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Thursday, 7 March 2024



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Can you believe it is March already! I've noticed the mornings have started getting a bit colder and it's taking longer to become lighter. Autumn has arrived! And of course we start Week 7 next week. Time certainly flies when you're busy.

We had a great turnout for the 'Keeping Our Kids Safe Online' evening on Monday. Our school organised Filmmaker and Author Rob Cope, to come and give a talk on the topic of keeping our kids safe online. We feel that this is such a big community issue and we need to tackle it as a community. Feedback from the evening, from those who attended, has been overwhelmingly positive. You should have by now received an email from us with a summary of the main points of the evening and several links to click on with videos to watch-one with your kids and one just for adults. At school we do our absolute best to keep your children safe online and use great filters. We now need you to do the same at home.



Our Home and School committee had their AGM last week and as well as electing a new *Executive Team* they have begun their first fundraiser for next year's Senior camp - an Easter raffle. Please contribute if you are able to, by sending Easter treats to school with your child to go into the Easter box in the school foyer.



Wishing you all a great week and weekend.

Kia pai tō rā whākata

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott

RŌPŪ KAITIAKI

For 2024 we are looking at changing the way House Captains and Student leadership works at Boulcott. With this in mind we have established a Rōpū Kaitiaki. This group is made up of 8 House Captains and 8 House Councillors who will work very closely with Mrs Sole this year.

House Captains will lead their houses during school events. They will write



'House Chants' and take responsibility for counting House Points when needed. They will be role models for the rest of the students at Boulcott School.

House Councillors along with House leaders will work with Mrs Sole. They will run meetings with other students to gather their ideas and will participate in regular meetings with school leaders to be the 'voice' for their fellow students.

The Rōpū Kaitiaki will meet once a week with Mrs Sole. She will be providing leadership development sessions for this rōpū and they will learn the skills and dispositions of leadership, e.g. responsibility, selflessness, collaboration, courage and organisational ability.

Both House Captains and Student Councillors will also have opportunities to take on extra responsibilities around the school, such as showing visitors around the school, local community and school projects, organising fundraising and conscience-raising events, as well as taking on extra responsibility during special school events.

Last week, many students applied for these positions and were interviewed by Ms Coton and Mrs Sole to determine the most suitable Year 6 students.

Congratulations to our House Captains: Tui - Hana & Emily, Kea - Harlan & Keziah, Pukeho - Lily & Raffy, Kakapo - Sienna & Harry.

Congratulations to our House Councillors - Carter, Greta, Heidi, Mahin, Kobe, Phoenix and Jahdyn.

These tamariki are now members of the Rōpū Kaitiaki.



NEW APPOINTMENT

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Claire Williams as the new Year 5/6 teacher for Room 4. Claire comes to us with many years of classroom teaching experience in several schools across the Hutt Valley. She is Reading Recovery and SPELD trained and we are very excited to have her join our team. Claire will be familiar to many of you, as she worked at Boulcott School back in 2018. She is also the mother to two of our students currently attending Boulcott: Bryn and Maisie. Claire will begin with us at the start of Term 2.

RETIREMENT BECKONS!!!

It is with heavy hearts that we farewell Beverly de Wever, our amazing Office Manager at the end of this term, as she heads into retirement. Bev has been part of the Boulcott team for 26 years. Over this time she has developed warm relationships with our whole staff, our tamariki and their families. She has been a highly dedicated, professional manager, who has developed many systems and processes which are at the heart of ensuring Boulcott School runs smoothly. We will miss Bev's friendly, helpful way she supports us all - as well as her wonderful sense of humour!

We wish Bev the very best for her retirement - we are hoping you enjoy spending time with your family, gardening, doing your gym workout, taking long walks and having coffees all around Wellington and just having a well earned rest!! Make sure you pop in and keep in touch so we hear about all the adventures you are having!

Bev, we thank you for 26 years of exemplary service to Boulcott School and community.

Arohanui xxx





CHEER Awards:

Term 1, Week 5 2024

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: Carter, Charlie
- Room 2: Alexandria, Prabh
- Room 3: Cooper, Alana
- Room 4: Arthur, Paige
- Room 5: William, Vy
- Room 6: Shivanya, Bryn
- Room 7: Connor, Mila
- Room 8: Goldie, Charlie
- Room 9: Zyne, Juno
- Room 11: Nathaniel, Ivy
- Room 12: Ryan, Nasha
- Room 14: Hadley, Petra
- Room 15: Noah, Amaris
- Room 16: Arie, Quin D



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 - Yanira
- Year 3 - Niralya



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Week 6 Term 1

Term 2 sports registrations are underway. Thank you to the families that have already signed up for Basketball Years 1 - 6 or Year 5 & 6 Netball.

Basketball Year 1- 6

We are looking at registering teams for the upcoming Hutt Valley Basketball League at Walter Nash starting in Term 2. We are going to offer teams for Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6.

Games are played at **Walter Nash Stadium** from **3:50pm**. Teams will consist of 8 players, with 5 players on the court at a time. Games are 10 minutes a half, with a 1 minute half time. We have yet to have confirmed dates and times for this competition but previously we have had Year 1 & 2 on Fridays, Year 3 & 4 on Monday and Year 5 & 6 on Thursday.

The basketball season runs in Term 2 and Term 3, however we are taking registrations for Term 2 only at this stage.

Google form: <https://forms.gle/TK3ou5AZDiFgTSgWA>

Remember the Google Form closes by **3pm, Thursday, 21 March**.

Netball Year 5 & 6 - Term 2 & 3 2024

Registrations are open now and closed on Thursday, 28 March

We are taking registrations for Year 5 & 6 students to play Netball. Netball is played on a Monday afternoon during Term 2 & Term 3 from 4pm. They play a 6 a side format under the FutureFerns programmes. Boys are encouraged to play as each team is allowed up to two boys on court at any one time.

Season Dates

The season runs from Monday, 6 May through to Monday, 26 August with a reserve day on Monday, 2 September. They do not play over the school holidays and also Monday 13 May, Monday 3 June and Monday, 1 July there is no play.

It is important to remember that if you register your child/ren as part of a team, they need to be committed for all the weeks in Term 2 & 3. It is expected that your child will attend any training sessions organised by your team's adult helper and turn up to all games unless they are sick.

This year we are using the sporty form to register for Netball. This form registers your child directly with Netball Hutt Valley and Boulcott School providing the necessary information that we require.

Please complete the form for your child via the following link - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/276997>

Community Events

Xrace

Congratulations to the students and families who participated in the Xrace event on Sunday, 3 March. We hope you had a fantastic time and other than the timing issues we hear it was a great day.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Good luck to the students who are participating in the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday, 17 March. We hope the training is going well and that you have the best time along with thousands of other students from Wellington on the day. We look forward to hearing how it went.

Thanks

Margaret Presland

Sports Coordinator

CREATIVES IN SCHOOLS MURAL

We continue to research and begin to bring together our ideas for the mural. We are looking at a number of themes, and this week are lucky to be hosting Tui Lewis, Lower Hutt's Deputy Mayor. We have written a number of questions to ask, along with discussions which will support us to gain a deeper understanding of the history of Boulcott and surrounding areas. In the next couple of weeks we should have our concepts ready to share with the school community, and will ask for your ideas and feedback.

PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our focus over the next two weeks will be on dealing with conflict by trying to solve problems in a positive way. We will discuss:

- What is a problem?
- What problems can we have at home or at school?
- How to use an 'I statement' to explain how the problem makes you feel.
- Who can we get help from if we can't solve the problem ourselves?



Boulcott Broadcasters

Movin'March



It's Movin'March again! Movin'March is a time where your children can walk or go on wheels to school! It's from the 1 - 31 March.

When children come to school by walking or going on wheels, they can get a stamp on their Movin'March passport. Kahikatea kids will be at the gates every morning from 8:30 to stamp your passport. The kids will get their passports at school. If it's not possible for your kids to walk to

school from your house then you can drop them off at the walking pou and they can walk the rest of the way. If you do this they can still get a stamp on their passport.



When the kids complete their passport they pop it in the box by the swamp then they can get a cool prize. They can also be in the draw to win a \$400 MyRide gift voucher. They can enter this even if they only have one stamp on their passport. There is also a raffle to win either a yellow bag cover, or a brand new bike helmet. The teachers will randomly pick 7 passports out of the box and those kids will get either a helmet or a bag cover.

Have a great Movin'March!

By Heidi E

Chinese Calligraphy

A few weeks ago, to celebrate Luna New Year, we did Chinese calligraphy at lunchtime with Miss Deng. We learnt how to write two Chinese symbols; dragon and happiness. Happiness was the most difficult one! Dragon was the easiest.



We didn't have the right brushes so we used paint brushes and black ink, but we did learn how to hold the brush correctly for Chinese calligraphy. Sometimes when they do calligraphy in China, the artist puts special red stamps on them. On some famous calligraphy there are lots of stamps. We used gold and silver pens to decorate our calligraphy.

By Sienna and Crystal



YUMMY STICKERS



It's time to collect Yummy stickers! Shop at your local New World, Pak'n Save, or participating Four Square stores.

Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth

10 Yummy stickers!

Place the Yummy stickers on sticker collection sheets (available from your classroom teacher) and bring them in to school.



Our Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport.

*Newsflash: There is now an addition to the Yummy family - Hailstone Hero apple bags. A wild spring storm hit the Hawkes Bay, damaging a significant amount of the apple crop with hail. Although these look funny, they still taste yummy. The official cut-out is not on these bags, but you can collect the round bar-code sticker as 10 points. These are Yummy apples but branded Hailstone Heroes and available in both New World and Pak'n Saves.

We have until the end of Term 3, so let's get munching!

JOB OPPORTUNITY - TEACHER AIDE

We are seeking a dedicated individual to fill the important role of Teacher Aide in our classrooms and for 1-to-1 support. We are a welcoming, supportive and inclusive school. As a Teacher Aide you will play a crucial role in supporting the educational development of our students. This role is for up to 20 hours a week during school term time for 2024.

Responsibilities:

- *Provide one-on-one support for students with high needs.
- *Assist the classroom teachers in classroom activities and curriculum implementation.
- *Maintain excellent communication skills and interact positively with all children.
- *Work both independently and collaboratively with the teaching staff.
- *Uphold confidentiality and problem-solving skills.
- *Embrace flexibility and maintain a positive attitude.

Requirements:

- *Excellent communication skills.
- *Ability to maintain a calm and patient demeanour when working with children.
- *Strong problem-solving abilities.
- *The capacity to work both independently and as part of a team.
- *Flexibility and a positive attitude.
- *Be able to pass a police vetting process.

If you are interested in finding out more or if you'd like to apply for this role please email Jodi Mitchell, our Deputy Principal and SENCO at jodi_mitchell@boulcott.school.nz

HOME AND SCHOOL

Home and School Committee

We are a group of dedicated parents and caregivers who work with the school and Board of Trustees to organise and run social and fundraising activities to develop our school's community and environment. We welcome any new members, committee meetings are held once a term in the staff room. All meeting dates are advertised in the school newsletter.

Friends of Home and School

If you are keen to be involved or have skills that you could offer our school, but can't commit to joining the Home and School Committee because of work or family commitments, please let us know.

We can add you to our 'Friends of Home and School' database and contact you from time to time where we need extra help.

This can involve selling ice blocks on a Friday, helping out at school disco etc.

If you're keen to be a part of our 'Friends of Home and School' please reach out to us:

homeschool@boulcott.school.nz.

Easter Raffle Donations

Our Easter raffle is just around the corner!

We would appreciate any donations you can contribute to our Easter hampers.

Donations can include food treats such as biscuits, crackers, relishes, chips and Easter eggs or activity packs and games to be enjoyed over the Easter break. Please drop any donations in the collection box outside the school office by Monday 11 March.

Raffle sheets will be sent home with your eldest child early next week. Funds raised will go towards supporting the Kahikatea syndicate school camp.

Thank you for your support!

Iceblock Fridays (Term 1)

Just a reminder that ice blocks will be sold under the shade sail every Friday after school for the rest of Term 1. Children can bring coins to pay on the day or use their prepaid voucher.



SKIDS - We have been advised by sKids that they **will not** be running an April School Holiday programme at Boulcott School. Information will be sent out shortly on how to register for the Oxford Crescent sKids Holiday Programme.

EMERGENCY FOOD PACKS

In order to be prepared in the event of an emergency we require every child to have an emergency food pack at school. If you haven't brought your pack to school please have your child drop it to the office as soon as possible. It needs to be in an ice cream container with food that is easy to open and won't expire before the end of the year. Please make sure it is labelled with your child's name, room and house colour.



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is located on the rack by Room 7. Please check for clothing that may belong to your child. Any named clothing will be returned to students. Any clothing remaining at the end of the term will be donated to charity.

TERM DATES for 2024

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
Thurs, 7 March	Year 2 swimming finishes
Mon, 11 March	Cohort 2 starts
Tues, 12 March	Non Stop Cricket Tournament - Kahikatea Students
Wed, 13 March	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall - Room 16
Wed, 27 March	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall - Room 12
Friday, 29 March	Good Friday - School closed
Monday, 1 April	Easter Monday - School closed
Tues, 2 April	Easter holiday - School closed
Wed, 10 April	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall - Room TBC
Fri, 12 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Highlight Carnival of Lights - Late Night Lights Trust is proud to present 'HighLighting Talent!', showcasing the diverse talents of the Wellington region's solo performers and groups.

HighLighting Talent will focus on performances that creatively incorporate a light component.

Participants will captivate event attendees, and winners will be determined through judges each night as well as People's Choice vote through our Facebook page.

To find out more and register: highlight.org.nz/highlighting-talent

Chilton Saint James - Information Evening Thursday, 14 March for students entering Y7 in 2025 at 5pm.

Open Day - Experience Chilton in Action. Sunday, 24 March from 2pm - 4pm. Register at chilton.school.nz.

Roar & Snore | Te Papa - Fri 15 – Sat 16 Mar 2024, 7.00pm–9.00am. Dinos probably didn't roar, but the kids will at this one-of-a-kind, whānau-friendly sleepover at Te Papa!

Roar & Snore is an extraordinary opportunity to sleep among the dinos of *Ngā Taniwha o Rūpapa - Dinosaurs of Patagonia*. Bed down next to tiny Manidens, ferocious

Explore the exhibition after hours, hear kōrero from Te Papa's scientists and researchers, and enjoy a hot drink and treat.

Roar & Snore offers a unique way to engage with prehistory. Tickets are limited, so book your spot now for the sleepover of a lifetime! Continental breakfast included.



Goodtime Music Academy - Get ready to ignite your child's musical passion! Goodtime Music Academy teaches at Boulcott School and is offering award-winning in-school music lessons. Say goodbye to post-school commutes! Dive into the world of music in a vibrant group setting with the following instrument lesson: Drums, Guitar, Keyboard, Ukulele, or our 'Intro to Music' course. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Your child will have the chance to shine in our thrilling concerts.



Act fast, as spots are limited. Enrol now at www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school or call us at 04 568 2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits!

April Holiday Programmes

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES - Spring School Holidays at Dyer Street School, Epuni, Lower Hutt. Monday 15 to Friday, 26 April from 7.00am-6pm daily. Age range is 4 – 17 years with overnight sleepover activities provided with Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games. Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$82.04/cub per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.


Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$12/hr

ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors are also available if needed at \$35/her per mentor.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

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