



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 1



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou, Guten tag, Bula, Nǐ hǎo, Mingalaba, Namaste, 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 and Image sourced from

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Happy New Year to you all. I trust you have all had a wonderful summer holiday, spending some lovely family time together and enjoying all that a good Kiwi summer has to offer. Whilst the weather wasn't always on our side, I hope you all got a chance to unwind, relax and recharge, ready for the new school year.

I spent Christmas with my parents and family in Auckland, and managed to get Covid whilst I was up there. It really took about two weeks to fully recover, but on the positive side, I should be immune from Covid for a good 6 months(I hope!)

I have recently returned from 4 fabulous days in Queenstown with my husband, Craig to celebrate our 32nd wedding anniversary. We stayed in an Air BnB and went to a concert in Gibbston Valley. We also managed a lovely day in Wanaka, a half day shopping and dining in Arrowtown, and a morning walking around Queenstown itself. The weather was amazing, although I heard Wellington weather also picked up whilst we were away.

Although school only opened on Monday, our staff have been in much earlier, getting their classrooms set up and attending team meetings and professional development workshops etc. As a whole staff we have had some excellent professional learning on the new Mathematics curriculum and another workshop on Assessment for Learning- Assessment for learning is best described as a process by which assessment information is used by teachers to adjust their teaching strategies, and by students to adjust their learning strategies.

This last week we welcomed new staff members: Erin Inglis, Emma Colling and Naisha Lal to our school. If you see them around the school please introduce yourself to them and help them to feel welcome.

During the holidays Samantha Smith, one of our wonderful Learning Support team members got married. Congratulations to both her and Bex. You two looked beautiful and so happy.



Some heads up for you about upcoming events:

- Pōwhiri to welcome new teachers, students and their whānau to Boulcott school- Date TBC
- Meet the Teacher interviews- Tuesday 11th February (3.10pm-5pm) and Thursday 13th February. (3.10pm-6pm)
- *N.B. On Tuesday the Year 5/6 teachers will be available from 2.10pm to accommodate the larger class sizes in this team*

You will notice a few wee changes to the physical environment at school which took place over our holiday break. - New school signage outside Room 1.- New carpet in the school foyer and down the corridor past Rooms 7-11. We had new LED lighting installed throughout the school in all classrooms , corridors and office. This is a much better and gentler, more energy efficient lighting than the old fluorescent tubes.

The interior of the school hall has been freshly painted and smartened up and the vegetable garden /orchard area of the school is being refreshed .

Thanks so much to Dean, our lovely school property manager who has either overseen these school improvements or done them himself. Thanks also to Phil and Brigit Scahill who have already put in hours of work, digging over the vege gardens. If you are keen to help out with gardening, please contact Brigit in Room 11 to hear about her plans for the gardening project, or email her: [brigit_scahill@boulcott.school](mailto:brigit_scahill@boulcott.school.nz) .nz

The staff here at Boulcott are all really excited to begin our 2025 school year and have lots of exciting plans for the year. Keep reading our fortnightly newsletters which will usually be published in odd weeks, on Thursdays.

Ngā mihi maioha

Rachael and the team at Boulcott



School Organisation 2025



Senior Leadership Team Principal: Rachael Sole Deputy Principals: Jodi Mitchell and Jo Lock



Year 5 and 6 Team

Team Leader: Melissa Coton
Room 1, Year 5 & 6: Molly Weaver
Room 2, Year 5 & 6: Melissa Coton
Room 3, Year 5 & 6: Corrina Rayson
Room 4, Year 5 & 6: Claire Williams



Year 1 and 2 Team

Team Leader: Karen Clements
Room 5, Year 2: Naisha Lal
Room 6, Year 2: Karen Henry
Room 11, Year 2: Brigit Scahill
Room 7, Year 1: Tania Tyrer & Ros Van Rij
Room 8, Year 1/ New Entrants: Jane Anstiss
Room 9, New Entrants: Karen Clements
Room 10, Roll growth class: Kathryn Farmer

Office: Tania Blucher and Hannah Watkins
Property Manager: Dean Scahill



Year 3 and 4 Team

Team Leader: Jo Lock
Room 12, Year 3 & 4: Jenn Burridge
Room 13, Year 3 & 4: Emma Colling
Room 14, Year 3 & 4: Calvina Deng
Room 15, Year 3 & 4: Gaylene Nankivell
Room 16, Year 3 & 4: Erin Inglis

Other Teaching Staff

Lisa Hassell: Learning Support Teacher
Margaret Presland: Kahikatea release & Sports Coordinator

Suz Cody: Kōwhai release & Room 15 on Fridays
Jenny Fraser: Harakeke release

Kathryn Farmer: Room 8 on Fridays

Learning Support Team:

Carol Healy, Alicia Hutchings, Donna Larsen, Matt McDowell, Karen Prince, Dharani Walpita and Samm Smith
Library: Eileen Falconer



Notices from the School Office

Absences -

Please ring the school office phone number is 04 566 3058 before 8:55am if your child is going to be absent for the day. Messages can be left on the school answer-phone, emailed, or you can leave a message using our website or our school app.

Please note: If you arrive after 8:55am please can you or your child come to the school office and sign in on vistab tablet (Ipad at the front desk).

Holiday request during Term Time -

If you are planning on taking your child out of school during term time for an extended holiday please send your request via email to the school office info@boulcott.school.nz with the dates, this will be then passed onto the Principal for approval.

Invoices -

Invoices will still be issued for optional activities. The expectation is that all invoices will be paid immediately, unless arrangements have been made with the office. Payment for invoices can be made by direct credit using **Boulcott School Main Account 12-3142-0062729-00**. Please include your child's name as a reference.

Student Information and Medication Update -

It is very important that we have up-to-date information on our records. If you have any changes to the information we presently hold, please inform the office. Any medication your child may require at school needs to be held at the office with instructions on how it is to be administered. Medication needs to be in a clear container with your child's name on it.

Civil Defence Emergency Packs -

This week your child will bring home a letter with information to be prepared in the event of an emergency (any event where the children are unable to get home safely), we would like **every child** to bring an **ice-cream container to school** with a food pack that we will store at school.

Birthday Treats in classrooms -

We do receive requests for students to bring treats (lollies, cake, ice blocks) for their classmates when it is their birthday. Although we see this as a lovely and generous gesture, it can create complications with dietary requirements and additional pressure for others to reciprocate. We ask that you save these birthday treats for parties or after school hours. Children are made to feel special on their birthday with each class having their own ways to celebrate.

Please name your child's clothing -

We have a lot of lost property that builds up over each term, please can you make sure all your child's clothing and hat is named so it can be returned to you.

Change of clothes -

Please can you provide a named change of clothing in your child's bag, especially for our Junior students, just incase needed. We a limited supply of clothes in our medical room.

Thanks for your support on this matter.



Communication at Boulcott School

We use a variety of platforms to communicate important information between school and home

We believe in keeping you updated with up and coming events along with celebrating our successes.

● **The Boulcott Newsletter** : This newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon. As we are an Enviro-School we distribute this via email. We are also happy to include community messages in the newsletter. We would appreciate it if all messages could be shared with the school office by the Tuesday afternoon before the Broadcast is distributed.

● **Email**: We regularly utilise email for reminders and other important messages. Please contact the school office if your email address needs updating from last year.

● **School App**: Our school app is another useful tool for communicating with parents. This is a secure app where you can view information about your child, report an absence, view our newsletters, along with many other features. When your child starts at Boulcott School you will receive an email with a link to download the app. If you have not joined up to use the app and would like to please contact the office.

● **School Website & Calendar**: On the front page of our website: www.boulcott.school.nz there is a Community Calendar, which we will be continuing to utilise in 2025. All important dates for families will be included on this calendar, so it is useful to visit this regularly to keep up to date with the latest events.

● **Facebook**: Have you 'liked' our School Facebook page? We utilise this page for reminders, but more importantly, to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Boulcott School. Just search Boulcott School on Facebook to find our page.

● **Seesaw**: We will be utilising this fantastic platform to share learning between school and home. Using this app, you'll find photos and videos that showcase your child's work.

● **Google Forms**: We will continue to use Google Forms for permission and newsletters that require responses from parents. If you ever need assistance with completing these, please contact the office.

We are always interested in hearing how we can make our communication more effective with our families, so feedback is welcomed.



Teacher Directory - 2025

Please find below a list of email addresses for all our teachers:

Teacher Directory- Boulcott School 2025

Room	Teacher name	Year Group- Syndicate	Email
Room 1	Molly Weaver	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	molly_weaver@boulcott.school.nz
Room 2	Melissa Coton	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	melissa_coton@boulcott.school.nz
Room 3	Corrina Rayson	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	corrina_rayson@boulcott.school.nz
Room 4	Claire Williams	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	claire_williams@boulcott.school.nz
Room 5	Naisha Lal	Year 2 Harakeke	naisha_lal@boulcott.school.nz
Room 6	Karen Henry	Year 2 Harakeke	karen_henry@boulcott.school.nz
Room 7	Ros van Rij Tania Tyrer	Year 1 Harakeke	ros_vanrij@boulcott.school.nz tania_tyrer@boulcott.school.nz
Room 8	Jane Anstiss	Year 1 Harakeke	jane_anstiss@boulcott.school.nz
Room 9	Karen Clements	Year 0/1 Harakeke	karen_clements@boulcott.school.nz
Room 10	Kathryn Farmer	Year 0 Harakeke	kathryn_farmer@boulcott.school.nz
Room 11	Brigit Scahill	Year 1 Harakeke	brigit_scahill@boulcott.school.nz
Room 12	Jenn Burridge	Year 3/4 Kowhai	jennifer_burridge@boulcott.school.nz
Room 13	Emma Colling	Year 3/4 Kowhai	emma_colling@boulcott.school.nz
Room 14	Calvina Deng	Year 3/4 Kowhai	calvina_deng@boulcott.school.nz
Room 15	Gaylene Nankivell	Year 3/4 Kowhai	gaylene_nankivell@boulcott.school.nz
Room 16	Erin Inglis	Year 3/4 Kowhai	erin_inglis@boulcott.school.nz

Events and Important Dates



Coming up!

Mon, 3 Feb - First day of School start at 8.55am,
Swimming starts for Rooms 12, 13, 14 and 15

Thur, 6 Feb - Waitangi Day **School closed**

Tue, 11 Feb - 'Meet the Teacher' parent interviews (2:10pm - 5pm)

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

Thur, 13 Feb - 'Meet the Teacher' parent interviews (3:10pm - 6pm)

Mon, 17 Feb - Swimming starts for Rooms 5, 6, 11 and 16. Home and School Meeting 7:15-8:15pm

Fri, 21 Feb - LHPSSA -Non-Stop Cricket Tournament Y3 - Y6

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



School Donation Scheme

A reminder, Boulcott School has opted into the Government's Donation Scheme Funding which means we will not be asking for family donations in 2025.

We will also not be asking families to cover additional costs for trips and other activities. You will still be asked to cover the cost of any optional activities ie Touch Rugby, Netball etc. Because of this, we need to be careful choosing the trips and activities, so we keep to budget!

Although we will not be asking for donations in 2025 they will still be graciously received and welcomed! Last year we received some generous donations from families which went towards school operations. We really appreciate all contributions.



Our Kids Online

Resources for Schools & Parents to help keep kids safer online & increase emotional wellbeing

Kia ora e te whānau,

We're so excited to kick off **2-Minute Tuesdays**—a quick and easy way to share valuable parenting tips with our community!

How it works:

Every Tuesday during the school term, you'll receive a **bite-sized 2-minute parenting video** created by Rob Cope at *Our Kids Online*. These videos are designed to be quick, fun and practical!

Here's the first in the series! Check it out below and let us know what you think.

Ngā mihi nui

Nurturing Our Children's Mental Health

"Raising Resilient Kids in an Instant World"

In a world where everything is just a tap away, how do we teach patience, grit, and emotional strength? True resilience isn't built through endless screen time or quick rewards—it's forged in real experiences, challenges, and human connection. By encouraging play, problem-solving, and emotional expression, we equip our children with the tools to navigate life's ups and downs. Strong mental health starts with balance—less scrolling, more exploring; fewer shortcuts, more perseverance. Let's raise a generation that thrives, not just survives!

[Click here or on the Image below to watch! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAc9jRpFdBM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAc9jRpFdBM)

(Disclaimer - The videos in this series are created by a third party and may not reflect the school's views. Use what's helpful and skip the rest!)



Hats for Term 1 and Sports uniform

Boulcott is a SunSmart School. This term it is compulsory for all children to wear wide brimmed hats.

Hats are compulsory for all students during Term 1 and Term 4. You are welcome to provide your own wide brimmed hat (no caps) for your child.

When outside at playtimes, lunch or undertaking sport, please ensure your children have their named sun hats at school every day to enable them to play outside freely. Children without sun hats will be restricted to the shade sail area.

If you would like to purchase a Boulcott School hat please complete an order form. The hat order forms are held at the school office, orders will be processed and issued on a **Thursday** each week, after payment is received.

Sports Uniform - If your child requires a sports top please email the school office and we can send you out an order form or you can collect one from the office. Students only require a sports top if they are representing the school at a sporting event ie Touch rugby, basketball etc. Once payment has been received, via direct credit to the school account, we will organise the uniform item and get it to your child. Uniform items will be issued once a week on Thursday. If you are unsure of sizing we are happy to try the item on your child to ensure they have the correct size.

You may also like to apply sunblock to your children before school. Children also need to wear shoes at school to protect their feet, and clothes that are suitable for sun protection and sports activities.

Many thanks



Launchpad

We are excited to once again be able to offer Launchpad Champions (formerly Bible in Schools) in 2025 for Years 2-6

**We will meet in Room 15 on Friday mornings
8am-8:30am starting this Friday!**

Launchpad is a fun 30-minute lesson that presents tamariki with positive values

and aims to grow their sense of mana, self-worth and character through games, stories, drama, workbooks and crafts.

Last year some of our "hashtags"

(a lesson summed up in a quick phrase with actions) included:

#sharing is caring

speak up and speak life

call on courage

#be a committer not a quitter

be wise

This [link](#) gives more information about the programme.

If your child would like to opt-in to this programme please go to this [link](#) to enable your tamariki to be added. We'd love to have them join us!!

Penny and Mrs Cody



School Lunches for 2025

We offer Pita Pit lunches on Thursdays and sushi on Fridays.

School lunches will be available from **Thursday, 13 February**.

Lunches can only be ordered online by going to www.lunchonline.co.nz to register. An account is created for your child and payment made, so you have funds in the account before you order, which can be used at any time to order lunch on a Thursday or Friday. Orders must be received by **9am** on the day of delivery. The lunches are delivered directly to school and given to your child.

Please note: That if you already have an account set up from last year, you will need to go in and change your child's room number to their new room number for this year. This can be done by clicking 'add/edit members' on your lunchonline account.



Nood Food

Boulcott School is a 'Nood Food' school

This means that we encourage students to have 'wrapper free' food in their lunchboxes. Please unwrap food and put it into smaller containers or straight into their lunchboxes.

We are also a **water only** school. Please send a drink bottle filled with water with your child to school. There are drinking fountains outside, if your child forgets their bottle.

Many thanks

Boulcott School



School Calendar 2025 Dates

Term Dates and Public Holidays

Term Dates 2025

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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 2025:

- 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**
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Firewood for Sale



1 x trailer load of medium pohutukawa rounds

1 x trailer load of large rounds (will require a splitter)

Excellent Firewood for heating, pizza ovens, bbqs.

Viewing - back of field.

Make us an offer.

Proceeds returned to the school.

dean_scahill@boulcott.school.nz



Community Notices

Events and Activities Happening in the Community



Classes are small, maximum 10 kids and take place in a creative and safe environment and we speak French from the first lesson! Free trial, suitable for ages 5 to 10. We are aligned with the NZ foreign languages curriculum. Heaps of fun active learning activities for brain boosting and skill development.

For more information contact Stefi on 021 178 2099, or stefi@lcclubs.co.nz

www.lcclubs.com

Group Piano Lessons in Petone -

Piano lessons are being offered at the Petone Community House on Monday afternoons after school. Your child can learn to read music and play the piano in a fun and relaxed environment.

New students start with a free trial lesson and can join anytime in the term as long as there's a space available. The ongoing cost during each term is \$18.50/week.

For more information and to sign-up for a FREE trial visit <https://dynamitemusic.co.nz/petone> or email jack@dynamitemusic.co.nz

Wonderplay has places available in its award-winning drama classes on Mondays at Eponi Hall: 3:30pm (New Wonders: intro to drama, 4-8yrs), 4:15pm (Star Players 8-12yrs) and our award-winning teen class at 5:15pm. Come and try a class for free. Register today www.wonderplay.co.nz



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