

Thursday, 23 November 2023

Mālō e lelei, Kia ora koutou, Guten tag, Bula, Nǐ hǎo, Mingalaba, Namaste, Greetings, Sàwàtdee, Hallo, As-salām 'alaykum, Min-ga-la-ba, nín hǎo, Néih hóu, Konnichiwa, Chôm rab suôr, Tālofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Kia orana!

Well we are now halfway through Week 7 of Term 4 with only 16 school days left until we break up for Christmas and our summer holidays on the **14 December at 1pm.**

Over the next 16 days we have a jam packed programme with lots of learning still happening in our classes and plenty of **community events** for you to come along to. Beginning with **Harakeke Athletics day this Friday-** a fun morning for our younger students. Then the following Wednesday 29 November Room 1 will be leading assembly in the hall from 2:15pm and you are all very welcome. On Tuesday, 5 December from 5:30pm we have our **Xmas concert** and games evening - families are invited to bring their own picnic/fish and chips to share before a short Christmas singalong. Our Year 6's have their **Leavers' Garden Party** on Wednesday, 6 December. A big highlight of our school calendar is our **Avalon Park Whole School Picnic Day** to which you are all invited. This is from 9:30 am onwards on Monday, 11 December. The 14 December is our last school day, when we have our **Prizegiving and Leavers' assembly.** Further information about each of these events will be sent to you closer to the time.

The **School Dental van** will be at our school from this week until the end of the term. The technicians will be checking children's teeth from across the school.

Videoing of Children - please note that this is not permitted at schooleither in the classrooms or out on the playground, before or after school. Parents should not be videoing any children other than their own without specific permission from a child's parents. There have been several incidents reported to me of this occurring at school recently. Thanks for your support in this matter.

Thank you all for the **feedback** many of you have given us so far regarding our **strategic direction for 2024 and 2025**. We have also had



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feedback from our Whānau Rōpū, our Home and School committee, our Board and from parents who have been into school and written on post-it notes on the whiteboard in the foyer. You have told us what you like about our school and what we are doing well, as well as the things you think need improving. The main recurring themes that have come up have been around streamlining our communications to you and also around ensuring consistency of what is going on in our classrooms across the school.

Many of our whānau would like Kapa Haka to be offered to the whole school and some dedicated Te Reo lessons for our tamariki Māori.

All of these suggestions and reflections are really valuable to us as they help steer our school in the right direction. If you have not yet given us any feedback and you have any thoughts to share with us please feel free to email me : <u>principal@boulcott.school.nz</u>

Congratulations to Sophie Kay and Molly Weaver who have now completed their first two years of teaching and are now fully registered teachers. They have both been such assets at our school and we have been so lucky to have them work alongside our teaching team here at Boulcott. We celebrated with them last week at school.





The Interzone Athletics competition took place at the Hutt Recreation Grounds on Tuesday. What an amazing day Boulcott School had! Some incredible results. All 4 relay teams (Year 4 Girls, Year 4 Boys, Year 5 Girls, Year 6 Girls) all came FIRST in their races so they have all qualified for Regional Athletics! The individual results are to follow in the next few days. Well done to all the students who represented us on Tuesday. Big thank you to our wonderful Sports Coordinator, Dana Skinner, and to all the lovely parents who helped out with transport and supervision on the day. We really appreciate you all.

Kia pai to wiki

Rachael and the Boulcott Team Ngā mihi nui

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 2 - Nabeel Year 4 - Afna



CHEER Awards:

Term 4, Week 6 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: Emmanuel, Heidi Room 2: David, Dinula Room 3: Amayra, Ethan B Room 4: Simar, Hazel Room 5: Luxton, Jake Room 6: Sahand, Shanaea Room 7: Abi, Bailey Room 8: Ivy, Theo Room 10: Maggie, Laura, Marlo Room 11: Alfie, Annabella Room 12: Reyaansh, Malin Room 13: Amaris, Prabh, Lillie-Moana Room 14: Renee, Brooklyn Room 15: Brock, Juhi Room 16: Charlie, Jessica







For some of our older tamariki, having a cell phone is really important. But how can we, as parents, make sure they are kept safe and use it in an appropriate way?

CommonSenseMedia NZ has a great short article about how to help preteens and teens use their phones safely and responsibly. Here is the link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/3xadxe5t</u>

Ngā mihi Corrina Rayson - ICT coordinator



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A massive congratulations to all Central and Inter Zone Athletics competitors who have competed at both these events in the last two weeks. There were some incredible results.

Central Zone Results:

Year 4:

Kaleb: 2nd High Jump; 2nd 100m Elinda: 2nd 60m; 2nd 100m Eden: 1st High Jump; 3rd Long Jump; 1st Quoits Mackenzie: 2nd Vortex Year 4 Girls' Relay - 1st Year 4 Boys' Relay - 1st

Year 5:

Emmanuel: 1st Quoits Harry: 2nd 800m Kailani: 2nd Vortex; 3rd Quoits Elyse: 1st Long Jump; 2nd 800m; 1st 150m; 1st 80m Emily: 2nd Long Jump; 1st 800m Hazel: 3rd High Jump Minnie: 3rd 800m Year 5 Girls' Relay - 1st

Year 6:

llex: 3rd 80m Azariah: 3rd High Jump Year 6 Girls' Relay - 2nd

From these results 19 tamariki competed in individual events at the Interzone Athletics on Tuesday at the Hutt Recreation Ground. A further 6 children came to compete in the relay teams. Congratulations to the Year 4 Girls', Year 4 Boys', Year 5 Girls' and Year 6 Girls Relay teams who all came first in their races and have qualified for the Regional Athletics in two weeks time. There were some other incredible results today, however the results have not been published so those will be announced in the next newsletter.

All the best to those who are playing their last games of Touch Rugby and Netball in the next few weeks.

Dana Skinner Sports Coordinator





PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Over the next two weeks our whole school focus is on Enthusiasm - celebrating our own achievements and being happy for other people's successes. We will acknowledge the emotion of jealousy and how we can overcome it, how we can celebrate our own successes without being boastful, and how we can acknowledge the success of others by giving positive affirmations.

With prizegiving coming up it is important to remember that over the year every student has achieved so much, and although we cannot acknowledge every achievement at our

prizegiving, we want all our students to know that their efforts this year have been noticed. Stu Devenport would often use these words at the end of the year:

We See You

To the child that conquered their fear of heights or performing on stage, or sleeping in the dark, or riding without training wheels, riding on a horse or sleeping out for the night for the first time this year,

WE SEE YOU

To the child that managed to resolve more conflict than they started this year, to the child that learnt to say the impossible; "I'm sorry", and to the child that walked away from the fighting instead of getting involved,

WE SEE YOU

To the child that battled all year with the maths, or reading, or concentration, or calling out in class, or learning their words, but persevered anyway,

WE SEE YOU

To the child that found the kindness in their heart to reach out in anyway to another person in need or in pain,

WE SEE YOU

To the child that battles to make friends and to be social, you made new friends this year and for that,

WE SEE YOU

To the child who wanted so much to please, but was just out of sight of an adult who perhaps was too busy or too distracted,

WE SEE YOU

To the brave parents that try everyday to do the best for their kids,

WE SEE YOU

To the child that was consistently good, who didn't need constant acknowledgement to keep them this way,

WE SEE YOU

To the child who gave their all on the sports field, but just missed out on the trophies,

WE SEE YOU

To the parents who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, making something happen for our children, giving up their precious time for the greater good of the school,

WE SEE YOU

To the child who displayed empathy and kindness to others, who looked after the younger children without need for acknowledgement

WE SEE YOU

We acknowledge you all now, for everything you have done throughout the year and we congratulate you for your efforts.

PRODUCTION VIDEO/PHOTOS

A huge thank you to Light Chamber Productions and Rachel Corley for all their work on the Production video and photos. If you would like to purchase a video/photos please click on the link to place an order.

https://boulcottfm2023.sellfy.store/



Room 4 - Haiku Poem

Room 3 & 4 have been learning about traditional Japanese Haiku. A haiku is a three line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count. Evan's haiku is about 'Truth'

Truth is like the wind, Unseen, but felt, always there, Guiding us to peace. By Evan. H.

HELP US PACK THE VAN FOR THE FOOD BANK

On Tuesday, 28 November there will be a van parked outside school from 8am collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Every school that collects items will go into a draw to receive \$500 for school equipment. Most needed items that can be donated are:

- Tinned foods including: vegetables, fish, meat, fruit, spaghetti and baked beans, soups and dried soup packets.
- Tea, coffee, milo and milk powder.
- Dried goods such as pasta, rice noodles, flour and sugar
- Biscuits, muesli bars, and other snacks
- Spread jam, peanut butter and marmite
- Household items such as a bar soap, soap powder, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shampoo

• Baby food, baby milk formula, baby nappies and wipes Please check expiry dates of items before you donate them and help us make a meaningful impact in our community this Christmas.



WHĀNAU RŌPŪ SAVE THE DATE:

End of Year Boulcott Community Pool Party at McKenzie Pool, Petone. Friday, 15 December from 6-8pm. Click on the link below for more information and to complete the google form.

Whānau End of Year Pool Party

Ngā mihinui kia koutou katoa

HOME AND SCHOOL Xmas Raffle

A big THANK YOU to everyone for your generous raffle donations. With your amazing support, we have made up 17 grocery hampers to win!

Just a reminder that all raffle sheets need to be returned by **Friday, 1 December.**

Winners will be drawn under police supervision and announced at the cushion concert on Tuesday, 5 December. The proceeds from this raffle will go directly to the 2025 Kahikatea camp.

LUNCHONLINE END OF YEAR SUBWAY LUNCH (WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER)



TERM DATES for 2023

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

TERM DATES for 2024

We 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
Fri, 24 Nov	Harakeke Athletics, St Bernards Orientation Day
Mon, 27 Nov	Rm 12&13 Golf Trip, Rm 15&16 Comic Exhibition, BOT Meeting - 6pm (offsite)
Tues, 28 Nov	Food Bank Drive - van outside School from 8am-9am
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), Xmas Concert/Games (please note a change of date from Thursday, 7 December)
Wed, 6 Dec	Year 6 Leavers' Garden Party
Mon, 11 Dec	Avalon Park Trip
Tues, 12 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party
Wed, 13 Dec	Students Meet their New Teacher, Reports go home
Thurs, 14 Dec	Prizegiving and Leavers' Assembly. Last Day of the School Year - school finishes at 1pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Piano Lessons at Boulcott School - Keen for Piano next year? - Get in early to have your child's name down for openings in Jonathan Crehan's Tuesday timetable for Term 1, 2024. Over the past 14 years he has developed an incredible programme of music to help kids enjoy piano and feel success in their piano learning. Sign up at https://gopiano.co.nz/

BNZ BREAKERS - The school holidays are nearly upon us – keep the kids entertained by taking them to an action-packed game of basketball. The BNZ Breakers have 8 Auckland games remaining this season and every single game promises plenty of fun, giveaways, and entertainment for the whole family. Choose the dates that suit you and get behind the BNZ Breakers. Tickets are on sale at www.ticketmaster.co.nz.

NumberWorks 'n Words Lower Hutt - Personalised learning plan with one on one teaching with tutors to explain new concepts, in both English



and Maths, to reinforce understanding through computer-based exercises. To book a free assessment ring 04 570 0737.

Jesters Costume Hire Closing Down Sale - Everything must go! Saturday 25 and Sunday, 26 November from 10am-4pm at Wellington College, Languages Centre - LC@ 15 Dufferin Street, Mount Cook.

RĀROA MUSIC CENTRE REGISTRATION FOR 2024

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin. You are welcome to come along to see what it's all about. We have our end of year concert on 9 December 2023 at 10:00am.

To register for 2024 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 17 February 2024. www.raroamusic.org.nz

Holiday Programmes

December/January Holiday Computer Classes - Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16.

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python or Java.
- Code and Create 3D Games.
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing suitable for younger children
- Online Safety and Privacy

For information & bookings 499-2211 or grandtraining.co.nz





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