The bottom part has a white background with a red starburst containing '\$9.99 per 3-hour class'. It also includes the text 'Unleash children's creative potential.', 'Professional art teacher guidance, all art materials included, every weekend during school term.', and 'Limited Spaces AVAILABLE Book Now wonderhouse.co.nz' with a QR code.

Coding Lessons - Suitable for ages 9 - 18. Learn coding languages to create technology. An expert tutor is online to help during lessons. 1 hour per week at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm weekdays. Try a free trial lesson at codingnz.com.



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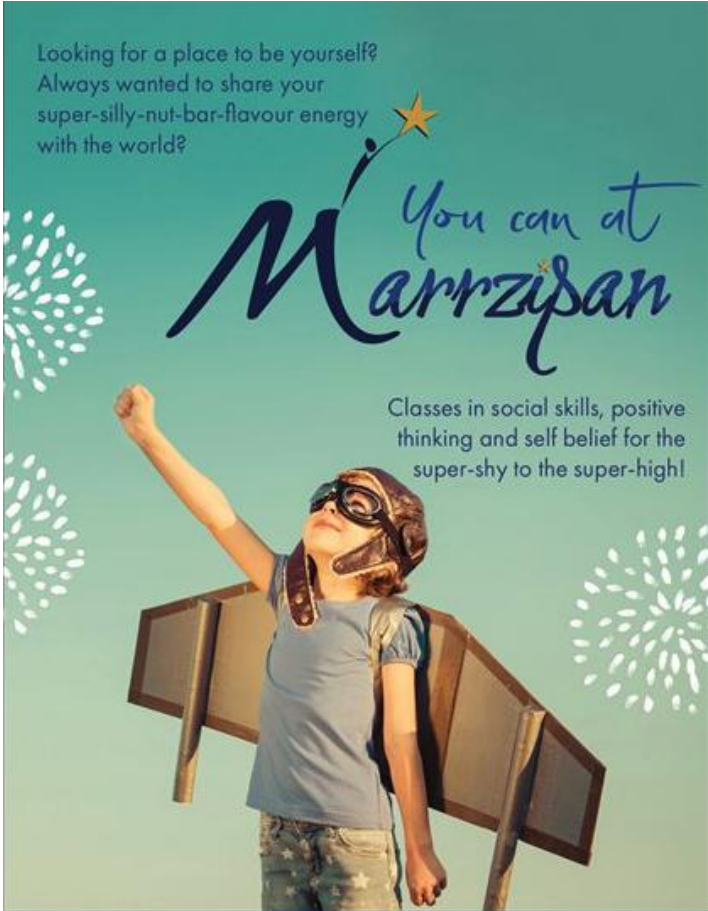
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