



Principal's Message - Thursday, 9 May 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, Tâlofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mālō e lelei, Bonjour, Kia orana, Xin chào

Welcome back to our Autumn term at Boulcott. The mornings have certainly turned cooler, but we have had some beautiful sunny days of late too. I feel like I have finally caught up on

sleep from jet lag following my amazing Canada trip over the school holidays. The U-Lead conference that I attended in Banff was fabulous. There were 1200 delegates attending from around the world, with 189 of us being Principals from New Zealand. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting Principals from Canada, England, Australia and even Iceland. Whilst all leading in very different schools and locations we did find we all faced the same challenges when trying to offer our students the best education possible. I attended 6 keynotes given by some incredible leaders from Canada and participated in 10 breakout sessions. The themes of the conference were around inclusion and it was interesting to hear all about Canada's own challenges with their First Nation teachers and students and the steps they were taking to ensure equity for all at their schools. Neurodiversity was another recurring theme of break out sessions as was well-being for staff members and students alike. I really enjoyed a session on Enhancing Professionalism using Artificial Intelligence. Following the 4 day conference, my husband and I had another week exploring a tiny part of Canada - visiting Toronto and seeing the amazing Niagara Falls, staying a few days in Montreal and getting to practise my rather rusty French skills.

Now We've been back at school for nearly two weeks and what a terrific start we have had to Term 2. Our Cross Country day went really smoothly. Weren't we lucky with the weather. It was heartening to see our tamariki all trying their best with their running and lovely to see so many whānau able to pop into school and cheer them on. Thanks to everyone who helped to organise this event and our Home and School committee who organised the sausage sizzle and doughnuts.

Last week I received Lucy Bould's resignation. Lucy will be with us until the end of term and then will take up a position closer to home at Kenakena School in Paraparaumu. We have been privileged to have Lucy as a member of our staff since she started as a second year teacher in 2021. She is an exceptional classroom teacher and has contributed so much in her leadership of Te Ao Māori across the school. We wish her well in her new role. We have commenced our search for a new classroom teacher to take over in Room 16 for the remainder of the year.

Practices are well underway for our Seussical musical and it has been lovely walking past the hall and hearing the beautiful singing coming from that direction as Georgia and her team run lunchtimes rehearsals. The production will be taking place at the end of Term 3. Some good news I received over the holidays was that we will be able to offer Kapa Haka to all of our students this term. Matua Whitiri Poutawa has very kindly agreed to work with our Harakeke and Kowhai team students on a Friday morning, whilst Miss Weaver will continue to work with those older students, who will be participating in Hutt Fest at the end of this term.

This term our focus as a teaching team will be around up skilling ourselves in the refreshed Mathematics and English curricula. The recent Government announcement regarding all schools being required to teach Structured Literacy was not a surprise for us. We have of course been using this approach to teach our children to read for the last 4 years and have had great success in this area.

Just a reminder that we have the first of our Government mandated Teacher Only Days coming up. The school will be closed for instruction on **Friday, 31 May** - this is in line with other local schools and is the Friday before King's Birthday weekend.

Kia pai te rā
Rachael and the team at Boulcott



Wiki tuatahi - Week 1

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Kia Kaha - Be Brave/hang in there

Wiki tuarua- Week 2

Aroha mai - Sorry

Wiki tuatoru - Week 3

Haere mai - come here

Haere atu - go away



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 - Isobel, Gawri, Shivansh, Parker, Shivani



Sport At Boulcott

Week 2 Term 2

Cross Country

WOW what an unbelievable day it was on Tuesday with our annual Cross Country event. It kicked off in the morning with the competitive Year 4 - 6 students battling it out on the course. We saw some outstanding runners throughout the morning. Congratulations to those who placed in the top 10 for each year group who will go through to represent Boulcott School at the Central Zone Cross Country. It was fantastic to see the Harakeke team out on course after morning tea and giving it their all. There are definitely some outstanding runners to keep an eye out for in years to come.

Just as important, I was particularly impressed with all the students who showed up at the start line, especially those students who don't see themselves as runners or particularly enjoy running. They showed up, gave it their best and showed bucket loads of excellence in finishing the event. It didn't matter if they ran the whole way, walk/ran or just walked they all finished the event and that is something they all can be proud of. So congratulations to all those who took part in the event.

Thank you to the Kahikatea Team in the organising of the event and a special thanks to our parent helpers and supporters who came throughout the day. We really value your support and love seeing you on days like this. Also thank you to the Home and School committee for the sausage sizzle and feeding the hungry runners.

Cross Country Results -

Please see Table below

Zone cross country information

When: Tuesday, 21 May (ppt) Thursday, 23 May

Where: Trentham Memorial Park

Students have qualified by placing in the top 10 at our cross country. We will take 10 boys and 10 girls from Years 4, 5 & 6. Those students will be receiving an email with information and a google form that needs to be completed as soon as possible. We also require a number of parent helpers to help and support throughout the day of Central Zone Cross Country. If you are able to help out please indicate on the google form.

Students will travel by bus to and from school to the event and we are asking ALL participating students to contribute \$5 towards the cost of the bus. This can be paid in cash to the school office in a named envelope or via internet banking into our schools bank account **12-3142-0062729-00** (reference cross country & your child's name)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Presland for more information on sports@boulcott.school.nz

Term 2 Sports

The beginning of Term 2 brings another term busy with sports as we have both netball and basketball kicking off. We have 6 basketball teams playing at Walter Nash on Monday, Thursday or Friday afternoons and on Monday afternoons we have two Year 5 & 6 Netball teams. It is so fantastic to see so many students representing Boulcott School and we wish them well for their season. Also a huge shout out to the coaches and managers for all these teams. Without their support and time we know we wouldn't have been able to offer this sporting opportunity to our students. So THANK YOU, coaches, managers and parent support.



Saints in Schools Coaching

Wellington Saints Basketball Team Visit

On Tuesday, 30 April we were lucky enough to have two Saints Basketball players come to Boulcott School as part of the Saints in Schools programme. They had 2 groups, a group of Year 3 & 4 students and a group of Year 5 & 6 students for about an hour each, running them through a range of basketball drills. It was a fantastic day and we look forward to our second session with them on Friday, 10 May.



Home and School

Our Pie fundraiser is on!

Help support our fundraising efforts by getting your friends and family to order delicious, family-sized Centa Bakery pies.

Please complete the order form that came home earlier this week and return it along with cash or preferably, by depositing money into the Home & School account by Wednesday 15 May.

Pies will be ready for pick up on Thursday 30 May.

There will be a prize for the syndicate that sells the most pies!

Also a big thank you for supporting the Home and School lunch fundraiser this week! The sausages and donuts were enjoyed by the tamariki after participating in the cross country! Money raised will be used to match the Senior Kaitiaki Rōpū's fundraising efforts to purchase a sensory swing for Room 10. A big thank you to our volunteers for making this event a success by organising, cooking and delivering these delicious lunches to our tamariki. We are so grateful for your support.



Writing from Harakeke

Cross Country Day Writing from Room 5

Phew! I ran soooooo fast that I puffed out and got 4th place! **Bailey**

In the Cross Country I went very fast as a velociraptor. **Vrishaan**

I ran fast and at the end of the race I was tired. **Ollie**

Bang! Went the starting blocks. We all sprinted to the finish line. **Alfie**



PB4L

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Over the last 2 weeks we have been learning about our brains - what we need to do to keep them healthy, and how we learn by practicing skills over and over which helps to build strong pathways in our brains.

For the next 2 weeks we will be looking at **Respect** -

Whakamiha, with a focus on being kind.

This ties in well with our Pink Shirt Day next **Friday 17, May** - speak up, stand together, stop bullying.

Term 3 & 4 2024 Out of Zone and In Zone Enrolments

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.



Events and Important Dates coming up

Please see below

Mon, 6 May - Sign Language Week

Mon, 13 May - Closing Date for Applications for Out of Zone

Students

Wed, 15 May - Assembly 2.20pm in the hall

Wed, 15 May - Last day Home and School Pie Fundraiser

Fri, 17 May - Ballot for Out of Zone Students, Pink Shirt Day

Tue, 21 May - Zone Cross Country (pp Thur, 23 May)

Tue, 21 May - Kathryn Burkett Parent Evening@Hutt Intermediate

Wed, 29 May - Assembly 2:20pm in the hall

Fri, 31 May - Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**

Mon, 3 June - King's Birthday - **School Closed**

Tue, 11 June - Inter-Zone Cross Country (pp Thur, 13 June)

Wed, 12 June - Assembly 2:20pm in the hall

Wed, 26 June - Assembly 2:20pm in the hall

Thur, 27 June - Matariki Celebration

Fri, 28 June - Matariki Holiday - **School Closed**

Mon, 1 - Fri, 5 July - HuttFest Evening Performance (date to be confirmed)

Fri, 5 July - Mid-year reports go home. Term 2 finishes at 3pm.

Boulcott Notice - Well-being focused initiative Ministry of Education

Our kura has opted into a new Well-being focused initiative lead by the Ministry of Education and Police across the Wellington area.

The purpose of the Programme is to notify schools in a timely manner when one of its students has been affected by a family harm episode. The Ministry of Education will manage and monitor alerts from Police and send a notification to the enrolling school or kura with no other details other than the student's name. As a result of these notifications the school or kura is then aware that a child has experienced an event within the last 24 hours and is then better able to assist these students through more appropriate and sensitive behaviour management, and the provision of additional supports when required. This programme fits within our Child Protection policy requirements and supports a small number of selected staff to support tamariki who may require a little extra care. The school has created a process to ensure information is kept private and safely stored.

Please speak to our Principal, Rachael if you have any questions about the process.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael SolePrincipal/Tumuaki



Community Notices

Events and Activities Happening in the Community

Dyer Street School Brick Show -

Saturday, 11 May at Dyer Street School Hall, 9 Dyer St, Lower Hutt 9am-2pm \$5 Entry per family cash only.

Amazing lego displays and activities.

School in Action - Hutt Intermediate School -

Hutt Intermediate School welcomes parents/caregivers and Year 6 students to attend guided tours of our school.

These tours allow for authentic experiences showing life at Hutt Intermediate.

Tour dates and times are below:

Monday 17 June, Tuesday 18 June and Thursday 20 June. All welcome between 11:00 – 11:30am – No booking necessary.

Kathryn Burkett Parent Evening @ Hutt Intermediate -

Tuesday, 21 May 7pm-8:30pm. Please see flyer below for information about ordering tickets.

Lower Hutt CAP Debt Help Centre -

Hosting an annual Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, 18 May (10am-1pm) at Victory Christian Centre (445 High Street, Lower Hutt) for the community. Everyone is welcome to attend and take what they need. Items available normally includes clothes, shoes, toys, books, kitchenware and linen. There will also be complimentary morning tea.

Symphony School of Music - is a Lower Hutt-based music school that offers lessons for piano, drums, guitar and ukulele. We'd love to share our passion for music with your kids, so head to our website or send us an email to enrol!

<https://www.symphonyschoolofmusic.co.nz/>
sam@symphonyschoolofmusic.co.nz
Sam Humphreys - Symphony School of Music

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wellington-

Our mentoring program offers flexibility in terms of time commitment, and we provide comprehensive training and support to ensure that both mentors and mentees have a positive and rewarding experience. Whether it's spending time together engaged in activities they both enjoy, offering advice and support, or simply being there to listen, your presence as a mentor can have a profound and lasting effect on a young person's life.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor and making a difference in the life of a young boy in our community, we would love to hear from you.

Together, we can create brighter futures for our youth and build a stronger, more supportive community for all.

Thank you for considering this opportunity, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like more information. We look forward to partnering with you to support the youth in our community.

Ka kite ono,

Julie.B@bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz

Fun Sticks Hockey Programme-

Hi Schools,

Please see the opportunities for Years 1 and 2 to start their hockey journey. We are still accepting registrations for our Fun Sticks Programme which is an 8-week hockey programme designed for children aged 5-6 years (School Year 1 & 2).

FunSticks is running at the following location across the region.

NHS: Saturdays, 10am to 11am

Fraser Park: Saturdays, 8am to 9am

Elsdon: Saturdays, 9am to 10am

Karori/Kelburn: Tuesdays, 3:45pm to 4:45pm (starts Tuesday 14th May)

Maidstone: Wednesdays, 5pm to 6pm (Starts Wednesday 15th May)

Join the fun this weekend on the 11th May when the Junior Hockey Season starts!

Please see Flyer Below

Register online via PlayHQ: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5e7939>

Astrolabe Wine Fundraiser-

One of our incredibly talented former students and sibling of a current Boulcott School student has been offered an extraordinary opportunity to be part of the Intensive Training Programme at the Australian Ballet School and audition to attend their full-time training programme in 2025. Phoebe Ewington will attend classes in Melbourne early August and partake in the final's audition between 6th-10th August 2024.

To support Phoebe, her whānau have partnered up with Astrolabe Wines for a fundraiser to support Phoebe's journey this year and beyond. You will receive 20% off all orders using the code: 'phoebeballet' at checkout. 25% of sales will be donated to support Phoebe's travel costs and contribute to overseas opportunities.

The deadline for this fabulous deal ends 30th May 2024. See flyer below for more information.

Number Works 'n Words-

English and Maths Free assessment book now! Ages 5-16

Lower Hutt 570 0737

numberworksnwords.com/nz



School Calendar 2024

Term Dates

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:

Monday, 3 June: King's Birthday

Friday, 28 June: Matariki

Monday, 28 October: Labour Day

Please note: Teacher Only Day on Friday, 31 May



Congratulations!

Swan Lake - Royal New Zealand Ballet

Congratulations to Heidi Evans who performed as a child extra last week with the Royal New Zealand Ballet in Swan Lake. What a great opportunity. Well done Heidi.



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 into 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.

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!

School Reminders

Check our reminders for information - School start times, Parking at school and Lost Property

Please remember there is no parking or waiting area in our staff school car park at any time. Please also do not double park outside the school gates nor park on yellow lines as it is getting congested and unsafe for our tamariki.

Students and Whānau are able to enter their classrooms from 8.30am in the mornings.

Please check out our lost property outside Room 7 and 8.

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