



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 5



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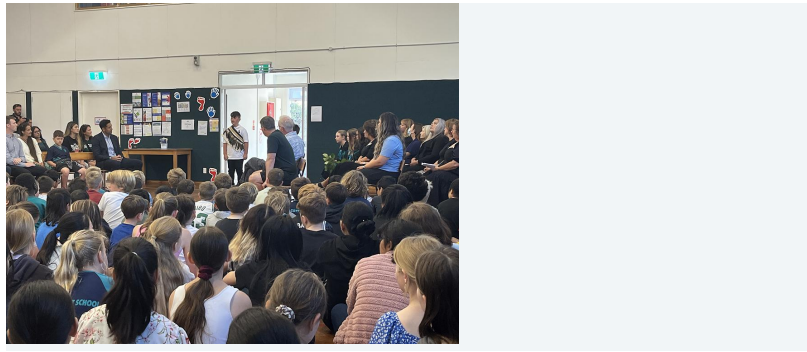
What gorgeous weekend weather we have had lately, a great opportunity for us all to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

At the end of this week, we are half way through our first term of school for 2025.

We have as usual had a busy and fun last couple of weeks. Year 6 student leadership roles have been given out (more about this later in the newsletter) and we have officially welcomed our new whānau, and kaiako at our first Mihi Whakatau. The mihi whakatau is one of our ceremonies where not just our tamariki learn, but everyone learns.

- Our students learn about manaakitanga - the process of warmly welcoming our new whānau into the school.
- Our manuhiri (visitors/ new whānau) learn the customs of the school.
- Our Senior Māori kids learn about karanga and mihi, and how to deliver a very short but appropriate one.
- Teachers/parents/students - can listen and understand (or try to) the speeches and ceremonies, drawing on their Te Reo learnt to date.

This welcome celebration was really beautiful. Dusty and Jonty confidently shared their mihi with us all and Mia, Elizabeth, Maddie and MacKenzie acted as karanga for us.



We have finally finished swimming for 2025, which will be a relief for many parents from the daily washing of swimming togs and towels. Classes can now settle in to some serious learning for the year.

Teachers are enjoying getting their heads around our new Pr1me Maths resources, and classes are experimenting with gradually using the student workbooks and will soon be trying out the online MathsPro website.

After a few weeks of meeting with small groups and individual students our Accelerated Learning Teacher, Lisa Hassell, will be beginning her across school ESOL support programme, ALIM Maths support for Kahikatea students and literacy support for Kōwhai students. We are very fortunate to have Lisa providing this support, which has largely been funded by our Board.

I was fortunate to be able to spend a couple of hours with 16 of our Kahikatea students who represented our school at Hutt Cricket Association's Non-Stop Cricket Tournament. It was all about taking part and having a go. I was super impressed with our kids' sportsmanship and sporting prowess. Go Boulcott!!

Wishing you all a great week. Kia pai te wiki.

From Rachael and the team at Boulcott.



Cheer Awards - Term 1 Week 4

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: Malakai, Amelia

Room 2: Sam, Richie

Room 3: Amelie, Dusty

Room 4: Olive, Lucas

Room 5: James, Mila H

Room 6: Mila K, Vihaan

Room 7: Matilda, Ritika

Room 8: Ted, Inara

Room 11: Gawri, Maisie

Room 12: Gomat, Kuentin

Room 13: William, River

Room 14: Max, Billy

Room 15: Bailey, Ollie

Room 16: Jacob, Eva



Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

Term 1 Week 3

This week's phrase is:





PB4L

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Our next focus will be on **Enthusiasm: Kaikaha** - Be ready to learn.

This fits in well with our Staff Professional Development on Assessment for Learning.

In order to be successful learners we need to:

- Be organised and ready to learn
- Persist with our learning even when it is challenging
- Take risks and challenge ourselves
- Seek feedback to improve our learning



Home and School Committee

Boulcott School's Home and School Committee is a group of parents and caregivers who work to create events for our tamariki to enjoy and opportunities to raise funds for school resources and initiatives to help bridge the gap between the Government funding our school receives. Our fundraising covers things like:

- School trips;
- Subsidising Senior camp;
- Additional classroom supplies; and
- Our annual Avalon Park trip.

You'll get various emails throughout the year for activities, including ice-block Fridays, discos and sausage sizzles. Please get involved where you can. We love new volunteers, and these activities can't go ahead without your support.

If you'd like to join the committee, we meet at the beginning of each term for about an hour, and then you can commit to being as involved or not involved in upcoming activities as you'd like.

This year, we have a new Chair and Treasurer (see below), and we are looking for a new Secretary (if you'd like to know more about the role, please email us at homeschool@boulcott.school.nz).



Chair - Hana Straight

Hana has two girls at Boulcott School, Abi in Year 3 and Lu in Year 4.



Treasurer - Natalia Karacaoglu

Natalia has two kids, Maggie in Year 1 and Nick at Boulcott Kindy.

If you'd like to get involved in Home and School, have some great ideas for activities or just want to have a chat, please let us know - you'll see us floating around the school at drop off and pick up time and ice block Fridays, or send us an email.

Ice Block Fridays -

For 8 weeks in each Term 1 and 4, Home and School sell ice blocks under the sunshade by the playground. Ice Blocks are \$1 each on the day, or an 8 ice block card can be purchased for \$8. This needs to be presented each Friday.

We try to keep the ice block splits 'fair', but the ice block brand, flavour and size vary each week depending on what is available for us to purchase.

Easter Raffle -

Our Easter raffle is just around the corner! We would appreciate any donations you can contribute to our Easter hampers.

Donations can include food treats such as biscuits, crackers, relishes, chips, Easter eggs, or activity packs and games to be enjoyed over the Easter break. Please drop any donations in the collection box by the school office by Monday, 17 March.



Raffle sheets will be sent home with your eldest child in two weeks. Funds raised will go towards supporting the next Kahikatea Syndicate school camp (2027).

Thank you for your support!



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

Fri, 7 March - Ballot held for out of zone students for Term 2 enrolments.

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 - Student leaders hosting

Fri, 11 April - Last day of Term 1 - school finishes at 3pm

Mon, 28 April - First day of Term 2 - school open from 8:30am, school starts 8:55am.

Mon, 5 May - Home and School hui in the staffroom @ 7:15pm



Keeping your child home to get well

And when to return to school

Just a reminder that vomiting bugs can spread easily to others, so your child should stay home if they are vomiting or have diarrhoea.

Your child can return to school after 48 hours (2 days) have passed since the last time they vomited.

Many thanks for your support.



Sports News

Sports in Term

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Congratulations to all the teams competing this term. It is great to hear so many students having a go and enjoying themselves. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and parents helping support the teams. Your support is invaluable.

Sports Sign Ups for Term

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Sport sign ups for the following sports will be coming out next week:

- **Netball Year 5 & 6 students.** They play at Taita Courts on a Monday afternoon in Term 2 & Term 3.
- **Basketball Year 1 - 6.** They play at Walter Nash in Term 2 on various days throughout the week. **Note:** For Basketball we will be limited to 2 teams per year level (Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 5/6) and there are limited spots per term.

Emails will be sent out to families with a google form that needs to be completed. Invoices will be sent out later to inform you of the costs for both these sports.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following students who have been having some great sporting success outside of Boulcott School:

- Cooper W with success in Athletics and Orienteering
 - Zaiden B and Amelia DNC with success in the recent Xrace event in their age group
 - Eden M with success in Surf Life Saving and Athletics
 - Good luck to the students competing in the Weetbix Tryathlon in Kilbirnie on Sunday. We wish you all the best and have lots of fun.
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Our Kids Online

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

This week -

The One Trick That Gets Kids to Tidy Up—No More Nagging!

Parenting is hard enough—we don't need to make it harder by constantly chasing our kids to tidy up. The endless reminders, the pushback, the frustration... it's exhausting. But what if there was a way to make tidying up effortless? There's one simple trick that makes tidying easy—no more nagging, no more battles!

[Click on the image below to watch https://youtu.be/HO7_S3Hj3tQ](https://youtu.be/HO7_S3Hj3tQ)



Communication at School

Contacting your child's classroom teacher

Email is a great way to get in touch with your child's teacher.

We will do our utmost to respond to emails within 24 hours during the week. Please note that we may not see emails that are sent during teaching times (8:30 – 3pm). If your message is urgent, please call the office to ensure that we receive it.

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_schahill@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



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



Yummy Stickers

Thank you for collecting Yummy stickers!!

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!



Community Notices

Kia Ora parents and caregivers,

To support your child's travel on **Metlink services**, please note the following important point.

- High school students are required to present their secondary school photo ID when requested by onboard staff if not in uniform. For eligibility information please check the concessions section [here](#).

Below is a summary of the conditions of carriage. The full version can be found [here](#) :

- Children from age 5 and intermediate school students are entitled to the Child Concession while in or out of school uniform.
- Secondary school students must either be wearing their school uniform, or present a valid physical or digital secondary school photo ID.
- A Snapper enabled Student Photo ID can be used as a Snapper card to access the Child Concession.
- Children 16 or older who have left school do not qualify for a Child Concession.
- Tag on and off for each part of the journey. If you do not tag off, a default fare applies, see more information [here](#).
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Contact us on info@metlink.org.nz or call us on 0800 801 700 for more information.

Ngā mihi,

Metlink

La bohème children's chorus auditions -

Poipoiā te kākano puāwai | Nurture the seed and it will bloom

Tēnā koutou,

Preparations for [La bohème](#) are now underway! As part of our casting, we will be assembling a small, children's chorus of unbroken voices. Children between the ages of 8-14 years are invited to apply to audition.

We are hosting auditions in

Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland

Saturday 15th March | 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Venue: NZ Opera Studio

5/69 St Georges Bay Road, Parnell

Te Whanganui-a-Tara | Wellington

Saturday 22nd March | 11.00am – 1.00pm

Venue: Te Whaea

11 Hutchison Rd Wellington

Ōtautahi | Christchurch

Monday 31st March | 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Venue: The Piano

156 Armagh Street Christchurch

For more information please email

karen@nzopera.co.nz

Please apply using [this link](#)

Male mentors needed

in Hutt Valley, Wellington & Porirua



Being a Big Brother is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable things you will ever do. It's simple too. Just spend one hour, once a week, during school or after school or in the weekend doing activities you already like to do.



You don't have to change your life to change theirs.

Wellington@bbbs.nz
0275533924



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<https://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz/wellington>

"Join The Circus Hub this school holiday, April 14th-24th, for an action-packed programme! Kids aged 5-15 can learn aerials, juggling, acrobatics, and more. No experience needed! Enrol at circus.org.nz/school-holiday-programme and let the circus fun begin!"

THE CIRCUS HUB

School
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April 14th - 24th

ENROLL NOW



Learn

- ✓ Aerials
- ✓ Tumbling
- ✓ Balancing
- ✓ Juggling
- ✓ and more ...

for ages 5 - 15
no experience nessecary



circus.org.nz/school-holiday-programme



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



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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For your continued support of our school community
