

Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 3 Week 4



Principal's Message: Thursday 15 August, 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

Last week we welcomed Ms Jo Lock back to school after getting married in Samoa over the holidays and returning after her honeymoon in Hawaii. Our warmest congratulations to both her and Jay on 'tying the knot'. Jo will continue to be called Ms Lock by our tamariki.

Like me I am sure you will have enjoyed some Olympic highlights viewing. Apparently this is New Zealand's 'goldest' Olympics ever, with 9 Gold medals being awarded to our athletes. Many classes in the school have completed work around this topic. Students in Kōwhai (Year 3/4 learners) had their own interclass Olympics. Teachers organised a variety of challenges - from building newspaper towers, gymnastics pose holding, and marathon laps of the tennis courts. Our kids had such fun with these class clashes!!

This week all staff have undergone thorough Emergency Management training and our school had a very successful Lockdown drill. We have engaged the services of Harrison Tew, an Emergency Management Planning company who are helping us to develop a site specific Lock down, Crisis Management and Emergency Response plan for our school.

In less than two weeks our cohort 6 students start at Boulcott School and we welcome 4 more families to our community. This brings our school student roll to 350. We currently have a fantastic staff of 37 who support all our families and our students' learning.

This year I have been working with a terrific group of Year 6 Student Leaders - our 'Rōpū Kaitiaki'. We have been talking about how leadership is about doing things which benefit others rather than just ourselves. To this end we have already fund-raised over \$300 for our students who have specific learning needs and a special swing has been purchased for some of these students. This week, as advertised in our last newsletter, we are holding a 'Can Drive' for our local Food Bank. Students are encouraged to bring a can of fish, meat , fruit or vegetables to school tomorrow. In exchange, children can select an item of Boulcott sports gear with our old logos on them- these include: shorts, socks, singlets, shirts, jerseys etc. They are mostly in sizes suitable for older children. If Junior/ smaller sized students bring in a can then they can choose a free book from our old library book stocks. If you don't have suitable canned goods at home, a gold coin would also be most welcome. The food bank have also told us that they would really appreciate any supermarket bags for packaging food items for families in need.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our kaimahi (staff) and ākonga (learners).

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the Boulcott Team



Kiwaha o te Wiki

Wiki tuawha and Wiki tuarima Week 4 -Phrase of the week Week 5 -Phrase of the week



Boulcott School's 2024 Mid-Year Data

Mid-year results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics

Despite all the hype in the media over recent weeks regarding New Zealand students' achievement in Mathematics, I am pleased to be able to share with you our mid-year results in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

In Reading 87% percent of our students are achieving at or above expected curriculum levels. Our Writing results are similar with 84% of learners meeting or exceeding expectations. In Mathematics, it is great to see that 88% of all our tamariki are meeting or exceeding curriculum expectations. Any students who are not yet meeting expectations have been identified and we are

supporting their progress by having programmes in place to support the accelerated learning they need to make in order to reach expectations. Some of these are withdrawal programmes with specialist staff, e.g. ESOL students and Literacy support. Others' needs are met through targeted classroom teaching and /or in class support.

Ngā mihi nui Rachael Sole Principal/Tumuaki Boulcott School



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

Fri, 16 Aug -Bring a can of food or gold coin for Lower Hutt canned food drive

Tue, 20 Aug - Kōwhai Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament at

Walter Nash

Wed, 21 Aug - Pizza Lunch fundraiser for Year 5/6 camp

Wed, 21 Aug - Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall

Tue, 27 Aug - Kahikatea Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament at Walter Nash Fri, 30 Aug - 'Jump off' for Daffodil Day and Home & School fundraiser - Sausage sizzle and donut lunch Tue, 3 Sept -Kahikatea Dowse Museum trip Wed, 4 Sept - Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall Fri, 6 Sept - Year 4-6 Interzone swimming sports at Huia Pool Mon, 16 Sept - Māori Language Week Wed, 18 Sept - Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall Thur, 19 Sept - Harakeke and Kowhai trip to Finding Nemo Tue, 24 Sept-Thur, 26 Sept - Seussical Production at the Little Theatre Fri, 27 Sept - Last day of Term 3 school finishes at 3pm Mon, 14 Oct - First day of Term 4 - school starts at 8.55am Mon, 14 Oct- School Photos all week with Sue Allman Photography Fri, 18 Oct- Athletics Day Year 3-6. Ballot closes for out of zone students Sat, 19 Oct - Home & School Fundraiser - 80's Bingo Night! Mon, 21 Oct - Athletics Day Year 3-6 (postponement day), Ballot for out of zone students Mon, 24 Oct- Kapa haka Exchange with Eastern Hutt Fri, 25 Oct - Teacher Only Day - School closed Mon, 28 Oct - Labour Day - School closed Wed, 30 Oct - Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall



PB4L - Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Respect - Whakamiha

Our next focus will be on respect - Whakamiha.

We will focus on being Kaitiaki - guardians, caring for:

- Our environment
- Our school buildings
- Our equipment and using it safely



Clash of the Classes!

Kōwhai Syndicate challenges

The Kōwhai syndicate is doing lots of fun challenges to celebrate the Olympic Games.

The classes got given a colour from the Olympics Rings for the whole Clash of the Classes challenge. Room 12 is yellow, Room 14 is red, Room 15 is black and Room 16 is green.

The first challenge was an Eiffel Tower competition. Each class made an Eiffel Tower. They had 30 minutes to make it. We had 1m of sellotape, 3 pieces of newspaper and 2 pairs of scissors.

We are going to have lots of fun, surprise challenges over the next 3 weeks! We are really excited to find out what we will be doing next!

Results:

Room 12- 79cm

Room 14- 115cm

Room 15- 97.5cm

Room 16- were having so much fun that they forgot to measure!

By Thea and Darcy, Room 12



Sports News

Dodgeball Tournament

Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Tournament Report -

On the 30th of July we had a dodgeball tournament versus

other schools at Walter Nash. Some people went in parents' cars to get to Walter Nash. Boulcott School won six times but we lost once. I thought it was really fun. My advice for playing dodgeball is to try to aim for their legs so they can't catch the ball.

By Petra Yannakis

Dodgeball was fun because I got so many people out. It was at Walter Nash Centre. We went in some of the parents' cars. I was very very scared at the start. We lost but we got really good as we went on. My advice for playing dodgeball is there is a special colour ball. If your team catches it your team wins.

By Arlo Scahill

Kahikatea Dodgeball Tournament Report -

On Thursday the 1st of August, Boulcott school had a dodgeball tournament at Walter Nash Stadium. Only a few kids went to this event but lots of schools participated in the tournament and this tournament was only for the fun of it, and it wasn't very competitive. We had six games and all of them were really fun. There were two different Boulcott teams and they were called the Titans and the Strikers.

By Arthur C

After we arrived at Walter Nash, we waited for about 30-45 minutes before the games started. Each of these games had about 2-3 rounds each. Whenever you caught a blue ball (some courts had different coloured dodgeballs) the person who threw the ball at you would go out. Also when a ball was caught on the full, the first person in your team's line of people who were out would go back in. The golden ball is a yellow/gold ball that whenever someone in your team or the opponents team whoevers team caught it everyone in that team would be back in. We would rotate from court to court, out of six courts.

By Jasper M

Dodgeball was really fun because we got to play against other schools. A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who helped by taking us to Walter Nash Stadium and staying for the day. We are so grateful. The Dodgeball games were fantastic. Thank you so much to Miss Presland for organising the tournament. Thank you!

By Crystal

At the end of the tournament, there was a game for all of the adults who helped (if they wanted to) there were tons of adults that wanted to play the games and even Mrs.Williams participated! After the games we went to the parent helpers who dropped us back at school. We had so much fun and would love to do this again.

By Arthur C, Jasper M

Sports Registration

Registrations for sports happening in Term 4 are now open. Emails with information about each sport has been sent out to families and below are the google form to register your child/ren.

Due dates are Friday 6 September.

Sports include

• Netball Year 1 - 4 who play on a Saturday morning at Taita Court.

Google form: https://forms.gle/W9cfphqYuwFkTsML9

• Touch Rugby Year 1 - 6 who play on a Thursday afternoon at Fraser Park

Google form: https://forms.gle/ScpAGJeFb2T8g1ec9

YUMMY Fruit Stickers

This is the last term to collect your yummy fruit stickers. Remember Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers will help your school's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool.

Get your friends, family, neighbours collecting the Yummy Fruit Stickers to help out Boulcott School.

These need to be handed in to Ms Hassell in Room 5 before **Friday 13th September.** Hand in any unfinished sheets as these will all count towards our tally.

Sports shout outs

Congratulations to Charlie Rm 4 and Kailani Rm 3 who were both selected into the Lower Hutt Under 11 Rugby League Representative Team.

If your child has been selected in representative teams we would love to hear about their successes. Please email Margaret on sports@boulcott.school.nz so we can do a sports shout out for them.

Upcoming Events

• LHPSSA Football Tournaments @ Walter Nash.

Year 3 & 4 Tuesday 20 August

Year 5 & 6 Tuesday 27 August

• Interzone Swimming Sports @ Huia Pool Year 4 - 6



Canned Food Drive this Friday, 16 August!

Please bring a can of food or gold coin if you can to donate to the Lower Hutt Canned Food Drive

Please click on the link below to see a video the students have made about it!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MwZeGTmsI88vgnNDJslosRAXTaNrhimM/view?usp=sharing



Home and School Committee

Up coming Fundraisers and 2025 Gala

Fri, 30 August - Sausage Sizzle and Donuts

Sat, 19 October - 80's Bingo Night

Last Call - 2025 Gala

Currently the 2025 Gala will not go ahead and will be parked until 2026 without a core group of people to lead it.

If this sounds like something you are interested in please email <u>homeschool@boulcott.school.nz</u> by 31 August.



Camp Fundraiser for Year 5/6

Dominos Pizza Lunch! Wednesday, 21 August



Board News

Term 3

Even though we're well underway in Term 3, the Board wants to extend a warm welcome to our new teachers Nadine Raath, Kathryn Farmer, Erin Inglis, Alicia Hutchings!

Our first meeting of Term 3 was on Monday, 12 August. We reviewed the Mid-Year Student Achievement report. The results were broadly on track, but the teaching team are focussed on a few areas to lift achievement. We also heard

about the successful lockdown drill that parents also received an email about.

We were also so impressed with the large Boulcott Kapa haka group performance at HuttFest. A huge credit to all the tamariki who sang beautifully (and in tune!) and looked totally professional. Thank you to the great support from so many parents and teachers behind the scenes, and of course Molly Weave who has put so much work in leading the preparation and performances.

Board member profile:

Andreas Heuser -

I have been on the Boulcott School board since June 2019. I have two kids at Boulcott: Raphael in Room 2 and Bianca in Room 14. My wife Georgia is currently directing the Boulcott School musical "Seussical!" -- make sure to look out for tickets when they go on sale and come along to see the show! Outside of school life, I lead a consulting firm called Castalia advising on renewable energy, water and transport infrastructure in New Zealand, Australia, the Pacific and South-East Asia. When I'm not doing that I like to mountain bike and coach hockey.



Cheer Awards 2024

Term 3 Week 3

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: Hazel, Amelie

Room 2: Cody, Elyse

Room 3: Avninder, Hana

Room 4: Charlie, Emmanuel

Room 5: Octavia, Kaashika

Room 6: Mileena, Isabella

Room 7: Jack, Ayana

Room 8: Alexander, Fina

Room 9: Zara, Maggie

Room 11: Mila, Johith

Room 12: Darcy, Tia

Room 14: Maddie, Tatum

Room 15: Layla, Arav

Room 16: Florence, Arjun



Seussical Jr Production

Seussical Jr - Save the Date - Tuesday, 24 September-Thursday, 26 September

Our amazing cast have been working hard and excited to put on a fabulous show! This will be held over three

nights starting on Tuesday, 24 September to Thursday, 26 September at the Little Theatre.

Come and support them and get ready for a night of fun and entertainment!

Tickets will go on sale in Week 5.



School Photos

Term 4 Week 1

Sue Allman will be at Boulcott School at the beginning of Term 4 to take school photos, more details to follow soon.

Please see a sample below of photo package options available and price guide.



School Calendar 2024 & 2025 Dates

Term Dates and Public Holidays

Term Dates 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

Teacher Only Days:

• Friday, 25 October: - School closed

Public Holidays:

• Monday, 28 October: Labour Day - School closed

Term Dates 2025 -

Term 1: Monday, 3 February - Friday, 11 April

Term 2: Monday, 28 April - Friday, 27 June

Term 3: Monday, 14 July - Friday, 19 September

Term 4: Monday, 6 October - Tuesday, 16 December

Teacher Only Days:

• TBC

Public Holidays:

- Thursday, 6 February: Waitangi Day School Closed
- Monday, 2 June: King's Birthday School Closed
- Friday, 20 June: Matariki School Closed
- Monday, 27 October: Labour Day School Closed

sKids - Before school and after school care

Exciting programme of Activites happening in Term 3!



Picking up and dropping tamariki off at school?

How you park and drive can protect them, or put them in danger.



Parking safely near our school

Community Notices

Events and Activities Happening in the Community

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 <u>www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz/learn-at-school</u> or call us at 04 568 2237. Your child's moment in the limelight awaits!

Lower Hutt Tennis Club -

This is an annual event that is run by the local clubs in conjunction with Tennis New Zealand. Please contact Jackie Clarke <u>clarkes1@outlook.co.nz</u> if you would like any more information.

Family Works -

Calling all Young Storytellers — it's time to enter our **BOOKWORM** Writing Competition!



Yummy Stickers

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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: <u>https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/</u>

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



Lost Property

Please come and have a look!

Please come and have a look through our lost property. It is kept in the corridor area by Room 8 and 9. Anything left unclaimed will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

Many Thanks



Boulcott School wishes to thank all our sponsors

For your continued support of our school community