


The  
**Boulcott**

Wednesday 24 February 2021  
Term 1 Week 4



**Broadcast**

*Stand tall, fly high, together. Kia tū kaha, kia maia, kia rere ki te ao.*



Kia ora koutou, Guten tag, Bula, Nǐ hǎo, Mingalaba, Namaste, Greetings, Sàwàtdee, Hallo, As-salām 'alaykum, Min-ga-la-ba, nín hǎo, Néih hóu, Konnichiwa, Chôm rab suôr, Tālofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana,

We are now full swing into Term 1 of 2021 with our learning programmes up and running. All the classes have settled back into routines after the long summer break. Our Middle Syndicate have been enjoying their swimming lessons at Huia Pool and our Seniors and Juniors will be making their way there next week for their eight lessons.



We are all thrilled to have returned to Level 1 after a couple of days back in Level 2. It is always a timely reminder that we are still in the middle of a worldwide pandemic, so it is important to keep up our important habits of good hygiene and scanning into places. Once again, a massive thank you to all the parents and caregivers who cooperated with our restrictions at Level 2. We always feel uncomfortable when asking whanau to stay away from school grounds, so we appreciate how well you all keep to the plan when we are in the Level 2 zone!



Thanks also to all the parents that attended our first round of Learning Conversations with the teachers last week. Teachers always find this process important so we can hear your thoughts about your child. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you all as the year progresses! If you didn't manage to attend one of our evenings last week, I encourage you to reach out to your child's classroom teacher via email and make a time to meet with them.



The entire school had a marvellous day at Days Bay earlier in the month, to launch our Hauora concept for the year. It was wonderful to get to know the children more in a different context. A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers that came along to help out with supervision on the day. Check out some of the great writing about the day from some of our tamariki on the next page!

Excitement is certainly building for our Twilight Gala this coming Friday. Our hard-working Gala Committee have been working overtime to ensure everything is in place for a great evening at Boulcott. The weather is looking great so make sure you spread the word and invite your friends and family to this special community event, which doubles as a key fundraiser for our school. Check out the Board News and Gala section for more details.

We held our long overdue Powhiri on Friday to welcome all of the new students, whanau and kaiako that have started at Boulcott School over the past 6 months. Due to Covid restrictions, we were unable to host these on a regular basis last year. Once again, it was wonderful to see our tamariki take on key roles in the powhiri process, including the wero, karanga and whaikorero - wonderful CHEER values in action! A huge thank you to Matua Whaitiri Poutawa and Pania Dewes for supporting us with our ceremony - your guidance is always well appreciated!



Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2021! This was a rigorous process that involved students stepping outside their comfort zone to apply for the position, promoting themselves throughout the school and within their Houses. All the Boulcott students then had the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate to lead their House for the year ahead. Once again, we had a large amount of Year 6's that put themselves forward for these positions. Well done to everyone who put themselves out there! In the end there could only be two chosen from each House:



**Tim & Scarlett**

**Jada & Jacob**

**Lily & Kelly**

**Will & Tamati**

Congratulations once again to these 8 talented students. I know you will all lead your Houses with confidence and enthusiasm throughout the year ahead!

**Staffing Update**

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that Darlene Avia will be leaving Boulcott School at the end of Term 1. Darlene will be moving to Auckland with her partner, who has secured his dream job. Darlene started her teaching career with us at the beginning of 2019 and quickly demonstrated her strengths as a classroom teacher. Last year she took on the job of Sports Coordinator - not an easy job, especially in her second year of teaching! She completed all roles to a very high standard and her friendly face will be sorely missed around the school.

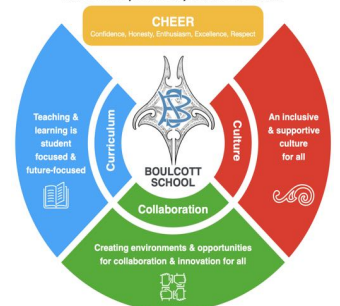
We are in the process of finding a suitable replacement for Darlene, to take over as Room 14's classroom teacher from Term 2. I hope to share this news with you in the near future.

**Charter & Strategic Plan 2021-23**

Our first Board of Trustees meeting was held last Monday. Our trustees are very excited about the year ahead. At the meeting I shared our updated school Charter and Strategic Plan for 2021, which was approved by the Board. This document is essential in guiding our decision making for the year ahead. This is now uploaded to our school website [here](#). We welcome you to have a read through! In addition to this, if you would be interested in assisting us with any of the actions that are outlined in the plan we would love to hear from you!



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## Welcome to New Students

We welcome Ilex and her family to Boulcott School. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott:

## Garden Redevelopment

At the end of last year you'll recall our Year 6 leavers for 2020 'gifted' some native trees to our garden space at the back of the field. Over the holiday period there have been more developments with Gavin van Staden working incredibly hard. He has laid artificial turf, installed seating/balance beams, installed irrigation for our native trees and an outdoor blackboard for the fence. The space is looking FANTASTIC and will soon be ready for the Boulcott tamariki to enjoy. This work was made possible through a community grant that we were successful with in 2020.



Kia ora e te whānau - welcome to the first Board of Trustees update for 2021.

As you will already be aware, we have some changes happening on the Board. Deena Anderson signalled last year that she would be stepping down after 6 years of work on behalf of the school. Deena has filled many roles on the Board, most recently as Chairperson. She is a super experienced (and successful!) grant writer, securing funding for countless projects around the school. Deena has also been the Board representative on the Home and School Committee. The Board offers Deena enormous thanks for her time over the last 6 years, particularly as Chair, helping to guide new Board members getting underway following the last election in 2019.

And while we are preparing to say goodbye to Deena, we are also ready to welcome a new Board member. As outlined in the email sent out to the school community on 18 February, we are looking to fill the space by way of selection. We encourage any parents interested to put forward a nomination and submit a profile, particularly parents who have a background in communications and/or experience in writing grant applications. You can find the details on the school website under the Board of Trustees page. We would love to hear from you.

But of course the most exciting news this week is that the Twilight Gala is finally here! The Gala team have put together an amazing evening of fun and games this Friday. If you can spend some time helping out on Friday evening, please let the team know. There are other ways to help out too - bring a friend, your neighbour or your workmates. The more people we can encourage to come along the better - spread the word! Every dollar raised goes straight back into the school and gets used to fund classroom resources, trips, events and improvements to the school grounds.

Some of you will recall that in 2019 we chose to opt in to the Government's School Donation Scheme. At the time the school was asking for a donation of \$200 per child, and the donation scheme provides \$150 per child. With a shortfall of approximately between \$15,000- \$20,000 a year, we knew it would mean working harder to stretch the budget to make sure we were still able to offer all the great opportunities that are part of Boulcott School. This means the Gala proceeds are more important than ever. It's not only a fun night of family entertainment, it is the biggest fundraising event on the school calendar.

So help your school by having a great time at the Twilight Gala! See you there!

## School Twilight Gala

It's Gala week! Thank you to our volunteers and generous families who have donated their time or products and services to get the gala up and running.

Keep an eye out for a gala email coming out tomorrow with more information about the big day but in the meantime:

Raffle sheets: the raffle is always one of the greatest opportunities to raise a lot of money for the school, so please keep those raffle sheets coming in. There are now 11 amazing prize packs up for grabs, each valued at over \$200 with over 30 vouchers spread and some amazing products spread across the prize packs.

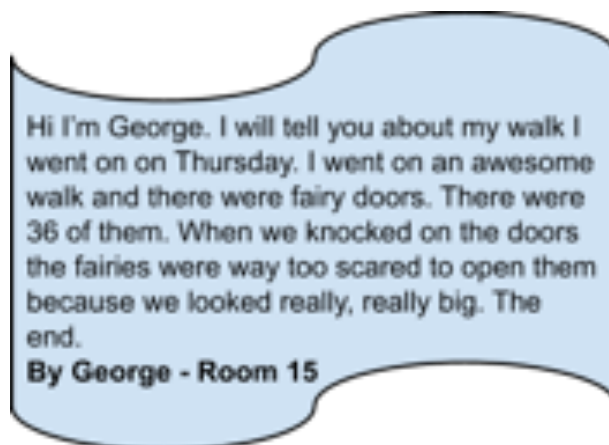
Mystery jars: there's some fantastic jars rolling in! Please remember to drop your jar to the box in your child's classroom before Friday morning.

Bring a week baking: thank you for contributing to the Gala bake stall, we'll be accepting drop-offs at the staffroom from 8:15am-9:30am on Thursday and Friday.

Thanks for your support,  
The Gala Committee



## DAYS BAY DAY WRITING



### 2021 Term Dates

TERM 1	
Start date	Thursday, 4 February
Waitangi Day	Monday, 8 February (Mondayised)
Easter Break	Good Friday, 2 April, Monday 5 April, Tuesday 6 April
End date	Friday, 16 April
TERM 2	
Start date	Monday, 3 May
Queens Birthday	Monday, 7 June
End date	Friday, 9 July
TERM 3	
Start date	Monday, 26 July
End date	Friday, 1 October
TERM 4	
Start date	Monday, 18 October
Labour Day	Monday, 25 October
End date	Thursday, 16 December

**Please note:** Teacher Only Day - Friday, 4 June.

Nga mihi nui  
Stu Devenport  
Principal

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Wed 24 Feb	Camp information evening for Senior students 6:30pm - 7:15pm
Thurs 25 Feb	Last day of Middles swimming
Fri 26 Feb	Twilight Gala 4pm - 8pm
Mon 1 March	Junior and Senior swimming starts, Movin March begins
Tues 2 March	Non-Stop Cricket Participation Tournament - Fraser Park
Fri 5 March	Assembly 9:10am (school hall)
Mon 8 March	Junior and Senior swimming continues
Mon 15 March	BOT meeting (7pm staffroom)
Fri 19 March	Assembly 9:10am (school hall)
Fri 26 March	Senior swimming sports
Fri 2 April	Good Friday - school closed
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday - school closed
Tues 6 April	Easter break - school closed
Fri 9 April	Assembly 9:10am (school hall)
Mon 12 April	BOT meeting (7pm staffroom)
Tues 13 April	Seniors on camp
Fri 16 April	Term 1 finishes at 3pm, Seniors return from camp

### From the School Office

#### **EMERGENCY FOOD PACK**

Thank you to those families that have returned their childs' emergency food packs. In order to be prepared for an emergency, we would like every child to bring an ice-cream container (2 litre as shown in the picture for easy stacking), packed with food items ie spaghetti/baked beans, small tin of fruit, muesli bars, barley sugars etc. Please avoid items containing nuts due to allergies. We would appreciate it if you could return your containers to the school before the end of this term, last day being Friday, 16 April. Please ensure the containers have your child's name, room and House colour clearly labelled. If you have any spare ice cream containers at home please drop these into the office.



#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**French Lessons at Boulcott School** - Fun French for kids at Boulcott School on Thursday 3:20pm. Children speak French from the first lesson. Lessons are based on interactive activities, role play, crafts, active games and music. Free trial lesson. After that \$14.50 per 50 minute lesson, plus a membership starter pack of materials to use at home. To register contact Stefi on [stefi@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:stefi@lcfclubs.co.nz) or 021 178 2099. Visit the website [www.lcfclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcfclubs.co.nz).

**Wellington Brick Show** - Amazing Lego creations. Saturday and Sunday, 13 & 14 March, from 9am - 5pm, at the Lower Hutt Events Centre, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt. \$10 entry per person, Under 3's free, \$30 family pass.

**Naenae Soccer Club** - 2021 Junior registrations and pre-season training. Registration dates, Friday, 26 February and Friday, 5 March. For more information email [naenaejuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:naenaejuniors@hotmail.com) or phone 022 154 0527 between 4 - 7pm.

**Petone Rugby Club Junior Rugby** - Nursery grade to U13. Pre-register online for 2021 at [petonerugby.com](http://petonerugby.com)

**Wellington Music Academy** - One on One Music Lessons. Your child can learn how to play the keyboard at

Boulcott School. The lessons are run during school hours and all ages are welcome!  
The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 28 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy at any time for more information and to book a place. For more information *Phone*: 021 885 289 *email*: [admin@musicacademy.co.nz](mailto:admin@musicacademy.co.nz)

**Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club** - Roller Summer Beach Party, Saturday, 13 March from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Skaters Entry \$10, club members \$6 and skate hire is free. Located at 4a Railway Road, Upper Hutt.

**Arts A Go Go** - Performing Arts School for Kids Upper Hutt has limited spaces in our after school drama classes for 6-18 year olds and in our creative writing class for 11-18 year olds. Please note our brand new option "Out of the Box Drama" designed especially for students on the autism spectrum. For more details, and to see a list of all our classes in dance, drama and singing, please see [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://www.artsagogo.co.nz) or email [rachel@artsagogo.co.nz](mailto:rachel@artsagogo.co.nz).

**International Food Festival** - Ethnic foods, Saturday, 27 February, 11:30am to 2:30pm at Ricoh Sports Centre, 237 Taita Drive, Lower Hutt. Free Entry. Please bring cash for food purchases.

**sKids Boulcott is here for Term 1 2021! Visit: [www.sKids.co.nz/book-with-us](http://www.sKids.co.nz/book-with-us) to book now!**

**sKids Boulcott**  
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision  
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Wellington 5010

# Term 1 Activities

February 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 – April 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

Before School Care | 7:00am to 8:30am  
After School Care | 3:00pm to 6:00pm

<b>Week 1</b> <b>Space</b>  Come explore the wonders of Space with us!	<b>Week 2</b> <b>Wonders of Nature</b>  Experience the wonders of the Natural World!	<b>Week 3</b> <b>Myths &amp; Legends</b>  Learn about creatures from myths of old and perhaps create your own!	<b>Week 4</b> <b>Under the Sea</b>  Explore the mysteries of the deep blue Sea with us!	<b>Week 5</b> <b>Be Dramatic</b>  Release your inner actor with goofy games and drama activities!
<b>Week 6</b> <b>Mystery Solver</b>  There are puzzles, riddles and mysteries to be found. Can you solve them all?	<b>Week 7</b> <b>Book Week</b>  Celebrate your favourite book characters, or maybe discover something new!	<b>Week 8</b> <b>Mad Science</b>  Unleash your inner Mad Scientist with experiments galore!	<b>Week 9</b> <b>Easter</b>  Prepare to celebrate Easter with us!	<b>Week 10 &amp; 11</b> <b>Kids Choice</b>  Kids choose what we do to finish off the school term!

Email: [boulcott@skids.co.nz](mailto:boulcott@skids.co.nz) | Onsite Mobile: 027 291 1438 | Office Phone: 0800 274 172

Register now at [www.sKids.co.nz](http://www.sKids.co.nz)

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