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Wednesday, 6 December 2023



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This is the final newsletter for 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support throughout this year. I feel very fortunate to work with such a warm and supportive community. It has been a great place to experience my first year of Principalship and this is largely due to the people with whom I have had the pleasure of learning alongside. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.



Next week is a week of farewells

We bid a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students who embark on new adventures as they leave their familiar and comfortable primary school and set sail for Intermediate. Savour the moment. Enjoy your next challenge and embrace it with commitment and passion.

We also say goodbye to many of our Year 6 families, who have been associated with Boulcott school for 6+ years. You will be missed - gone but not forgotten. Thank you for your contribution which has helped make our school the special place that it is.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell Miss Sophie Kay, who is heading off on her Great Kiwi OE. Sophie has been an outstanding teacher at Boulcott for the last two years and her warm, friendly nature will be missed by her students and teaching colleagues alike. We wish her well in her travels and hope that she will keep in touch with us, sharing her travel adventures so we can all live vicariously through her.



Next week is also a week of events

Monday is our whole school Avalon Park Day - more information will be coming out to you about this.

Tuesday is the Road Patrollers Pool Party @ Hui Pools along with a Water fun afternoon for Kahikatea students. Harakeke students are having a disco celebration at school too.

Wednesday - Children get to meet their new teacher for 2024 and visit their new classroom. Reports come home on Wednesday too along with class lists for 2024.

Thursday is our final school day for 2024. It is the day of our school prizegiving and Year 6 farewell. This begins at 11am and room in the hall will be limited. Priority will be given to Year 6 whānau and to any other students' families across the school who are receiving awards. You will be notified this week if your child is in this category. Many thanks for your understanding. School finishes at **1pm** so please arrange to have your child collected from school at this time. Skids are running a special Early Close Session from 1pm to 3pm. This needs to be booked separately from the After School Care session, which operates from 3pm.

I'm sure you will join me in saying a huge THANK YOU to all the staff at Boulcott School for their commitment and hard mahi throughout this year. They are an amazing bunch of professionals who have the well-being and learning of our tamariki as their top priority. We are so lucky to have such fantastic staff at our kura.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you all and welcoming you back on Thursday, 1 February 2024.



From Rachael and the Boulcott Team

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, Theo



CHEER Awards:

Term 4, Week 8 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: Oliver M, Zac
- Room 2: Greta, Chloe
- Room 3: Jameison, Harry
- Room 4: Archie, Nathan
- Room 5: Paige, Vera
- Room 6: Anya, Riku
- Room 7: Vrishaan, Leo



CHEER AWARDS CONTINUED

Room 8: Kayla, Colton
Room 10: Zyne, Nyzel, Kavyansh
Room 11: Naomi, Bashir
Room 12: Mia, Hannah R
Room 13: Lily B, Sam C
Room 14: Abe, River
Room 15: Eden, Ayva
Room 16: Philip, Tiger



TECH TALK

To make the most of the Internet, our tamariki need to be prepared to make smart decisions. “Be Internet Awesome” by Google teaches kids the fundamentals of digital citizenship and safety so they can explore the online world with confidence. In this programme, kids can play their way to being Internet Awesome with Interland, an online adventure that puts the key lessons of digital safety into hands-on practice with four challenging games.

Here is the link: https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland

With the holidays approaching, our tamariki are going to be getting some screen time.

Here is a fantastic page with all the tips and tricks we need as parents regarding gaming (Minecraft, Roblox, fortnite etc).

Here is the link: <https://www.common sense media.org/articles/gaming>

Ngā mihi

Corrina Rayson - ICT coordinator



What a great year it has been here at Boulcott School. There have been so many great events, starting with the School Gala at the beginning of the year, Disco, Cross Country, Athletics Day, Matariki Celebration, Kapa Haka, the School Production and our annual Christmas Concert. All of these events have been thoroughly enjoyed by our children and Boulcott Community. They wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and effort put in from all of our amazing staff, Whanau Rōpū, Home and

School and parent volunteers over the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. We really appreciate everything that you do for our school and know that it is in our children's best interest that is at the front of your minds when making these events as amazing as they have been. This time of year is busy for our staff with end of year tasks they have, one in particular being report writing. This is a tremendous task and one we know that takes up a great deal of time and collaboration between each other. We really appreciate the time and effort that you put into these reports, and know just how hard you all work on them.

This is our last message to you all before the end of the year. We hope that everyone has a great Christmas and New Year enjoying time with family and friends. Take care, look after yourselves and we will see you back here next year for what we know will be a great 2024.

Merry Christmas, from

Margie, Jacqui, Wendy, Sophie, Andreas and Whitiri



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Firstly, a big congratulations to the Boulcott Titans and Boulcott Panthers who both won their grades for Touch Rugby this term. Well done!

Another congratulations to the 18 students we had representing Boulcott School at the Regional Athletics yesterday at Newtown Park - 4 relay teams.

The Year 4 Girls' and Year 4 Boys' both won their relays - making them the fastest teams from Masterton - Wellington - Kapiti! Incredible. The Year 5 Girls' came second, just, in their relay.

A big congratulations from the Regional Athletics go to:

Elyse - Year 5 Girls: 1st Long Jump; 2nd 80m Sprints

Emily - Year 5 Girls: 1st 150m Sprints; 1st 800m

What a year for Sport at Boulcott School. There has been a huge variety on offer across all levels within the school. I think this year has seen the biggest number of students participating in Netball for quite some time, which is great to have a resurgence in this sport. There have been some incredible results as well: quite a few Touch Rugby teams winning their grades in Term 1 and Term 4; 4x running relay teams qualifying for the Regional Athletics; and some incredible individual results at Regional Cross Country, Interzone Swimming and Regional Athletics.

I have accompanied the students to a few events this year and each time have been impressed by their Enthusiasm, competing in each event with a smile on their face; their Excellence, trying their best no matter what; but mainly the support they have shown their school mates as well as their fellow competitors.

I want to say: well done to all those students who have tried a new sport this year, it isn't easy joining a new team and you need Confidence to do so, and well done to all those that have continued to develop their skills and continued on with a sport they had played, that shows commitment. But lastly, a big thank you to the (very) long list of adult helpers that have done just that - helped! Without you the children can't play the sports on offer or attend the sports events. Thank You.

All uniforms (Netball Skirts and Basketball Singlets and Shorts) need to be returned to school as soon as possible. Please label them and return them to the school Office.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Sporty 2024,

Dana Skinner

Sports Coordinator

PRODUCTION VIDEO/PHOTOS

If you would like to purchase a production video/photos please click on the link to place an order.

<https://boulcottfm2023.sellfy.store/>

The last day for ordering a video/photos is **Friday, 8 December.**

SKIDS BOULCOTT - sKids are running a special Early Close Session on **Thursday, 14 December from 1pm to 3pm**, once school has closed for the year. Please note that the early close session is booked separately from our after school care session, which will operate as per usual from 3pm.

Ngā Mihi,

The sKids Boulcott Team

EMERGENCY FOOD PACKS

Families who supplied an Emergency Food Pack for their child this year will have the pack returned to their child on Tuesday, 12 December to bring home.

UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

Due to an increase in manufacturing costs, our school sports tops are now \$47-00.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - The last day for ordering a school lunch through LunchOnline is **Friday, 8 December** which is a sushi day. School lunches will resume on **Thursday, 8 February 2024**.

LOST PROPERTY - Please check the lost property rack by the hall before the end of the term. Lost property will also be displayed outside this Friday, 8 December by the ice block sales. Any named clothing will be returned to students.

DISABILITY CAR PARKS - Please do not park in the disability car parks, located outside the main entrance, or pull into the park to drop your child off. These car parks are for families with permits and you will be fined if you use these parks without a permit. We thank you for your cooperation.

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. The form will remain open until Friday, 8 December.

[Whānau End of Year Pool Party](#)

Ngā mihinui kia koutou katoa

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
Wed, 6 Dec	Year 6 Leavers' Garden Party
Mon, 11 Dec	Avalon Park Trip
Tues, 12 Dec	Road Patrol Pool Party, Kahikatea Water Fun Afternoon, Harakeke Disco Celebration, Parent Helper Thank you Afternoon Tea (3:15pm in the staffroom)
Wed, 13 Dec	Students Meet their New Teacher, Reports go home
Thurs, 14 Dec	Prizegiving and Leavers' Assembly 11am in the hall. Last Day of the School Year - school finishes at 1pm
Thurs, 1 Feb 2024	School starts at 8:55am

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/>

City League Junior Football - New Season 2024 kicks off on January 21. All games at McEwan Park, Petone. For all players aged 6 to 14 years grab your mates and make a team or join one of ours. Sign up online at sportzone.org.nz.

Holiday Programmes

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15th - 22nd December
8th - 31st January

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December				
Friday 15th				
Disco Fever Disco Fever is the ultimate dance party, and all about getting down, having fun, and celebrating the groove.				
December				
Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
Balloons & Bubbles Get ready to float on a cloud of whimsy and delight with our balloon & bubble bonanza.	Hello Summer Start summer with a mix of arts and crafts, games, challenges and delicious summer themed recipes.	Crafts Galore Take home 3-5 handmade crafts and gifts wrapped to share with family and friends this festive season. (Premium)	Worldwide Festivities Explore the diverse traditions, celebrations and joyous occasions from different corners of the world.	Festive Party A celebration like no other, designed to fill your holiday season with joy, laughter, and core memories.
January				
Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
Sandy Dune Adventurers This desert adventure will transport you to the Australian Outback, Gobi desert or even the Sahara!	Code Crackers Unlock the world of technology, problem solving and creativity with Code Crackers.	Legacy of Heroes Honour the extraordinary individuals who have left their mark on New Zealand's history.	Whanau Fiesta Create family portraits, play family favourite games and celebrate traditions that make our whanau special.	Neptunes Realm Enter the mysteries of the ocean with a mix of aquatic themed adventures and creative activities.
January				
Monday 15th	Tuesday 16th	Wednesday 17th	Thursday 18th	Friday 19th
Ocean Odyssey Explore the mysteries of the ocean, make a splash with thrilling activities, and create ocean inspired crafts.	Arty Party The ultimate day for those who love to create and let your creativity shine!	Urban Ninjas - Bonobo Learn body awareness, and test your strength, coordination and balance with parkour! (Premium)	Pirates Cove & Mermaid Lagoons Ahoy young adventurers, join us for a treasure trove of activities like real pirates and mermaids.	Wave Safe Warriors Have a splashing good time and dive into a wave of lessons about staying safe in the sun and water.
January				
Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
Sun Splash Fiesta Savour the sun and celebrate the best of summer with yummy Fruit Ice blocks and sandy masterpieces.	Masterchef This sizzling adventure is filled with delicious activities and exciting culinary challenges.	Natures Wonderland Immerse yourself in the great outdoors with activities that celebrate Earth's natural treasures.	skids Day Out Connect with local skids sites for a day of challenges, creativity, and collaboration. Bring togs and towel. (Trip Day)	Disney Magic Step into the magical realm of your favourite characters and stories with exciting and imaginative activities.
January - February				
Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 31st	Thursday 1st	
Carnival Capers Step right up! To a day filled with the joyful sounds of the carnival and a delightful array of activities.	Rockpool Explorers This aquatic adventure is filled with learning, creativity, and the magic of the undersea world.	Mission: Possible Embrace challenges, have fun with your friends and push boundaries, where anything is possible.	First Day of Term II New Adventure Categories launching this term.	

OSCAR House Holiday Programme



OSCAR House is open for our summer programme 2024

Programme plans, information & enrolments are now available for our quality school holiday programmes.

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/>

School Years 0 – 3 in 2024

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-middle/>

School Years 4 – 8 in 2024

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Dates: 8 - 11 & 15 - 18 January

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Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

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[Siblings Save 6%](#)

Are you looking to try a new sport or to develop your water polo skills?
In January 2023 Brydie Pye is running sessions working on the main fundamental skills of water polo.

Brydie Pye:
-Former New Zealand Women's waterpolo player
-Played at the 2017 world championships in Budapest
-Attended the University of the Pacific and played in the NCAA Division 1 for 4 years
-Current coach of the Hutt under 14 girls team

Water Polo Fundamentals

Ages 10-14

When: January 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st
Where: Eastbourne pool
Sessions: 1 hour sessions between 9am-12pm
Price: \$20 per session

* requirement: attendees need to be able to swim 2 laps of a 25m pool without stopping

* any waterpolo levels welcome

* you are able to have 1 session each day if you wish

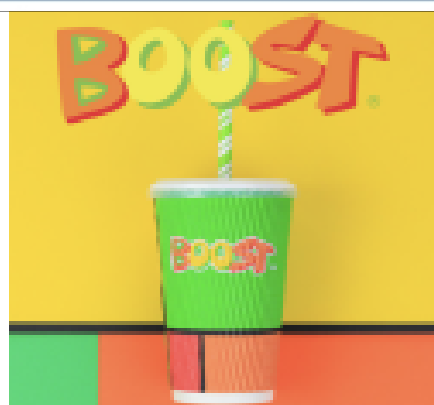
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