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The

Boulcott Broadcast

Wednesday, 25 October 2023



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I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend we have just had and were able to spend some time together as a family. What a fun start we have had to Term 4 with our wonderful **Athletics Day** on Friday of Week 1. The weather behaved for the most part, although the wind was impressive!! You can see photos and read all about athletics day later in the newsletter as our Boulcott Broadcasters (selected Kahikatea students) have written an article about it. I would like to thank Jo Lock and her team for all the hard work that went into the organisation of this event. We also had many parent volunteers who helped us out on the day. Thank you team!



As the weather becomes warmer we are noticing a number of families staying after 3pm to play in our playground. This is lovely but we ask you to please **actively supervise** your children outside. We would also appreciate your support in reinforcing your child/ren making kind play choices and avoiding upsetting other children who may also be playing after 3pm.



Kahikatea Team (Year 5 & 6) have had some **new furniture** purchased for their classrooms. It looks very smart and lends itself to a more flexible and collaborative approach to learning. Feel free to pop in and see it if you get a chance.



I have recently received a letter of resignation from **Sophie Kay** and it is with mixed emotions that we will be saying farewell to Sophie at the end of this school year. I am sad to see such a warm, friendly and fabulous teacher leave Boulcott, but I am also really excited for her as she has an OE adventure booked which will see her heading over to the UK in the new school year. Sophie has been at Boulcott School since the beginning of 2022, having previously completed her teacher placement here in 2021. Sophie has also been a valued member of our school staff

and more recently on the Board. She will be missed by both her teaching colleagues and all her students. All the very best for your future Sophie!



Our Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) parent information evening was held in Week 1 and was attended by about 40 of our whānau. It was a great opportunity for parents to be able to ask questions and have clarity on exactly what we are teaching as part of our Health programme at Boulcott.

Our Senior Leadership Team has begun our planning for 2024. One of the key planning components is looking at our student numbers, so we have a good understanding of how many children we will have in each learning team. If your circumstances are changing and you know your child/ren will not be returning to Boulcott School in 2024 can you please contact the school office: info@boulcott.school.nz



Teaching teams have started the process of forming classes for 2024. This is a complex process where a lot of factors are taken into consideration. Learning, social, behaviour and emotional needs, are all put into the mix to ensure we make the right decisions for each child. Although at Boulcott School we do not take parent requests for class placements, if you have some information you think we would find useful about your child, you are welcome to provide us with this. If you wish to do this, please let me know directly by Friday, 10 November. You can email your information to me directly: principal@boulcott.school.nz

Finally a further reminder about our final Ministry mandated **Teacher Only Day** for 2023. This has been set for **Friday, 17 November**. Please be sure to have organised care for your children as the school will be closed for instruction on this day.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott

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 - Connor, Kavyansh, Maggie, Nyzel, Nathaniel, Hyder, Ethan, Laura

Year 4 - Prabh, Alexandra

Year 5 - Mahin, Amayra



CHEER Awards:

Term 4, Week 2 2023

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.

Room 1: Luke, Ruby
Room 2: Kailani, Riley D
Room 3: Riley G, Stella F
Room 4: Jack, Nathan
Room 5: Julia, Riyah
Room 6: Noah, Anja
Room 7: Jayden, Arabella
Room 8: Jimmy, Quinn
Room 10: Nathaniel, Paora
Room 11: Gomat, Max Z
Room 12: Ethan, Yaniv
Room 13: Florence, Flynn
Room 14: Billy, Bryn
Room 15: Carter W, Daniel, Evie
Room 16: Malakai, Richie L, Tia



BIKES AND SCOOTERS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

We love to see so many of our students biking and scootering to school each day. Just a reminder that once they are on school grounds students are expected to walk their bikes or scooters as a safety precaution.



Boulcott Broadcasters

The Jump-Off

One day in Term 3, the whole school was sitting underneath the shade sail waiting, not quietly, but as loud as we could!! Tension and anticipation were wafting through the air. We filled the space with chants and cheers, each House vying to be the loudest. Everyone wanted to win this Jump Off and be the best skipper!

Everyone split up into their Houses. We did a rotation where each House got to experience an obstacle course with beams and hurdles as well as a GIANT parachute to crawl under! There was also a station where we had to do relays with a twist! For each relay we had to use skipping ropes! The relays were things like skip running and doing star jumps at the end. The other station was where we did buddy skipping with the long ropes. There were two types of buddy skipping that we could do. The first type was with the LONGEST ropes and we had to have two people at each end swinging the rope. The next type was where we used these ropes with blue handles, and only two people could do it together.



Under the shade sail was the Jump Off! The top 3 people from each year group in each House would go to the finals. That was where each House would battle for glory and Cheer points to help their House win! When we went through each year with many colours of different Houses, we came to the moment we'd all waited for... THE TEACHER JUMP OFF!!!! We were nervous and apprehensive not knowing who would win! But we yelled our butts off for our beloved teachers. Soon enough there were only the two teachers left! All the others had either tripped or gotten sooooo tired they had no choice but to sit

down. It was Miss Weaver versus Mrs Henry. One Kea, one Pūkeko (Mr O had come in 3rd place, also Pūkeko!), who would win it!? We had NO idea. The tension was high, the muscles were burning, the chanting turned to SCREAMING!

Suddenly everyone either let out a cheer or a gasp because Mrs Henry had sat DOWN!

That meant Miss Weaver won for PŪKEKO! Chanting and screaming tore through the air but even the Houses that didn't win were proud of their teachers for coming so far! They were also congratulating the other teachers, which is showing great enthusiasm!!! At the end of the day everyone was exhausted and ready to go home after an amazing and exhilarating day!

👏🍌🍌🍌By Melody and Jasmin! 🍌🍌🍌

Athletics Day!

Athletics day is a big deal for Boulcott School because EVERYONE participates, and they have worked hard practising high jump, long jump, quoits, shot put, vortex, sprints and relays too! Every single person did their best! We also need to congratulate the people who did the relays because that race was epic!

This year the adults who run the Inter-Zone competitions raised

expectations for qualifying, so it was really hard for kids to make it into the competition. The older kids had to jump 1.05m to 1.10m for high jump and 3m for long jump! They are big distances, but some people were so talented and brave and they gave it a go! Kōwhai and Harekeke also had some tricky heights/distances to meet too.



On Athletics day everyone was hyped up and nervous, but everyone had their House colours on and showed amazing team spirit! Boulcott School was so supportive to everyone who was giving it a go, and that's really showing the cheer value of Enthusiasm!



Talking about the amazing House spirit, the House Captains sure had to work hard to support their house! I am one of the many House Captains and what I've experienced is that even if it's

embarrassing you have to go all out! With costumes, face paint, and even pom poms and this time since it was a big day we had to shout as loud as we can in catchy supportive chants! Because you want to support your team as much as you can and be even more LOUD than the other Houses! And the people who got cheered on would've got a whole lot of

confidence ! And here are the relay results I know you've been dying to hear!

Year 4 House relay results:

1st: Pūkeko (Eden, Hannah, Kaleb, Arthur C)

2nd: Kakapo (Quin, Pat, Elizabeth, Arshia)

3rd: Tui (Yanika, Bella, Harry, Jay Ming)

4th: Kea (Mackenzie, Frankie, Lucas C, Dusty)



Year 5 House relays results:

1st: Kea (Elyse, Violet, Harlan, Kobe)
2nd: Tui (Emily, Kailani, Emmanuel, Juan)
3rd: Kakapo (Hazel, Harry, Ilex, Ethan)
4th: Pūkeko (Crystal, Lilly, Carter, Phoenix)

Year 6 House relays results:

1st: Pūkeko (Molly, Jasmin, Azzy, Freddie)
2nd: Kea (Abi, Sofia, Oliver B, Archie)
3rd: Kakapo (Ilex, Addi V, Ethan G, Preston)
4th: Tui (Lily K, Indie, Tomas, Nate)

By Melody L



TECH TALK

TikTok Safety

TikTok is a really popular app amongst our tamariki. Here are two helpful guides for parents.

One is from NetSafeNZ - rb.gy/3e87u

The other is from CommonSense Media NZ -

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

Ngā mihi

Corrina Rayson - ICT coordinator



SPORT @ BOULCOTT



Firstly, a massive congratulations to all of our wonderful tamariki for their effort, Confidence and Enthusiasm shown on Friday in our school athletics day. I was amazed at the abilities on show by all the Year 3-6 competitors, but was blown away (literally) by the noise I could hear with everyone yelling and cheering and supporting each other. To me, that was the best part of my day.

Towards the end of last term I accompanied 16 Year 4-6 swimmers to Inter Zone Swimming Sports at Huia Pool. All the swimmers were fierce competitors and swam their little hearts out, which meant we had some incredible results. Congratulations to all those that competed but a big congratulations to the following:

Eden: 1st in Y4 Girls 25m Freestyle, 1st Y4 Girls 25m Breaststroke

Emily: 2nd Y5 Girls 25m Freestyle

Hana: 3rd in Y5 Girls 25m Freestyle,

Jahdyn: 3rd Y5 25m Breaststroke

The end of Term 3 saw some incredible results by the two Year 5-6 Water Polo teams: the Barracudas won their game to take the Plate Final in the A Grade, while the Marlins won the B Grade Final. Congratulations to all the players on these fabulous results. It also saw the end of Basketball and we were lucky enough to have 7 teams entered into the competition for Term 3. Thank you to Mr O. and Mr D. for overseeing the catch up game for the Seniors in the school hall in Week 10.

Term 4 is gearing up to be a very busy term of sports. The Year 6 girls have been transitioning into 7 aside Netball through a free 4-week netball programme with Hutt Valley Netball. Touch Rugby starts for all Year 1-6

players on Thursday, 26 October at Fraser Park. That following weekend Netball starts for Year 1-4 players at Taita Netball Courts on Saturday, 28 October. I wish all these sports teams the best of luck in their competitions this term.

Dana Skinner
Sports Coordinator

Inter-Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Emily and Elyse who competed at the Inter-regional Cross Country at the end of Term 3. Emily was 2nd in the Year 5 girls and Elyse 24th. Emily's team placed first in the Year 5 girls overall and Elyse's team 3rd. Wellington was very successful and won the overall shield for the most points in the provinces. Well done girls!

Congratulations to Cooper who won Gold and Eden who won silver in the recent Wellington Athletics Cross Country and Road Racing season.



To Heidi from Room 1 who auditioned and got a part as a child extra in the Royal NZ Ballet's Hansel and Gretel. Heidi is performing on opening night on Thursday, 26 October. Way to go Heidi!!!

PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our focus in classes to begin the term is around our value of Honesty - Ngākaupono: Own your own behaviour. We will be exploring our emotions and learning:

- How to label emotions
- That emotions are what we feel within us
- Emotions are not 'good' or 'bad'
- Some emotions may feel uncomfortable
- All emotions are important
- To recognise what is happening to and in our bodies when we feel different emotions
- To find healthy ways to express our emotions

Last term we introduced Lunchtime Clubs and Rūma Mārie - a place for kids to go at lunchtime for some quiet time, to play board games, build with lego or to draw and colour. This term we have introduced a Construction Zone - a place for children to build and construct using large loose parts. Our clubs this term are: Rōpu Waiata (Monday), Dance Club (Tuesday), Craft Club and Lunchtime Netball Competition (Wednesday), Remote Control Cars and Launchpad (Fridays).



SHAKEOUT

On Thursday, 19 October Boulcott School participated in the New Zealand ShakeOut National Earthquake Drill. ShakeOut takes place all over New Zealand to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. At exactly 9:30am an announcement came over the PA system to begin the drill and all children and adults practised the 'Drop, Cover and Hold' action. It is a great time to talk with your child about what to do in your home if there is an earthquake.

UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

Unfortunately due to an increase in manufacturing costs we have had to increase the price of our Boulcott School hats to \$22.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is overflowing! The lost property rack will be located by the ice blocks on Friday after school. Please check to see if any items of clothing belong to your child. Please ensure all clothing, especially hats, are named so we can return them to their owner if misplaced.

SPARE CLOTHING FOR THE MEDICAL ROOM

If you have any small sizes in shorts, teeshirts or pants, that you know longer require, we would love to have them as spare clothing for our Medical Room. These can be dropped to the office. Thank you.

ROAD WORKS ALONG ARIKI STREET

Traffic Management Operations will be operating opposite 7 Ariki Street from Wednesday, 18 October to Sunday, 5 November to fix the footpath. No parking cones and signs will operate between 8am and 2:30pm. Parking might be difficult during these times. Encourage your child to walk or scooter to school and use the walking pou located in Ariki Street.

LUNCHONLINE

We have been advised by Lunchonline that One Sushi will be providing our Friday sushi lunches from the end of October to 26 November, while Sushi Monster is closed for renovations. The menu and pricing will be slightly different. You are welcome to check out their school lunch menu online.

TERM DATES for 2023

Term 4: Monday, 9 October - Thursday, 14 December (**Teacher Only Day - Friday, 17 November**)

Public Holidays:

Monday, 23 October: Labour Day

TERM DATES for 2024

I can now confirm the term dates for the 2024 school year. Teacher Only days for 2024 are yet to be confirmed.

Term 1: Thursday, 1 February - Friday, 12 April

Term 2: Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July

Term 3: Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September

Term 4: Monday, 14 October - Tuesday, 17 December

Public Holidays:

Tuesday, 6 February: Waitangi Day

Friday, 29 March: Good Friday

Monday, 1 April: Easter Monday

Tuesday, 2 April: Easter Tuesday

Thursday, 25 April: ANZAC Day (falls within the school holidays)

Monday, 3 June: King's Birthday

Friday, 28 June: Matariki

Monday, 28 October: Labour Day

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Mon, 30 Oct	BOT Meeting - Staffroom 6pm
Wed, 1 Nov	Kahikatea Zoo Trip
Thurs, 2 Nov	School Assembly 2:20pm in the hall - Room 3
Mon, 6 Nov	Bring a Week
Tue, 7 Nov	Central Zone Athletics (pp Thurs, 9 Nov)
Wed, 15 Nov	School Assembly 2:20pm in the hall - Rms 14 & 11
Thurs, 16 Nov	Bee Healthy Dental Van Onsite, HIB's Open Day
Fri, 17 Nov	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Tues, 21 Nov	Interzone Athletics (pp Thurs, 23 Nov)
Fri, 24 Nov	Harakeke Athletics
Mon, 27 Nov	Rm 12&13 Golf Trip, Rm 15&16 Comic Exhibition
Wed, 29 Nov	Rm 12&13 Comic Exhibition, Rm 15&16 Golf Trip, School Assembly 2:20pm in the hall - Room 1
Tues, 5 Dec	Regional Athletics (pp Thurs, 7 Dec)
Wed, 6 Dec	Year 6 Leavers' Garden Party
Thurs, 7 Dec	Xmas Concert/Games
Mon, 11 Dec	Avalon Park Trip
Tues, 12 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party
Wed, 13 Dec	Reports go home
Thurs, 14 Dec	Prizegiving and Leavers Assembly. Last Day of the School Year - school finishes at 1pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2nd Lower Hutt Scout Group - Come along to a fun and entertaining quiz night on Saturday, 4 November at the Hutt Valley Irish Society to help raise funds for the 2nd Lower Hutt Scout Group to attend the Scouts Jamboree.

There will be prizes, food, drink, and the evening will be hosted by a musical comedy duo!

If you would like to attend, please book here <https://forms.gle/Q1G4kzuaXF7HTkaN9>.

We are also looking for local businesses to sponsor prizes for raffles - if you know of anyone interested, please contact jaynesletterbox@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting your local scouting community!

Wellington Music Academy - One on One Keyboard Lessons. The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 28 years. The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome! Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy at any time for more information and to book a place.

Phone: 021 885 289

Email: admin@musicacademy.co.nz

Gymnastic Classes - 9 October - 18 December. High Fives 5-8 years, Flyers 8+ years, gym for all. No experience required. For more information email admin@huttvalleygymsports.co.nz, phone 04 566 3244 or go to <http://huttvalleygym.co.nz>.

EarthFest 2023 - A festival of Earth Science. Free event on Saturday, 11 November from 9am - 3pm at Walter Nash Centre, Taitā, Lower Hutt.

Give Athletics A Go! - Want to learn new skills, get outdoors and have fun? Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club is welcoming new members. For more information email lhaclub@gmail.com or visit their website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/lowerhuttaac>.

Hutt International Boys School - Open day will be on Thursday, 16 November.

NumberWorks'nWords - Expert tuition in maths and english that builds confidence and delivers results. One hour sessions Monday-Friday after school. For more information go to www.numberworks.com.

Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge 2024 - Camp Wanui, 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata, Wellington. Tuesday, 21, Wednesday, 22 and Thursday, 23 May 2024. All entries for the above dates will open and be available to enter from Wednesday, 1 February 2024.

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