



Principal's message

Students crafting delightful coffee, a fish and chip lunch with the Principal, young leaders planning bright initiatives, and a voyage to explore AI in education. These heartwarming school events radiate joy and promise for the future.

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



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Exciting things have been happening at our school! Recently, two students from the Kōwhai Team (Noah and Joshua) surprised our teachers by making fancy coffees for staff before school, spreading joy and appreciation to start the day on a wonderful note. Thanks boys!

We also had our first Fish and Chip lunch for 2025. 8 lucky students who had received CHEER awards at our last 2 assemblies, had their names pulled out of the hat, and got to enjoy lunch with me. It was a win for everyone involved, offering a fun reward while each of us got to know each other a little better.

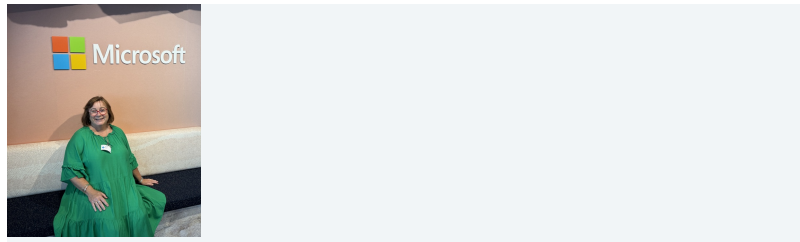
Our Student Leadership team, comprising of House Captains and Student Councillors, have had two productive meetings with me. We are all learning to collaborate as a team and have big plans for 2025 initiatives to make our school even better.

We recently had a visit from a Pr1me Maths representative to discuss the exciting new program with our leadership team. Everyone is buzzing with excitement about the possibilities this new initiative could bring to our school. Please remember to ask your children how their Maths learning is going this year.

From Wednesday to Sunday last week I was away on a study tour in Sydney with 18 other Wellington Principals. We had the chance to visit Lansvale Public School, where we had presentations from their leadership team, observed lessons and were taken on a tour of their school. The school is recognised as a high performing school with a positive, supportive and innovative culture where students, staff, parents and the wider community work together to deliver a school of excellence. There are nearly 600 students at Lansvale School from Years 1-6 with 94% of them coming from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. I'm now eager to reflect on how we can adapt some of these approaches to enhance our own school culture and learning environment. Whether it's strengthening community

partnerships, refining our teaching strategies, or further supporting our diverse learners, I look forward to sharing these ideas with our leadership team and staff to explore what could work in our own context.

Our visit to Google Headquarters and Microsoft Head Office were enlightening experiences to explore the latest trends in AI in education and see firsthand how these advancements are shaping the future of teaching and learning. At Google, we learned about AI-driven tools that enhance student engagement, streamline administrative tasks, and support personalised learning pathways. Microsoft showcased innovative ways AI is being used to foster creativity, collaboration, and accessibility in the classroom.



These visits have sparked plenty of ideas about how emerging technologies can support both students and teachers. I'm looking forward to discussing these possibilities with our team and thinking strategically about how we can incorporate some of these innovations in a way that aligns with our school's vision and needs.

FYI These last two paragraphs were generated for me by AI (ChatGPT).

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. I look forward to seeing you around the school and working together to create the best possible environment for our learners.

From Rachael and the Boulcott Team



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: Corbin, Tatum

Room 2: Maddie A, Quin

Room 3: Gracie, Philip

Room 4: Ethan, Ayva

Room 5: Quinn, Charlie

Room 6: Kavneer, Connor

Room 7: Ardaas, Isaac

Room 8: Zara, Elle

Room 11: Isobel, Ethan

Room 12: Sahand, James

Room 13: Millie, Torin

Room 14: Eden, Bashir

Room 15: Renee, Brooklyn

Room 16: Vy, Tatum

Te Ara Piki: Hazel L

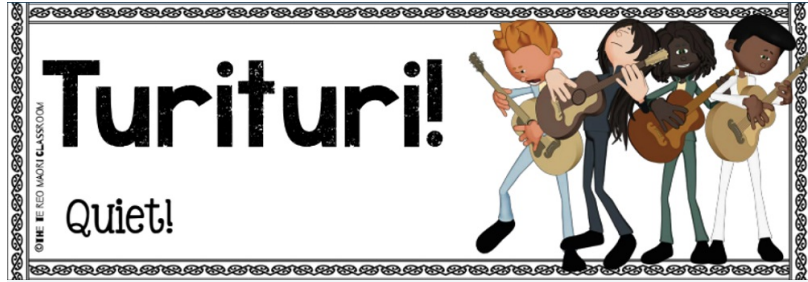




Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

Term 1 Week 7

This week's phrase is:





Kapa Haka & HuttFest 2025

Kia ora e te whānau,

We're excited to share our kapa haka plans for this year!

- **Kōwhai and Harakeke** syndicates will have kapa haka sessions in **Terms 1 and 4**.
- **Kahikatea** syndicate will have kapa haka sessions in **Term 4**.

Keep an eye on the **Boulcott School Newsletter**, where we'll start sharing the songs and kupu (words) we've been learning so you can sing along with your tamariki at home!

HuttFest Performance Group

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- **Kahikatea syndicate** will lead the performance group for Hutt Fest during **Term 2**.
- Kahikatea tamariki can **choose to opt in** to this performance group.
- The group has a **capacity of 120 students**.
- It is open to:
 - All Kahikatea students who opt in.
 - All **tamariki Māori** from Kōwhai and Harakeke who would like to opt-in, as we aim to uplift and support our Māori students in connecting with their culture.
- If there is still space available after sign-ups, we may open it to **Year 4 students** based on interest and logistics.

Get Involved!

Molly Weaver will be leading kapa haka this year. If you have skills in **Kapa Haka, Poi, Haka, Guitar, Waiata**, or if you'd like to help in any way, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch if you can support now or in the future.

Ngā mihi,

Molly Weaver

molly_weaver@boulcott.school.nz



Home and School Committee

Easter Raffle

Kia ora koutou,

A huge thank you for your contributions to the Easter raffle! Thanks to your donations and generous contributions from our wider community, we have 7 amazing baskets available!

The seven prizes include Easter treats to enjoy over the Easter break and some awesome activities.

Special thanks to:

East by West Ferries, Zealandia, The Elephant Ear, Goodtime Music Academy, The Pantaloons, Event Cinemas, Lighthouse Cinemas, Staglands, Coffee Club Queensgate, Whittaker's, and Hangdog.

For their generous donations to support our raffle.

Raffle sheets will be sent home with your eldest child on Friday and are due back no later than 3pm on **Wednesday, 2 April**. Please refer to the sheet for full payment details. Please note this is a Home and School fundraiser - **please pay into H&S Account 12-3478-0056621-000 this is NOT the school's main account.**

Hangdog in Lower Hutt has kindly donated 100 vouchers for a climbing session and gear hire for the first 100 completed and paid raffle sheets. These will be distributed at the conclusion of the raffle.

Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser and good luck to those who purchase tickets!

Ngā mihi nui



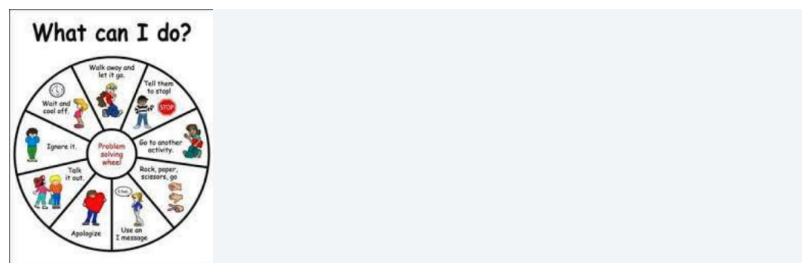
PB4L

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Confidence : Maia - Be brave

Our focus for the next two weeks will be on teaching our tamariki some strategies to help them deal with conflict, in order for them to solve problems in a positive way. They will be encouraged to:

- Make an "I statement" when something happens that they don't like - "Stop it, I don't like it when you do that. It makes me feel..."



Seek help from an adult if they can't solve the problem themselves.



Sports News

Sports Registrations

We are currently have sports registrations for

- Year 5 & 6 Netball

They play at Taita Courts on Monday afternoons for Term 2 & 3

Please complete the form for your child via the following link -

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/276997>

Weetbix Tryathlon

Congratulations to all our Boulcott students who completed the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday. It sounds like it was a great morning with all students having lots of fun.

Basketball

Team registrations took place this week and team information will be coming out to families shortly.

We have space in our Year 1 & 2 team if there are any students who haven't signed up and would like to play. They play on a Friday afternoon at Walter Nash.

We currently have 2 teams of 6 players, so a few extra subs would be super helpful. If you would like to play please contact Margaret Presland on sports@boulcott.school.nz as soon as possible.

Netball

A couple of photo's from last Saturday's Boulcott Pulse netball game, great job team!



Upcoming events:

- Monday - Friday 28 April - 2 May - Basketball starts

- Monday, 5 May - Netball starts
 - Monday, 12 May - Boulcott Cross Country (ppt Wed, 14 May)
 - Tuesday, 27 May - Central Zone Cross Country
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Board News

Term 1

Board of Trustees update

The Board met on 3 March 2025. Whaitiri Poutawa resigned from the Board on 23 February 2025. We appreciate Whaitiri's significant contributions to the Board and our school

community over the years the Poutawa whānau have been connection to Boulcott School.

The three-year Board of Trustee elections will be held on 10 September 2025. In light of the upcoming election, the Board has decided not to run an election for the vacant Board seat in the meantime. The school will publish information about the election, including timeframes for nominations and voting, in due course.

The Board also warmly welcomes three new teachers in 2025 to the Boulcott community, and we wish you all well:

Naisha Lal

Emma Colling

Erin Inglis

During our meeting on 3 March we received a very interesting update on 2024 academic achievement of all year groups from Jo Lock. This has been published and is available for viewing on the website www.boulcott.school.nz



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

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

Mon, 31 March - Board Meeting 6pm in the staffroom

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

Wed, 9 April - Assembly 2:10pm in the school 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

Mon, 12 May - Boulcott Cross Country

Tue, 27 May - Central Zone Cross Country



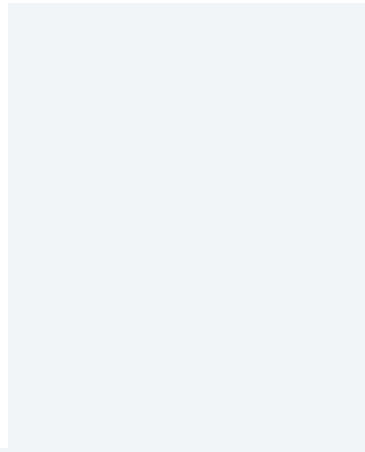
Launchpad

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

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We started the year looking at the life of Moses. For this lesson we were learning to be strong and courageous like Joshua. Penny had an activity to challenge us!!



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. 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



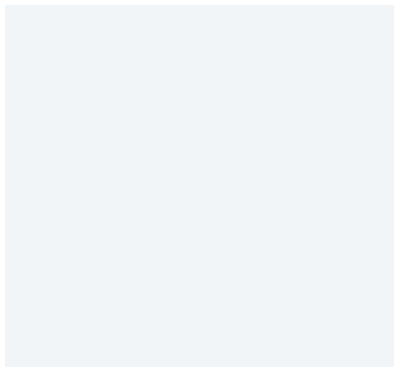
Community Notices

OSCAR House is a long established before and after school care programme organisation in Lower Hutt.
We believe that great staff are essential to run a great programme and we have a fabulous, dedicated team.
Our staff are fun to be with, provide a warm caring environment and genuinely want to be with our children.


We need an enthusiastic, energetic and reliable child care Supervisor, in charge of other staff, for our established Korokoro programme for School Years 0 - 8 children.
We are looking for someone with an enjoyment of life who has empathy and report with this age group.

- Good communication skills, time management, written and organisational skills, ability to guide staff and a good dosing of common sense is required.
- Afternoons: 2:00/2:30pm start and 5pm finish Monday to Friday during school term time.
- Attendance at Supervisor Management Meetings, Team Meetings and training sessions is required.
- Short morning shift may be available at another site.
- Holiday work may be available.
- Hourly wage dependent on experience, skills and qualifications.
- First Aid Certificate an advantage but not essential.
- NZ driving license/own transport preferred.
- NZ residency or valid NZ work permit.

Please email CV and Cover Letter asap to dalema@oscarhouse.co.nz or call to discuss on 0275511040.



**TUESDAY
1ST APRIL
FRASER PARK**



HUTT UNITED HC

COME ALONG
HAVE A GO AT HOCKEY
WHETHER YOU'RE A PRO
OR A FIRST-TIMER, HIT THE
FIELD AND HAVE FUN

**YEAR 1/2 + YEAR 3/4
5 PM - 6 PM**

**YEAR 5/6 + 7/8
6 PM - 7 PM**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$3 MOUTH GUARDS
SPOT PRIZES ARE A MUST
HUHC JIBITZ IF YOU NEED A
 STICK WE HAVE
 YOU COVERED!

— MORE INFO —
huttunitedhockeyjuniors@gmail.com

Goodtime
MUSIC ACADEMY

ROCK ON DOWN TO OUR AWESOME
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

APRIL
Holiday Heroes

ART, GAMES, MUSIC, DISCOS, SPORTS, BUNDS, SINGING,
LEGO BUILDING, BAKING & TALENT SHOWS. MAKE NEW
FRIENDS AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES IN A
FUN-FILLED BYRONBERRY!

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

MON 14TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
This session will be a special one as we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. We will have a special prize draw for all who attend. We will also have a special performance by the band.

TUE 15TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
This session will be a special one as we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. We will have a special prize draw for all who attend. We will also have a special performance by the band.

WED 16TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
This session will be a special one as we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. We will have a special prize draw for all who attend. We will also have a special performance by the band.

THUR 17TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
This session will be a special one as we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. We will have a special prize draw for all who attend. We will also have a special performance by the band.

TUE 22ND
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
This session will be a special one as we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. We will have a special prize draw for all who attend. We will also have a special performance by the band.

WED 23RD
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
This session will be a special one as we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. We will have a special prize draw for all who attend. We will also have a special performance by the band.

THUR 24TH
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
This session will be a special one as we will be celebrating our 10th birthday. We will have a special prize draw for all who attend. We will also have a special performance by the band.

FULL DAY: \$95
8.00AM - 4.00PM

EARLY START: \$10
8.30AM - 9.00AM

FOR 6 YEARS
& OVER

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**Hutt Valley Fencing Club
Holiday Programme**



15 - 16 April 2025
Upper Hutt College Gym 9am - 12 noon
Open Bouting 1 - 5 pm (koha)
Register now for a 2 day introduction to fencing
\$90 on the day or book before April 7 and save \$10.
Best suits ages 7+
Electric fencing mini competition at the
end of the session. Give it a go!
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.huttvalleyfencingclub.com
huttvalleyfencing@gmail.com



TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMP

Tennis Coaching + Multi-Sport Activities

Ages 5 - 14

Keep your kids active these holidays with multi-sport games and top-quality tennis coaching! They'll learn new skills, make friends, and have a blast!

Lower Hutt
Mitchell Park Tennis Centre
Wellington
Kilbirnie Tennis Club

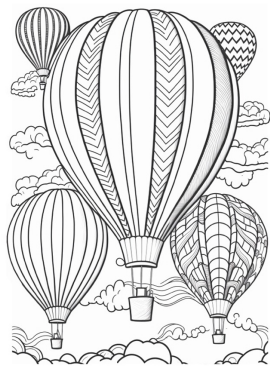
Week 1
14 - 17 April
Week 2
22 - 25 April

9:00am-3:00pm

SIGN UP TODAY

Spots Are Filling Fast!

www.totalpursuit.co.nz



WAIRARAPA BALLOON Festival
WIN A FAMILY PASS
Simply colour in these bright beautiful balloons, hand in your completed form to your local collection point - FreshCo Centre - (Otago, Invercargill, Marlborough, Manurewa, Carterton Tennis Centre - Carterton, or The Screening Room - Ashburton). Be in to WIN A FAMILY PASS to our Family Carnival SATURDAY 19 APRIL. (valued at \$10). Entries must be in by 31 March 2025.



Air balloon walk-throughs
Live music
Bouncy Castles
Face Painting Zone
Easter Egg Hunt
Selection of market stalls
The magical night balloon performance - lit up to music
Delicious food and beverage options from Street Food vendors
An unforgettable experience
Gates Open 3pm. Entertainment starts at 3pm
TICKETS AND DETAILS
www.nzballoons.co.nz
Discount Family Tickets available

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COMMUNITY**

Email: girlenquiries@ggnz.org.nz

We have spaces for ages 5 to 9.5 year olds for Pippins & Brownies in Lower Hutt. You are very welcome to come along for a session to give it a try and see what we get up to!

Girl Guiding New Zealand

Creative Writing Workshop

Get creative at Katherine Mansfield House & Garden!

Are you a 10-14-year-old who loves writing? Find inspiration and learn new tools for getting creative at our April School Holidays creative writing workshop.

Morning session: 14 April, 9.30am to 12.30pm
Afternoon session: 14 April, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Or make a day of it and register for both! \$25 per session, includes snacks, writing materials and a qualified tutor.

Find out more and register at www.katherinemansfield.com

KIDS DOMAIN STORES VALLEY AND LOWER HUTT
APRIL 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
 Book Online Now: www.kidsdomain.biz

MON 14 APR KILBERNIE RECREATION CENTRE Premier destination for skating, badminton, basketball, and today 99.50 Event Day 	TUE 15 APR WHEEL OF FORTUNE Join the excitement of Wheel of Fortune! Spin the lucky wheel! 	WED 16 APR EASTER CHOCOLATE POPS Create delicious Easter chocolate pops with our simple recipe. Perfect for sharing with family and friends! 	THUR 17 APR AWESOME BOUNCE Discover the thrill of bouncing with Awesome Bounce! Expecting range of inflatable attractions and experience endless fun for all ages! 99.50 Event Day 	FRI 18 APR CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY
MON 21 APR CLOSED EASTER MONDAY 	TUE 22 APR HARRY POTTER COSTUME MAKING Unleash your creativity with our Harry Potter costume making resources. 	WED 23 APR WILLY WONKA & CHOCOLATE MAKING Discover the magic of chocolate creation! Design your own Willy Wonka inspired chocolate bar with our personalized packaging topper. 	THUR 24 APR MOVIES "MINECRAFT" 99.50 Event Day 	FRI 25 APR CLOSED ANZAC DAY LEST WE FORGET

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Prize Games
Indoor and Outdoor games
Group Games

Team Challenges
Weekly Competitions
The fun is endless.

MINECRAFT

Information!

Promotion runs from 11th April - 27th April

Scavenger Hunt Information

Scavenger Hunt can be completed in your own time, can be done within an hour or over a couple days, but must be completed before 27th April.

5 -12 Years Old Prize: 4 tickets to "A Minecraft Movie" + \$50 Light House Cinema Petone Voucher
13 Years Old + Prize: 4 tickets to "A Minecraft Movie" + \$50 Light House Cinema Petone Voucher

Building Competition Information

Please send in screenshots or a picture of your chosen building, and email it to: info@jacksonstreet.co.nz

\$100 prize to the winner of the Building Competition

Label the email appropriately. Make sure to have your name and mobile phone number included in your submission

The building can be done on either Minecraft Java Edition or Bedrock Edition. No Mods, Add-Ons, or Texture Packs can be used. Can be built in Creative or Survival Mode

Winners of Scavenger Hunt and Building Competition will be notified via email. A text message may also be sent from the Jackson Street Programme



CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS

The Jackson Street Programme
2740 Jackson Street, Petone
Phone: 04 939 2811 Email: info@jacksonstreet.co.nz



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MINECRAFT

Scavenger Hunt!



Find the Creeper face in shop windows along Jackson Street

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13 Years Old + Prize: 4 tickets to "A Minecraft Movie" + \$50 Light House Cinema Petone Voucher

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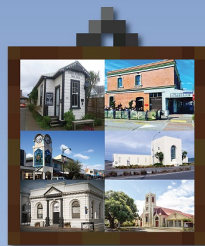
For further information contact the Jackson Street Programme | Phone: 04 939 2811

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MINECRAFT

Build Competition!



Build one of six iconic Petone buildings in Minecraft

Jackson Street Programme Office | Caffend | La Villa Hairdressing | Petone Clock Tower
Petone Settlers Museum | St. Augustine's Church

\$100 prize to the winner of the Building Competition

Winners will be notified via email

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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**



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



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.

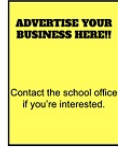
Our Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport.

*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!



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