



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 and Welcome to Boulcott School in LOCKDOWN - again!

How unfortunate to find ourselves back in this situation again. By all accounts it wasn't a matter of 'if' but 'when' we would be plunged into lockdown again. I do hope this finds you all safe and well

while you are operating in your own bubble. We know from previous experiences that everyone's situation will be different - you may have a whole lot more time on your hands if you are no longer working, you may be balancing working from home while supervising/occupying/entertaining/teaching your children! Or you may also be one of our awesome essential workers who may still be doing the daily commute while juggling everything else! Whatever your situation, I know you will be doing an awesome job!

Let's hope we can stamp out this nasty virus promptly by going hard and fast once again!

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you some key information about what the rest of this week will look like for distance learning.

A reminder that school is closed today, tomorrow and Friday.

Our distance learning plan will therefore kick into action. With such short notice we weren't able to hand out devices or hard packs (which we had ready to go!) to students in order to support distance learning.

As mentioned earlier, we know that everyone's situation is different. We also know what is essential is that your primary focus is ensuring you look after your child's well being and your own. You are your child's primary teacher so you know what will work best for them and your whānau.

Your teacher will be in touch via Seesaw and/or email later on today with some information to support learning from home. There will be no set tasks or activities this week, with the focus of optional activities, should you wish for your child to complete them. Below are links to opportunities and inspiration:

- Our [School Website](#) which still has the resources from last year. There is a section for each syndicate, with a variety of activities to choose from.
- [TVNZ Ondemand](#) which still has all the Home Learning TV content from last year.
- The [Ministry Learning at Home](#) resources.
- Matua Whaitiri Kapa Haka for Kids [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels which are on daily.

We will also be encouraging:

- Daily Reading
- Daily Journal Writing

If you decide that your child isn't going to engage with anything sent home or listed above and is going to spend the next few days playing in the backyard, or baking, or relaxing, that is your choice.

We understand that this is a challenging time, but it is also a great family time as well.

Nothing beats playing games with your children, talking about the maths you see in the world around you and just having fun learning about our world, learning how to be kind and loving each other!

We hope that this snap lockdown will be brief but understand there may be a likelihood of it continuing. If this is the case, the teachers will be providing more structure to the distance learning programme next week, which will look similar to the programme in 2020. Let's all hope it won't be required!

A reminder that the school grounds and buildings are closed during the nationwide lockdown. If you live close to the school, please do not enter the grounds for your daily walk. The Hutt River is an alternative to people providing more of an open space. Thanks for your support on this matter.

If you do have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch: [principal@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:principal@boulcott.school.nz)

In the meantime, take care of yourself and everyone else in your bubble. We've been here before so we know what to do - we've got this!

Nga mihi nui,

Stu Devenport  
**Principal**

***Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui. Be strong, be brave, be steadfast.***