



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 3



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We have enjoyed a lovely, really settled, two - nearly three weeks of school so far for 2025.

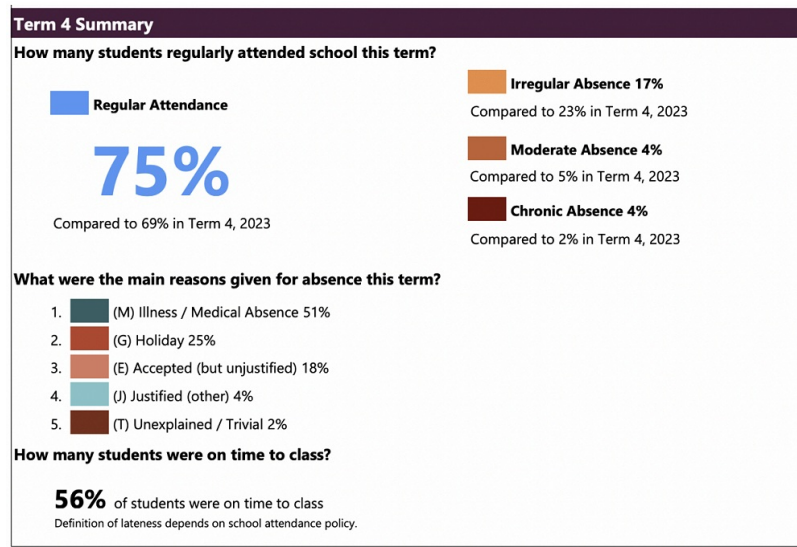
Room 11 were the first class to lead our fortnightly assembly last Wednesday. They did so well.

It was lovely to see so many of you last week at our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons/evenings. We had an attendance rate of over 80% !!!

Speaking of attendance, as you will know the Government is asking schools to have a real focus on student attendance this year. :

1. We know that regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning and positive daily habits and routines, as well as promoting their wellbeing by connecting them to their peers and learning new things.
2. We want our ākonga/students to thrive and be resilient and active members within their whānau and community.
3. Attendance matters and we can all work together to increase school attendance.

Here is a graph showing our attendance figures at Boulcott School for Term 4 last year.



This was certainly an improvement on our 2023 attendance for Term 4. I hope we can improve further on this for 2025.

Our Year 3 and 4 students from Rooms 12, 13, 14 and 15 have enjoyed 8 days of swimming lessons at the new Te Ngaengae pools in the first two weeks of this term. Next week Room 16, along with Harakeke Year 2 students, will get to have their swimming lessons over this week and next week. The growth in skills shown by the children from their first lesson to their eighth lesson is phenomenal!



Thank you to all our whānau who supported the sausage sizzle last week which raised funds for our upcoming Year 5/6 camp.

I am pleased to report we raised over \$600!! Big thanks to Brigit Scahill and Jenn Burrige and their team of parents who helped out with this fundraiser.



Our mihi whakatau to welcome new families and their whānau to our Boulcott community has been postponed until next Thursday, 27 February @ 9am, everyone is welcome.

Many thanks to you all for your ongoing support

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott



Welcome to our New Students

Term 1 Week 1 and Week 2

We welcome the following students and their families to Boulcott School. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott.

Year 1 - Kayla, Zydon-Bas, Ishani, Jesse, Debangshu, Inara and Liam

Year 5 - Prayer and Saavi

Year 6 - Zaydan



Covid

We have recently had several families and a staff member in our school let us know they have tested positive for Covid. With this in mind we offer you the following advice and recommendations:

Health New Zealand recommends that people who test positive for COVID-19 isolate for at least 5 days, however, there is no legal requirement for people to isolate when they test positive for [COVID-19](#). It is important to stay at home if you are unwell to stop the spread of the infection to others.

There are some simple healthy habits that you and your whānau can do to stop the spread of illness at home or school. Clean your hands frequently with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. Cover your mouth and nose with a bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of used tissues immediately and clean hands regularly.

Things we are doing as a school to mitigate the spread of Covid, we are reminding staff that ventilation of their classroom / teaching space is one of the best things they can do to reduce transmission. Opening windows on 2 sides if possible to create airflow (using heat pumps too).

We have cancelled buddy time at the moment between classes and we will see if as many larger group gatherings as possible can be held outdoors.

Many thanks for your co-operation



Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

Term 1 Week 3

This week's phrase is:



Cheer Awards - Term 1

Congratulations!!

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: Florence, Michael

Room 2: Malin, Lucy

Room 3: Ronan, Chloe

Room 4: Jay-Ming, Yaniv

Room 5: Kayla, Marlo

Room 6: Connor, Paora

Room 7: Zydon-Bas, Ledger

Room 8: Ishani, Brody

Room 11: Parker, Ollie

Room 12: Aroha, Roman

Room 13: Oliver, Amyrah

Room 14: Evie, Nabeel

Room 15: Alfie, Arjun

Room 16: Layla, Kahvae





Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

Mon, 24 Feb - Swimming Rooms 5, 6, 11 and 16.

Wed, 26 Feb- Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall

-Room 15 hosting.

Thur, 27 Feb - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am in the hall - Welcoming our new families and new staff.

Mon, 3 March - Ballot applications close for Term 2 out of zone enrolments.

Fri, 7 March - Ballot held for out of zone students.

Wed, 12 March - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 16 hosting.

Kahikatea Year 5/6 Camp information evening 6:30pm in the hall.

Wed, 26 March - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 5 hosting

Wed, 2 April - Fri 4 April - Year 5/6 Kahikatea Camp

Wed, 9 April - Assembly 2:10pm in the hall - Room 2 hosting

Fri, 11 April - Last day of Term 1



Happy Lunar New Year! 新年快乐 (xīnnián kuàilè)!

Lunar New Year celebrations started for countries like China, Vietnam and South Korea, etc., on January 29th and are celebrated for up to two weeks after.

At Boulcott School we celebrated by making red envelopes (红包 hóngbāo) and sharing a book "Chinese New Year". Red envelopes are filled with money and given by grandparents and parents to young people and children. They represent good fortune and luck for the new year.

We hope you had a wonderful time celebrating Lunar New Year with your families if you celebrate.

Ngā mihi,

Calvina Deng

Room 14 Kaiako/Teacher



Sports at Boulcott School

This week we have

- 4 Year 5 & 6 teams playing Badminton at Naenae Badminton Hall
- 7 Year 1 - 6 Touch Teams starting at Fraser Park on Thursday afternoons
- 4 Year 1 - 4 Netball Teams starting on Saturday at Taita courts.

Thank you to all those who have signed up and paid for the competitions this term and we wish you all the best. Have fun, learn from coaches and your peers and give it 100%.

A reminder that the draws will be emailed out each week and these can be found on our school website. Please ensure your child knows when their games are and arrive on time.

A special thank you also goes out to the parents who have offered to coach and manage teams. Without your support we wouldn't be able to enter these teams, so thank you everyone.

Non Stop Cricket

Unfortunately, on Tuesday 18 February we had our LHPSSA Non Stop Cricket Tournament held at Petone Memorial postponed until Thursday. Check back next week for some photos and a write up about the day.



Emergency Food Packs

Thank you to all the families that have provided an Emergency Food pack for their child

Just a reminder to please provide an Emergency Pack as soon as you can for your child to keep at school. Packs can be handed to your classroom teacher or to the school office. You should have received a paper copy of the form below that came home the first week of Term 1.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Emergency Food Pack

In order 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 (like a Tip-Top / ice-cream container in picture) with the following food pack inside.

Your child can give them straight to the teacher

Emergency Food Pack

| | |
|------|---|
| 1 | small meal (e.g. spaghetti / baked potato) |
| 2 | small tin of fruit* |
| 2 | crack bars (toastie bars, chips, etc) (check expiry date) |
| 2-10 | drinks (water / milk / juice) (not to be recycled) |
| 1 | plastic spoon |

*For help on what to bring, see an accompanying sheet

Please fill out the form below and stick on the lid of your container

These packs will be stored at school and returned to students on the last day of Term 4.

We would appreciate it if you could return your containers to the school within the next two weeks.

Signed: _____
Principal

Emergency Food Pack

NAME: _____ ROOM: _____
SCHOOL HOUSE COLOUR: _____ (Red / Blue / Green / Yellow)

Many thanks for your support.



Our Kids Online

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

“How to Turn Your Kids Bad Day into a Good Day”.

Sometimes our kids get stuck in a funk, and no matter how hard we try, they seem determined to have a bad day! But here’s a simple way to help turn things around.

If we can teach our children from a young age that, no matter what happens, they always have the power to choose their response, we’re setting them up for lifelong resilience and stronger mental health.

Learning that we are responsible for how we navigate life is one of the most valuable lessons we can give them.

Viktor E. Frankl captured this idea beautifully in **Man’s Search for Meaning:**

Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way."

Helping our kids understand this now will empower them to face life’s challenges with strength, grace, and confidence.

[Click on the image below to watch https://youtu.be/aPxntb322A](https://youtu.be/aPxntb322A)



Thank you

For all your Donations to school

We want to say a huge thank you to all the families that have kindly made donations of either extra stationery or in other ways to our help

school, it is greatly appreciated.



Yummy Stickers

Thank you for collecting Yummy stickers!!

The equipment from the Yummy Apple Co has arrived and has been given out to classrooms. We have received 36 balls, soft frisbees for the game zone and some bean bags for classroom games.

Thank you so much everyone this is amazing for

our Tamariki!



YUMMY Fruit Stickers

You can start collecting yummy stickers at anytime! Please keep collecting if you can, place the Yummy stickers on sticker collection sheets (available from your classroom teacher) and bring them into school.

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

So let's get munching!



Launchpad

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

We meet in Room 15 on Friday mornings 8am-8:30am.

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.

We've started the year looking at the life of Moses and our first "hashtags" (a lesson summed up in a quick phrase with actions) are:

believe in yourself

be brave



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



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Calling all young food explorers!

*Join us for **Flavour Detectives** and discover the secrets of your favourite cuisines!*

Feb 19 – Italian

Feb 26 – Indian

March 5 – Mexican

*Your little chef will **chop, mix, and taste** their way through delicious recipes while learning essential cooking skills.*

Limited spots available - [Book Now!](#)

#FlavourDetectives #KidsCooking #FoodAdventure #LittleChefs #skids

The banner features a green background with the text 'Flavour detectives' in white. Below the text is a photograph of children in a kitchen setting. A circular logo with a chef's hat and the words 'FLAVOUR FEST' is visible in the top right corner of the banner.

**Flavour
detectives**

FLAVOUR FEST

Join us in Term 1 as we explore the yummy foods of Italy, India, and Mexico! Learn new cooking skills and take home recipes.

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Community Notices

Teacher Aide Position - Sacred Heart School, Petone

Sacred Heart School, Petone has a permanent part-time Teacher Aide position available starting in Term 2 2025. This position is initially for 16 hours per week, 4 days per week working with a High Needs ORS funded student.

You will be working alongside the classroom teacher. A positive attitude, empathy and a genuine interest in children's learning are requirements of this position.

Applications close 12pm Friday 14 March.

Please send a covering letter, with two referees,

outlining your experience and suitability, to the Principal, Sacred Heart School, 33 Britannia Street, Petone or email to liz@sacredheartpetone.school.nz



Entry Fee Prices and Registration

Links:

All entries for the above dates are [now open online via this link](#) and available for your school/parents to enter.

Registration Form:

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#top>

Entry Fee Prices:

- Spreadsheet Entry Fee: \$30.00 per child
- Online Entries: \$32.50 per child

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

APRIL
Holiday Heroes

ART, GAMES, MUSIC, DISCOS, CRAFTS, DANCE, SINGING, LEGO BUILDING, BAKING & TALENT SHOWS. MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES IN A FUN-FILLED ENVIRONMENT.

BASKETBALL SHOOTOUTS! AIR HOCKEY!
ARCADE GAME BATTLES! FOOSBALL!

MON 14TH
SUPER HERO MASKS DAY

Transform into your favorite superhero by designing and creating your own unique superhero mask. With your imagination as the limit, you'll be ready to save the day in style!



TUE 15TH
SPACE DAY

Blaze off on a cosmic adventure! Create galaxies of hanging stars, draw aliens, and navigate our dark 'space room' with glow sticks. Perfect for young astronauts eager to explore the universe!

WED 16TH
OCEAN EXPLORERS

Dive into creativity with ocean-themed crafts! Make sea creatures, colour the coral reef, and discover underwater wonders! Plus, learn all about marine life. Perfect for young explorers!



THUR 17TH
BUNNY BAGS

Hop into Easter fun by decorating your very own bunny-themed bags, perfect for collecting Easter eggs and goodies. Let your creativity shine with paints, stickers, and decorations!



TUE 22ND
BEEP-BOT ROBOTS

Build your own robot using cardboard boxes! Design, cut, and assemble your unique cardboard creation. Add buttons and gears for the perfect robotic touch. Great for sparking imagination and engineering skills in young builders!

WED 23RD
LEGO LEGENDS

Build awesome LEGO creations on our cool LEGO tables. Use your imagination to create a wild LEGO world, and you could win an awesome prize!

THUR 24TH
PUPPET THEATRE DAY

Step into the world of storytelling by crafting your own puppets and putting on a puppet show. Bring your characters to life and share your stories with friends!



FULL DAY: \$55
9.00AM - 4.00PM

EARLY START: \$10
8.30AM - 9.00AM

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PETONE FC GIRLS SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Is your daughter looking for an enjoyable environment to develop her football skills?

Our Girls Skill Development Programme is open to all girls, whether they're playing in a mixed or girls only team for the winter season.

Our Skill Development Programme (SDP) training sessions focus on technical skill acquisition and development activities, and incorporate fun small-sided games so players can use their skills in a game context.



When?

Term 1:

Start: Monday 3rd March
Finish date: Monday 7th April
Session times: Mondays 4.15 - 5.15pm

Terms 2:

Start: Monday 28th April
Finish: Monday 23rd June
Session times: Mondays 5.15 - 6.15pm

Where?

Petone Memorial Turf



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<https://www.petonefootball.org.nz>

Contact:
girlsprogrammes@petonefootball.org.nz

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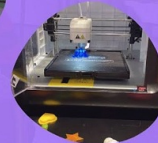
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Nood Food

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



Hats for Term 1 and Term 4

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.

If a student doesn't have a hat at morning tea or lunchtime they will need to sit under the shade sail during these times.

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.

Many thanks

Dear Parents,



Hats are compulsory for all students during Terms 1 and 4 (only).

Sports tops are only for students who are representing Boulcott School playing sport.

Please fill out the form below and email to the office: info@boulcott.school.nz

When your payment has been received we will hand the uniform directly to your child, unless you state otherwise on your form.

Thank you,
Boulcott School Office
PH: 566 3058

UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Today's Date:

Student's Name: _____ Room Number: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Mobile: _____

Hat size:

Sports Top size:

Hat: \$22.00 (sizes: S=55cm, M=57cm, L=59cm)

Sports Top: \$47.00 (sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16)

I wish to pay by: Eftpos / Online (a/c : 12-3142-0062729-00)

Please Note: This uniform order will be processed upon receipt of payment, thank you.

Office Use:

DATE UNIFORM ISSUED:

GIVEN TO: PARENT / CHILD _____ By: _____

PAID: EFTPOS / ONLINE / TO PAY \$

DATE ENTERED ON COMPUTER:



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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