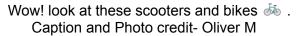


Thursday, 21 March 2024

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, Mālō e lelei, Bonjour, Kia orana, Xin chào



Since our last newsletter we have had a busy couple of weeks. Children seem to be thoroughly enjoying 'Moving'March' and we have witnessed lots of walkers, cyclists and scooters arriving daily at school. What a great effort! Well done kids!





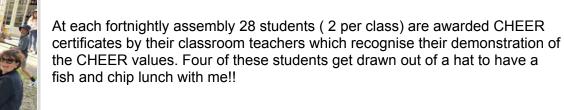
Last Friday, we had a troupe of Irish Dancers from the Kerry School of Irish Dancing come to Boulcott School to entertain us as part of some early St Patrick's Day celebrations. Several of our young students were part of this group. Thank you and congratulations to Annabella, Zara, Petra, Greer and Amelie. Great job girls.



Boulcott School operates a cohort entry policy. Cohort entry means New Entrants start school in groups at the start of each term or at a mid-term date set by the Ministry of Education, rather than on the day or week of their fifth birthday.

Research shows that sharing the experience of starting school with others can reduce anxiety, support emotional wellbeing and help with developing new friendships for our youngest tamariki. It also has a positive impact on connecting new parents with each other. Using scheduled entry points throughout the year, teachers can plan intentional learning experiences to support transition, while also minimising the disruption to existing students' classroom programmes. With our new cohort entry policy in place this year we welcomed 9 new students and their families into the Boulcott School community last week. They are all in either Room 8 with Mrs Anstiss or Room 9 with Mrs Clements.







Our first fish and chip lunch for 2024

Confidence -Excellence - Ka Enthusiasm -Honesty -Respect - Whakamiha Māia Ngākaupono Kaikaha *Be kind rawe *Be brave *Tell the truth *Be a good role *Be ready to *Show empathy *Care for our environment, our *Have a go *Play fairly model learn *Keep trying *Do the right *Keep positive school buildings and equipment *Do your best *Be resilient thing even when *Learn from your *Celebrate no one is mistakes achievements looking

A word of warning.... Please parents, we ask that you do not park in the staff car park whilst you are waiting to pick up your child/ren from school. This is a matter of health and safety for our tamariki. Many of our children walk through this carpark when leaving the school each day. We are seeing parents backing out of this car park whilst wee ones, with very little road sense, are walking through it and can be difficult to spot through a rear vision mirror. I know parking on Boulcott Street is at a premium at 3pm, but we ask you not to use the staff car park for safety's sake. Many thanks for your understanding.

To help all of our students who have additional learning and behaviour needs, we have appointed a new Teacher Aide, Sabrina Dephine. Sabrina is an experienced Teacher Aide with a background in Autism. She will start with us at the beginning of Term 2.

<u>Strategic Plan</u> - following feedback from our community, our Board has developed our Strategic Plan for the next three years. It details our vision and direction for Boulcott School. We have shared this with the Ministry and it can also be found on our school website.

Kīwaha o te Wiki

Kīwaha literally means - have a go!

Each week classes are learning a new phrase in Te Reo Māori.

Why not get your child to share these with you at home and practise them together. Kīwaha!!

Week 6's kīwaha



Week 7's kīwaha (last week)



Week 8's kīwaha (this week)



Week 9's kīwaha (next week)





Tremendous teachers/ Superb staff

Over the past few weeks I have been popping into classrooms and work spaces to see what is happening in learning spaces across our school. I just want to take the time here to let you know what a stellar job our Teachers and Learning Support Staff are doing. As I'm sure you appreciate, teaching is both a rewarding and challenging profession and I am so impressed with the fantastic and meaningful learning which is happening throughout our school. Our children all appear eager and motivated to learn and Teachers and Support Staff are passionate about their jobs and the work they do with our tamariki. I want to thank them all for their hard work, commitment and support of our school vision - Stand tall, fly high, together. Kia tū kaha, Kia māia kia rere ki te ao.

Wishing you all a great weekend. Kia pai tō rā whākata Ngā mihi nui Rachael and the team at Boulcott



Student Leaders- Rōpū Kaitiaki

On Friday, 5 April at 3pm our student leaders will be organising a book stall after school, just outside the staffroom, near where Iceblock Friday happens.

Books which are being culled from our library will be on sale for a gold coin donation. We have nearly 10 boxes full of books to sell.

We are fundraising to buy sensory resources and a special swing for some of our students who need a bit more help with their learning and have special needs.

So please bring your gold coins along to school on Friday Week 10 - (the week after Easter) to support this worthy cause.

Thank you

From Your Student Leaders- Rōpū Kaitiaki

CHANGE TO MORNING DROP OFF TIME IN TERM 2

Beginning in Term 2 2024, the time students can be dropped off at Boulcott School in the morning will change from 8:15am to 8:30am. This will bring our kura in line with our neighbouring primary schools' drop off times.

The change will allow teachers more flexibility to schedule meetings and prepare for the day before they need to be in their classrooms. It will also reduce the time students are waiting for school to begin. We recognise that the change in routine will be a challenge for some of our families. Out of school care (skids) operates in the school hall each morning from 7am until 8:30am.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024 - Term 3 & 4

Class planning for our New Entrant students starting school in Term 3 & 4 has begun. If you have a child starting at Boulcott School in Term 3 or 4 2024, and you live in our school zone, you need to complete and submit an enrolment form now. You can go onto our website www.boulcott.school.nz to complete an enrolment form. This can be found by clicking on the 'Information Tab' and going to 'enrolling at Boulcott School'. You will find our enrolment form, administration form and a ballot form if you live out of our school zone. Our ballot for out of zone students, including out of zone siblings, takes place on Friday, 17 May. Applications close on Monday, 13 May. for students starting in Term 3 & 4 of 2024.



CHEER Awards:

Term 1, Week 7 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: Jack, Amayra

Room 2: Evan, Kelly

Room 3: Pat, Violet

Room 4: Juan, Amy

Room 5: Eden, Renee

Room 6: Fons, Naomi

Room 7: Theo, Harper

Room 8: Mia, Zane

Room 9: Anshrah, Imogen

Room 11: Finn, Quinn

Room 12: Max, Samuel

Room 14: Cooper, Joanna

Room 15: Millie, Jordan

Room 16: Gomat, Marley



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 - Hardit, Kobe, Sarah, Arlo, Alex, Lorenzo, Emily, Zara, Ariki

Year 5 - Lucy



Week 8 Term 1

Kahikatea NON STOP CRICKET FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the 24 Kahikatea students who represented Boulcott School on Tuesday, 12 March at the Non Stop Cricket Festival at Fraser Park. We had 3 teams of students attend and they all had a fantastic time. They definitely showed all of their

CHEER values throughout the day and represented Boulcott School with pride. Well done team.



A special thank you to the following parents who helped support the teams throughout the day and helped with transport. Without their help we would not have been able to send our teams - Anthony, Paula, Laura, Sharyn and Katie.

Thank you also to the parents that offered to help out on the postponement day.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Congratulations to all the Boulcott students who participated in the Weetbix Tryathlon at Kilbirnie Park on Sunday, 17 March. We heard it was a fantastic day out and a lot of fun, with many students already planning to participate again next year.

Here is a photo of some of the students who participated.

SPORTS TEAM REGISTRATIONS

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 Terms 2 & 3, however we are taking registrations for Term 2 only at this stage.

Google form: https://forms.gle/TK3ou5AZDiFqTSqWA

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

Netball Year 5 & 6 - Term 2 & 3 2024

Registrations are open now and close on Thursday, 28 March

We are taking registrations for Year 5 & 6 students to play Netball. Netball is played on a Monday afternoon during Terms 2 & 3 from 4pm. They play 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 no play on Monday 13 May, Monday 3 June and Monday 1 July.

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 Terms 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

Wellington Regional Club Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to Emily and Cooper who were awarded the top overall athlete for consistent performances in their grades over interclub season. Elyse came third.

In the championships Emily medalled in all the events she entered: Gold 200m, silver medals in the 100m, 400m, 800m and 1500m. She also managed to get bronze medals in shotput and discus. Cooper received silver for his discus, shotput and long jump. Elyse received a silver for long jump.

In the mixed medley relay Emily, Cooper and Elyse received a bronze and Emily and Elyse received gold as members of the girls 4x100m relay. Cooper and Eden's 4x100m relay team received silver.

Thanks
Margaret Presland
Sports Coordinator

CREATIVES IN SCHOOLS MURAL

We were lucky to meet Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis and learn more about the monument that is located on Military Road. The Council is researching and engaging with Mana Whenua to ascertain what the next best steps are regarding how the monument looks, and whether it is future proof.

We have begun to link the themes for our mural to our CHEER values, and local artist Amy, is working to produce a couple of concepts which we will seek community feedback for.

Throughout the project all students have continued to be engaged, and certainly did Boulcott School proud when hosting Tui Lewis.



PB4L - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our next focus is on Honesty - Ngākaupono: Play Fairly. We will look at how we can play fairly by:

- Taking turns
- Knowing why we have rules
- Respecting the rights, feelings and efforts of others
- Devising an agreement/set of rules before we begin a task/game
- Compromising and negotiating when we are working as a team



Boulcott Broadcasters

LUNCHTIME SPORT

Badminton with Miss Presland

By Heidi E

Boulcott tamariki are playing badminton with Miss Presland at lunchtime in the hall. We started doing lunchtime badminton 5 lunchtimes ago. It's been a great experience for us all since we only get to do badminton one week a year usually. We were able to have lots of fun with our friends.

If you want to go to badminton there is no sign up. You just go to the hall on Friday at lunchtime. Come, grab a racket, and a shuttle, and ask a friend to join you. You can have lots of fun! If you really enjoy the badminton lessons you could ask your parents to play for a club. If you find going around playing stuff at lunch time is boring then this is the thing for you!





Bullrush with Mr. Dentice By Harry S and Raphael H



Once a week on a Thursday, Mr. D runs Bullrush for Kahikatea students only. Mr.D makes sure the play is fair and not too rough. The tackling rule is you have to tackle around the waist.

Bullrush is a game when there is one person who is in the centre, who calls a person to tackle. Then, if the person who is running calls "bullrush" everyone has to run. If you are on the ground, you're in with the person who starts. You MUST wear a mouthquard for

health and safety, so you don't get a concussion.

How to mould a mouthguard: first boil some water, then put your mouthguard in the boiling water with a spoon. Let it cool down, then put it on your teeth and bite down until it moulds into your teeth, and there are teeth marks on your mouth guard. Then rinse it under cold water for 30 seconds. If you already have a mouthguard then you're good to go.



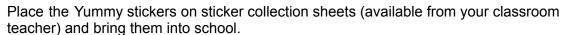
YUMMY STICKERS



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!





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.

Sticker collection sheets - you can print them from the Yummy Fruit website: https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/

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



The Board had its first meeting of the year on 26 February 2024 at 6pm. We discussed the school Strategic Plan, which covers the next three years and is a requirement for all schools. The Board members provided feedback on the plan, which had been developed over summer after we provided initial views in December.

We received feedback on 24 February from members of the Whānau Ropū and were able to discuss that feedback with Ropu members present and reflect on it in the strategy. Thank you to all who contributed! Rachael submitted the strategy to the Ministry of Education on 1 March 2024. It is available to view on the website under information - Charter and Strategic Plan.

The Board also welcomed Molly Weaver as staff representative on the Board. We are thrilled to have Molly join, and contribute the important staff perspective.

We also reviewed and made suggestions on the cellphone policy, which needed to be aligned with the new Government's policy on devices in schools.

The Board had an important discussion on the kapa haka participation policy, taking into account feedback from both the wider parent community and Whānau Rōpū in particular. The Board has agreed to prioritise funding to ensure kapa haka participation can be extended for more year groups!

Finally, we wish Bev de Wever all the best and give our thanks as she moves on after many years of excellent service as a valued team member at Boulcott School.

HOME AND SCHOOL

Thank you for your support of the Easter raffle so far! There are five days left to go in the draw to win one of three amazing Easter baskets so make sure you get your sheets and payments in by 3pm Monday, 25 March.

Special shoutout to Miss Weaver who has sold over FIFTEEN sheets! Funds raised go directly toward the Kahikatea Syndicate school camp so the support of your friends and whānau is much appreciated! All three prizes include plenty of Easter treats to enjoy over the Easter break. The grand prize also includes:

- Event Cinemas Queensgate family pass for 4
- \$50 Queensgate voucher
- \$50 McDonalds voucher
- \$50 New World voucher
- \$20 Anything but Ordinary gift store voucher

Prize 2 also includes:

- \$50 Prezzy card
- \$50 New World voucher
- \$25 McDonalds voucher

Prize 3 also includes:

- \$50 Prezzy card
- Lighthouse Cinemas double pass
- \$25 McDonalds voucher

Special thanks to Summerset Boulcott, McDonalds, Event

Cinemas Queensgate, Westfield Queensgate and Lighthouse Cinemas Petone for their generous donations.

Thank you again for your support!

Home and School Committee

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.

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.





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
Mon, 25 March	Last day for Easter raffle sheets to be returned, BOT meeting 6pm (staffroom)
Tues, 26 March	Easter raffle drawn
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
Fri, 5 April	Student Leaders book sale 3pm - outside the staffroom
Wed, 10 April	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall - Room TBC
Fri, 12 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PRIDE LANDS: Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi (Neurotypical and Neurodivergent)

Pride Lands provides a structured and engaging (Technology Free) social development programme for young people aged 4 – 17 years from all walks of life.

You will find our centre at **Dyer Street School, Epuni, Lower Hutt.**

Our shuttle services have booster seats driven by first aid trained mentors that have full driver licences. At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent children and youths with on-on-one support available to those that need it in our communities.

Please enrol when ready on: www.PrideLands.co.nz

ROLLER DISCO - Saturday, 13 April, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Valley Inline Speed Skating Club, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt. Entry: \$10 per person (cash only at the door). Includes hire skates (blades) and helmet if wanted. Limited number of hire skates available. There will be lollies, drinks and glowsticks available to purchase (cash only). All funds raised will go to helping our team get to the National Speed Skating Championships.

P3 Research - Weight loss clinical study requires participants. For more information call P3 Research Lower Hutt on 04-595-1451 or visit the website www.p3research.co.nz.



New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD) - Are you going overseas for the school holidays? When you return, you can now complete a digital New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD) before you fly back into New Zealand – replacing the need to fill out a paper declaration card on the plane. Everyone coming into New Zealand needs to complete an NZTD. You'll answer questions about your trip and what's in your bags. You can complete it at a time that suits you, on the NZTD website or by downloading the NZTD app, and submit it 24 hours before your trip back to New Zealand.

Download the NZTD app today or scan the QR code.



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MathsBuddy - help your child succeed and build maths confidence. Get started today with a free trial at www.mathsbuddy.co.nz.

Hato Hone St John Youth Programme - Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities. Petone division is on Wednesday night from 6:30pm to 8pm at Epuni Community Hall, 40 Mitchell Street, Epuni, Lower Hutt. For more information contact Zachary.Moir@stjohn.org.nz.

Try Out Marching - Term 2 - give it a go, from 4:30pm - 6:30pm on Thursdays. Location to be confirmed. For more information contact Dana on 027 271 1618 or wellington@marching.co.nz.

April Holiday Programmes

The Total Touch Holiday Programme is ready to roll out these school holidays!

Proudly supported by Royal Roofing, Total Touch offers a 3 day holiday programme focusing on upskilling players from 5-14 Years old; in touch, the AWHI principles and having lots of fun along the way.

With key coaches, including TNZ Community Coaching Director and 4 x World Cup Gold Medallist- George Jahnke, Wellington Touch Senior Coaches- Mitch Bialy and Ike Tapine, these 3 days will be loaded with valuable content, skills and laughter.

Offering a specialised Under 14 programme this time around as well- we invite players from 5-14 years to join us these holidays- but get in quick- places are limited!

Upcoming Holiday Programme Dates
15, 17 and 18 April - NOTE no session on the 16th of April
From 9-3pm at Petone Rugby Clubrooms- Udy Street, Petone
Just \$30 a day

Register here- https://totaltouch.fmweb.nz/april-holiday-programme

Goodtime Music Academy - Monday, 15 April to Thursday, 18 April from 9am to 4pm for ages 6 years and over. Full day \$70. For more information and to register go to www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/holiday-programme.



OSCAR House Holiday Programme

OSCAR House is open for our April Holiday 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

We are an MSD OSCAR approved programme & OSCAR subsidies are available. Our premises are adjacent to Eastern Hutt School
We welcome new whanau and we'd love to have you join us!

We've just celebrated 25 years of quality child care – come join us!

AKOTECH CodeCamps April School Holidays - EARLY DISCOUNTS -

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own Al Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have Literati Lab just for girls

Venues: Queen Margaret College, Thorndon

Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

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KIDSDOMAIN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

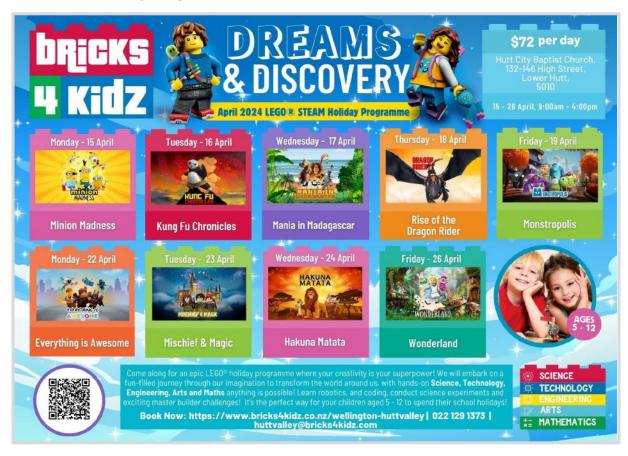


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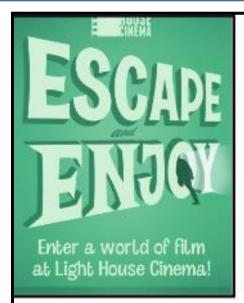
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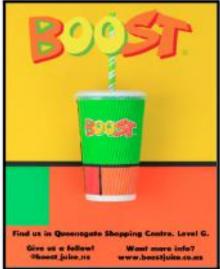
www.kidsdomain.biz (head over to "school holiday bookings"page)

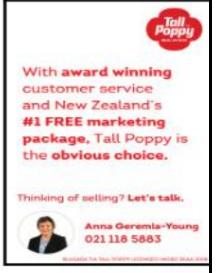
Bricks 4 Kidz - holiday programme



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