



Boulcott School

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Can you believe we are in Week 9 already and this is our last newsletter for Term 1. We have had a fabulous fortnight, with the highlight possibly being our Fun Colour Run we had at school the Friday before last. The weather was on our side (after postponing the event by a day). The afternoon was organised fabulously by Karen Henry and Karen Clements and supported by several parent helpers on the day. The children had such a ball, particularly enjoying 'Watergun Alley' the 'Hanging Noodles dash', Mr Scahill's 'Sprinkler Gateway' not to mention the 'Colour Disco' at the end. It was a free community event and was just the lift that was needed at the end of our staff well-being week.

Our Year 5/6 Kahikatea students are heading out to their Camp at Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre this week. They are super excited about it and have been planning and organising with their teachers for this all term. They will be participating in activities such as outdoor cooking, camp fire, a challenge course, kayaking, the giant swing, shelter building etc. We wish them a safe and happy camp and look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

Last year we purchased 9 new cups which are presented to 3 students from each of our Syndicates who best embody our school vision. These cups are awarded to students across the school who demonstrate the following qualities:

Stand Tall - Kia tū kaha - Being confident, Showing pride in yourself and others, and Believing in yourself.

Fly High - Kia māia- Achieving excellence, Aiming high, Trying your best and Being your best self.

Together - Kia rere ki te ao- Working collaboratively, Supporting others and Being inclusive and accepting of everyone.

This year we have added 3 more cups to be awarded each term for students in each of the syndicates who best demonstrate the school's CHEER values (Confidence, Honesty, Excellence, Enthusiasm and Respect).

Now we are looking at reviewing the current End of Year/Year 6 Prize-giving assembly that we hold in December each year. I would really appreciate you filling out this [short survey](#) (5 questions). This will help us to make informed decisions about any possible changes to this celebration.

I want to give you all a heads up about our only Teacher Only Day for 2025. We have it booked for Friday, June 27, which is the very last of Term 2. It is a Ministry mandated day for teachers to participate in learning around the new Mathematics curriculum. I will continue to remind you all about this day via Term 2's newsletters.

Next term you will see a new friendly face on the office reception desk. Donna Larsen who is currently an experienced and well-known member of our Learning Support Team will be joining the Office Team in Term 2. Sadly, we will be farewelling Hannah Watkins, as she leaves us at the beginning of Term 2 so that she can spend more time with her family. Hannah has been working at Boulcott for the past 6 years. She joined the team as a Learning Support Staff member (TA) and moved to work full-time in the office after Bev de Wever left us. We are going to miss Hannah's warm friendly personality and caring nature. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well.

I hope you enjoy your holiday break with your children, and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 28 April.

Kia pai to rā *Have a good day.*

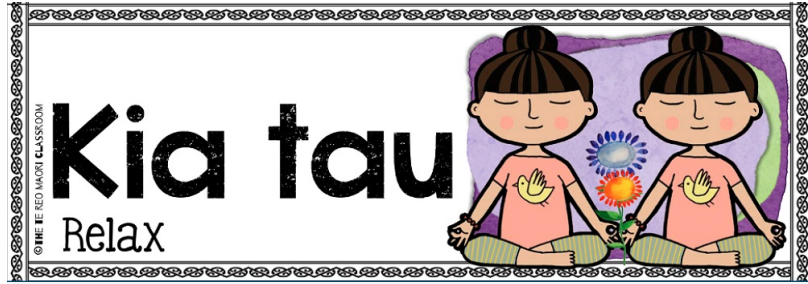
From Rachael and the team at Boulcott

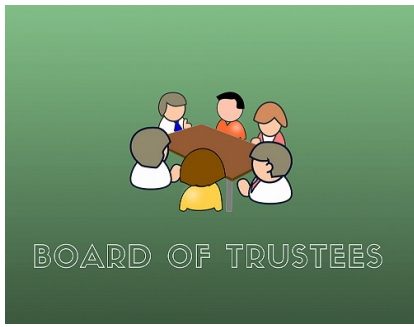


Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

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This week's phrase is:





Board News

Update

Meeting update: The Board met on 31 March 2025 for its second meeting this year. We reviewed and approved the draft annual accounts before they are fully audited. We heard about Rachael Sole's visit to Sydney where she heard

about how major tech companies, Microsoft and Google, are supporting education and how those companies are developing AI tools. These are important things to stay across and understand.

Welfare fund: Many families are doing it tough at the moment with the cost of living. The Board has decided to establish a "welfare budget". This fund is supplemented by generous families who have expressed that they would like to assist other Boulcott children or whānau, who may otherwise find it difficult to meet the costs of school activities. If you are in a difficult financial situation, you can have a quiet word with Tania in the office or your child's teacher and the Welfare Fund may be able to subsidise some of those costs.

Wishing staff well: In staffing news, the Board was sad to hear that Hannah Watkins is wrapping up her six years at Boulcott School. She was a Teacher Aide and then a friendly face at the school reception desk making sure everyone felt welcome and kids looked after. Hannah is leaving to spend more time with family. However, we were also very pleased to hear that her role at reception will be taken up by Donna Larsen, who is well-known as one of our valued Teacher Aides.

How to contact the Board: If you have a matter you wish to raise with the Board, you can email: BOT@boulcott.school.nz

If you have a more formal complaint, the complaints policy and process is :

Concerns and Complaints Process
The information should be read alongside our Concerns and Complaints Policy and related policies at school/college.

OVERVIEW

- You can raise concerns and complaints with our school verbally and in writing.
- The school will assess and respond according to the nature of the concern or complaint.
- The school will tell you how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and we will keep you updated when the matter is closed.

HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN OR MAKE A COMPLAINT
Contact the following people at the school (verbally or in writing):

- A staff member involved** (e.g. classroom teacher, pastoral learning area)
- The principal** for serious matters
- Another board member** for concerns or complaints about the principal

- Concerns or complaints may be referred to a more appropriate person (e.g. senior staff, principal, board member)
- The school may tell you to put your concern or complaint in writing to help address the matter
- You are welcome to have a support person (e.g. whānau member, friend, lawyer, union representative)
- Everyone involved is expected to respect privacy and confidentiality

HOW THE SCHOOL MANAGES CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

We manage concerns and complaints in a timely manner and seek to protect people's mana and dignity. We ensure:

- people are treated fairly
- those involved have the opportunity to be heard
- actions/mediation outcomes

The school assesses the concern or complaint and responds according to the nature and seriousness, and who is involved (e.g. student, staff member, principal, board member)

NOTIFICATION AND CLOSURE

We will tell you about how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and we will know what the matter is closed.

After responding to your concern or complaint, the school completes the matter closed.

Additional Information:

- If you feel your concern or complaint has not been resolved after receiving a response, you may escalate the concern or complaint to the principal or board.
- After the board has dealt with a matter, there is no further avenue for consideration by the school.
- If you need help to understand the concerns and complaints process, please contact the school.

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Cheer Awards - Term 1 Week 8

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: Kason, Leven

Room 2: Jorja, James

Room 3: Zachary, Rachael

Room 4: Cody, Alexandra

Room 5: Arlo, Harper

Room 6: Madison, Daisy

Room 7: Paige, Sofia

Room 8: Kayla, Maggie

Room 9: Sophia, Frederick

Room 11: Juno, Kobe

Room 12: Minh, Anja

Room 13: Arie, Zuri

Room 14: Luxton, Nasha

Room 15: Lucia, Zahra

Room 16: Lailia, Arav

Te Ara Piki: Torin



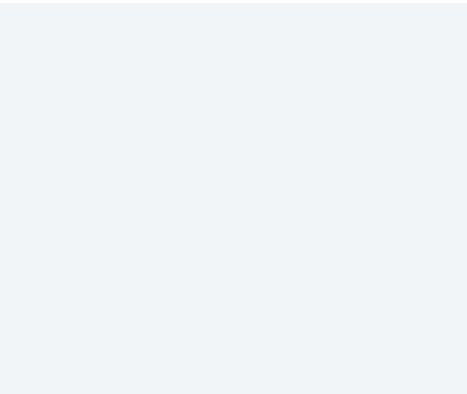
PB4L

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Our focus for the last 2 weeks of the term is
Honesty : Ngākaupono - Play Fair

We can play fair by:

- Taking turns
- Respecting the rights, feelings and efforts of others
- Devising an agreement/set of rules before we begin a task/game
- Compromising and negotiating when we are working as a team





Boulcott Broadcasters - Kahikatea

Fun Run 2025

The 'Fun Run' this year was on Friday, 21 March. We had a Holi festival theme - We had so much fun! First, we had to run through some pool noodles and then we ran through water gun alley. Some adults and some Harakeke students shot us with water guns!

Next, we ran through some bands and had to find our way out while colour was being thrown on us! After that we ran under a water sprinkler where we had to pour water on our heads.

Next we had to jump in and out of tyres - again while having colour thrown on us! And there was a second round of colour going on our heads when we went under a net later on in the track! After the net, we did any kind of hula hooping we liked, then ran over some ladders.

Next, we ran to a mat, then slid on it or walked beside it. Finally at the end we ran to the colour disco in front of Room 16, where we danced and got drenched with colour again!

After we went through the whole course twice, we had to get changed. There were some great photos taken of us that day! We got covered in colour and even slipped over in mud - it was great!

Thank you to Mrs Henry for organising the Fun Run - we had an amazing day! Also, thank you to all our parent helpers, teachers and Mr Scahill - we couldn't have done it without you!

Written By: **Chloe and Afna in Room 3**



Kapa Haka

Update

Our tamariki have been working hard in Kapa Haka, deepening their understanding of tikanga and refining their performance skills!

This term, the tamariki of Boulcott have been learning about Tānerore, who is associated with the origin of haka. They've mastered our Boulcott Waiata and actions, along with the correct kupu

for Tūtira Mai Ngā Iwi and Whakataka Te Hau. I will attach the lyrics to our School Waiata below so you can practise at home!

Harakeke is focusing on Te Reo Māori vowel sounds, along with pronunciation and have started learning Kei Wareware i a Tātou, a waiata from Te Kuru Marutea that went viral during Te Matatini this year. Meanwhile, Kōwhai have begun exploring the pūrākau of Rona and the Moon and will be learning the accompanying waiata and poi actions next week.

Kahikatea is now in HuttFest prep mode! Our Waiata Leaders are deciding on this year's Waiata-ā-Ringa, with options including Ka Pioioi, E te Hokowhitu a Tū, and Karanga Aotearoa. They have also learned Kei Wareware i a Tātou, and a whopping 55 Kahikatea students (half of the syndicate!) are auditioning for solo parts this week—ka rawe and good luck to all! We can't wait to see our tamariki shine!

Tāku Kura Nei - Boulcott Waiata

'Whakarongo mai ki te kōrero

O tāku kura, e tū atu nei

He wāhi ruruhau hei manāki

Whāia te iti kahurangi

Ngākau pono e, kia māia koe

Kaikaha whakamiha

Kei runga noa ngā kaiako e

Te takoha o ngā tauira nei

He hapori whānau tahi e

Whakarongo mai ki te kōrero

O tāku kura, e tū atu nei

He wāhi ruruhau hei manāki

Whāia te iti kahurangi

Whakarongo mai ki te kōrero'

Ngā mihi,

Molly Weaver

Room 1 Teacher

Boulcott School

"Kia tū kaha, kia maia, kia rere ki te ao.

Stand tall, fly high, together"



Sports News

THANK YOU!

As our netball and touch season draws to a close I would like to send out a massive shout out to all our parent volunteers as coaches and managers for these teams. We thank you for your time, energy, dedication and your investment into each of our teams. Your commitment to our teams and the positive impact you've had on the players is something we all deeply appreciate.

Congratulations to all of our touch teams for an outstanding season this term. We had some very exciting games to end the season with some of teams taking out their grade wins. It was also fantastic to see and hear about the improvement each of the teams and students demonstrated throughout the season. Congratulations everyone and we look forward to another great season in Term 4.

Congratulations to all of our Year 1 - 4 Netball teams for their outstanding season this term. It has been great to hear about how well the students have improved throughout the season. Congratulations everyone and we look forward to another great season in Term 4.

Touch ... What A Game!

Boulcott Rockets took out the Yr 5/6 Mixed Section 2 grade for 2025 remaining undefeated across all 6 games. Our players growth over the years and season certainly shone through with an exciting final game winning 4-0 against a fast-footed Rata St Hurricanes.

Junior Touch Award winners - Hannah(Most Impressive Player) and Pat(Most Valuable Player) Rockets - Tiger, Pat, Dusty, Frankie, Mia, Hannah, Arthur, Harry

Coaches - Wendy & Kirsty

Our kids would like to thank their parents, carers, friends, coaches, team mates, Total Touch and the school for their support and encouragement.

Basketball Term 2

Team information and invoices have been sent out to all the families this week with games starting in the first week of Term 2.

Please remember all players must also register before the beginning of Term 2 with Basketball New Zealand and Hutt Valley Basketball using the link on the email.

Year 5 - 6 Netball Teams

Information for your teams has been sent out this week. Games start Monday, 5 May. We look forward to another great netball season.

Sports registrations for Term 2

There are sports registrations for

- Year 5 & 6 Badminton

Tuesday afternoons from May 6 for 7 weeks

Naenae Badminton Hall

Google form <https://forms.gle/tPUR2D6PTd8XkAx86>

Registration close Monday, 7 April

- **Year 5 & 6 Water Polo**

Te Ngaengae Pool

Wednesday afternoons 4 - 6pm

Google form:<https://forms.gle/FH7tBn9Pf4iPaC9Q9>

Registrations close Monday, 7 April



Whānau Rōpū

Hui - Friday, 4 April

Our Whānau Rōpū invites any whānau Māori curious about our group to come along for an **informal hui in Room 11 at 3:15pm on Friday 4 April.**

This is an opportunity for whakawhanaungatanga and connecting with each other. Meet our members and learn about how our rōpū supports our school, our tamariki and whānau.

Nau mai haere mai e te whānau Māori!



Home and School Committee

Last week of Ice blocks

Tomorrow is the last official week of **Ice blocks for Term 1.**

Ice blocks will be available:

- By 'The Cottage' (old dental clinic)- located by the Senior courts, from 2:30pm for the Senior students returning from camp.
- Under the sunshade from 2:55 pm for the rest of the school.

We've seen a lot of vouchers completed in the last week or two, so please check if your children need to bring \$1 to purchase an ice block.

Pizza Fridays - Term 2

In Term 2 Home and School are trialling Pizza Fridays. These will run the same way as Ice Block Fridays but with slices of pizza for \$2 per week. Pizza slices will be available after school.

Unlike ice blocks, we will unfortunately **not be accepting cash.** This is due to needing to pre-order the pizza and ensure that the people who have purchased vouchers receive their pizza. A form will be sent out next week with more information.

Many thanks for your support

Home and School Committee



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

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. Cohort 3 start today.

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

Wed, 7 May - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 4 hosting

Mon, 12 May - Boulcott Cross Country. (PP date Wed, 14 may)

Board meeting in the staffroom @ 6pm

Wed, 21 May - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 13 hosting

Mon, 26 May - Closing date for ballot applications for out of zone students Cohort 4 start today

Tue, 27 May - Central Zone Cross Country

Fri, 30 May - Ballot draw for out of zone enrolments

Mon, 2 June - King's Birthday - School Closed



Launchpad

Launchpad Champions (formerly Bible in Schools) meet in Room 15 on Friday mornings 8am-8:30am.

Our focus is now on Easter. # more than chocolate



This was our forgiveness chain.

Is there someone you need to say sorry to this week?

Is there someone this week you need to ask to forgive you?

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!!

You can also check out [Launchpad Plus](#), an online link to short 5 minute videos touching on a range of positive values including respect, kindness and honesty.

Penny and Mrs Cody



Lost Property

Please label clothing and check out the lost property

Please remember to label your child's clothing for school. The lost property area is in the corridor outside the hall and Room 7, please have a look if there is anything belonging to your child. Named clothing will be returned.

Anything unclaimed will be donated to charity at the end of each Term.

Thank you for your support



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 Day:

- Friday, 27 June - **School Closed**

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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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

Group Piano Lessons in Petone -

Group 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



Wanna Go On A Treasure Hunt...

Ready for an epic Treasure Hunt? These April School Holidays, join the fun and channel your inner explorer!

Every correct entry wins a prize!

Download the [Treasure Hunt Sheet](#) from our [website](#) or grab one at the Ticket Office. The hunt is on from 12 - 27 April (excluding Easter Long Weekend 18 - 21 April).

[Visit our website for more details!](#)

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES -

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT HUTT VALLEY PRIDE: 9 DYER STREET SCHOOL, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT

14 APR – 25 APR 2025 from 7:00am-6pm daily. Age range is 4 – 17 years with overnight sleepover activities provided with Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games. Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$84.04/cub per session or \$142.87 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$336.16 per cub/week or \$571.47 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$14/hr
ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors is also available if needed at \$37/hr per mentor.

**Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register
online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook
page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare**

Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi (Neurotypical and Neurodivergent)

At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent children and youths with on-on-one support available to those that need it in our communities.

Does your child like to sing, dance, act and perform?

Would you like your child to build more confidence and make more friends?

Performing arts classes led by a London West End performer!

After school and weekend classes in Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown, Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

SPOTLIGHT
PERFORMING ARTS

For more information, please visit
www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz

AKOTECH

APRIL HOLIDAYS

Queen Margaret College

Code Camp: 14th-17th April
Days: Monday - Thursday
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

AI Camp: 14th-17th April
Days: Monday - Thursday
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Code Camp: 22nd - 24th April
Days: Monday - Thursday
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Students learn Coding, AI Safety, Game Design, App/Web Development & more!

<https://akotech.nz/>

KIDS AUTUMN ART HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

THE LEARNING CONNEXION
School of Creativity and Art

Whether you are working or just need a break, TLc's Kids Art Holiday Programme is timed just right to keep your kids happy, engaged & having creative holiday fun!

Times: 9AM to 3PM Cost: \$65.00 per day Age: 5 to 13 year olds

WEEK ONE: MON 14TH TO THURS 17TH APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>LEAF SPRAY PAINTING</p> <p>Let nature speak creatively! In this hands-on activity, young artists can arrange leaves on paper and spray colourful paints, letting the leaves reveal beautiful, negative images of the leaf shapes and veins in vibrant colours. Who knew nature could look so artistic!</p>	<p>FANTASTICAL HOUSES</p> <p>Your child's dream house just got magical! They will use their creativity to design a whimsical house. With all sorts of art supplies, they'll craft a home that's as fun and fantastical as they can imagine. They'll create castles in the sky... what will your child create?</p>	<p>Is your child ready to create one of a kind jewellery that's as unique as they are? In this fun activity, they'll shape and mold air-dry clay into beautiful, custom pieces. Whether it's rings, necklaces, or bracelets, your child will craft something special to wear and show off!</p>	<p>Create an autumn wonderland using soft felt, colourful threads, beads, and wood! Your child can design beautiful scenes of animals, allowing for creativity and self-expression in felt. Hands-on activity. What joy and colourful creation will they bring to life?</p>

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To book your child's space head to www.tlc.ac.nz

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WEEK TWO: TUES 22ND TO THURS 24TH APRIL

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>COLLAGE CRITTERS</p> <p>Your young artist will unleash their creativity as they design animals using colourful paper, fabric, and a variety of fun materials. In this exciting collage activity, they'll piece together different textures and shapes to bring their favourite animals to life. What wild and wonderful creatures will they create?</p>	<p>Your child will design and build their own robot using wooden sticks, hammer, nails, screws, cardboard and fun recycled materials. From buttons to bottle caps, they'll transform everyday items into a character with a mission. This hands-on activity sparks imagination while giving new life to recycled materials. Who knows what kind of robot your child might create?</p>	<p>Your child will create bold and vibrant, or abstract prints while exploring colours that make their artwork pop. This fun, hands-on activity lets young artists experiment with screenmaking and colour in exciting new ways. What vibrant and creative prints will they bring to life?</p>

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510 TICKETS FOR STUDENTS

Daedhans
The Baker

The RNZB is pleased to offer school students and their families \$10 tickets to our upcoming performances of *Dazzlehands: The Ballet*. In Wellington on 12th and 13th April, Kāpiti on 16th and 17th April and Upper Hutt on 23rd April.

Use the code "SCHOOL25" when booking. Get tickets at <https://rnzb.org.nz/show/dazzlehands>.



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