



Te Kura O Boulcott
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The

Boulcott Broadcast

Thursday, 8 February 2024

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, Vaṅakkam, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana and Welcome to Boulcott School for 2024.

I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday break, spending time with friends and family. I had a lovely break, spending time in Auckland with my extended family over Christmas and then my husband and I got away for a week and stayed in Kāpititi at a lovely place in Raumati South. From our B+B we could see Mana Island, Kāpiti Island and for several days we had a clear view of the top of the South Island- magic!!!

Today we held a special pōwhiri to welcome our new students, families and staff to Boulcott School. Boulcott is a special place for all of us, we look forward to sharing it with you!

We were all very proud of our Year 5 and 6 students who took a lead role in parts of the ceremony and especially proud of our young 5 year olds, who were incredibly brave and confident for their first few days at school. A big thank you to Matua Whitiri and Scott for guiding us through the process yesterday and to Pania who helped us with the Karanga - your expertise is much appreciated!

The pōwhiri was also an opportunity to welcome several new families that have recently moved into the Boulcott community. We hope you all enjoy being part of our wonderful community!

Although school only officially opened last Thursday, our staff have been at school much earlier making sure everything is top-notch for students. Dean, our caretaker, has got our grounds looking great and I hope you all noticed the new carpeting down our main corridor. What a difference that makes!



Staff Only Day 2024 - Our amazing Kaimahi!!
(Absent: Margs Presland, Suz Cody, Dharani Walpita, Eileen Falconer and Carol Healy)

Mobile Phones

The Government has introduced regulations that require schools to ensure students do not use or access a mobile phone while attending school. We know some students will still bring a cell phone for communication with parents before/after school. If this is the case for your child, they are responsible for securing it in their bag during the school day. The school is not responsible for any loss or damage caused to personal cell phones. If you need to contact your child urgently during the day, please call the school office.

Our Kids Online

We want our school to be a safe place. Because of the rapidly changing times our tamariki are growing up in, the mounting challenges and harms they are facing online, we need to start talking about and tackling this as a community.

As such, we have organised Filmmaker, Author and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community.

His talk will cover

- **Cyberbullying** - How bullies can reach our kids 24/7
- **Social media** - How social media is affecting the mental health in 3 out of 5 children. FOMO, depression, anxiety
- **Gaming and the developing brain** – An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- **Naked Selfies** - The pressure to send nudes from Intermediate up through High School
- **Online predators** - The methods they use, how to spot them
- **Online porn vs healthy sexuality** - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry

Solutions

- **Filters** - Which filters are best and how to install them
- **Smartphones** - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- **Boundaries** - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- **3 golden rules** - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- **Talking to your kids** - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- **Challenging our own phone and device usage** - Reconnecting as a family

The talk will be held in our school hall on Monday, 4 March from 6:30- 8:30pm

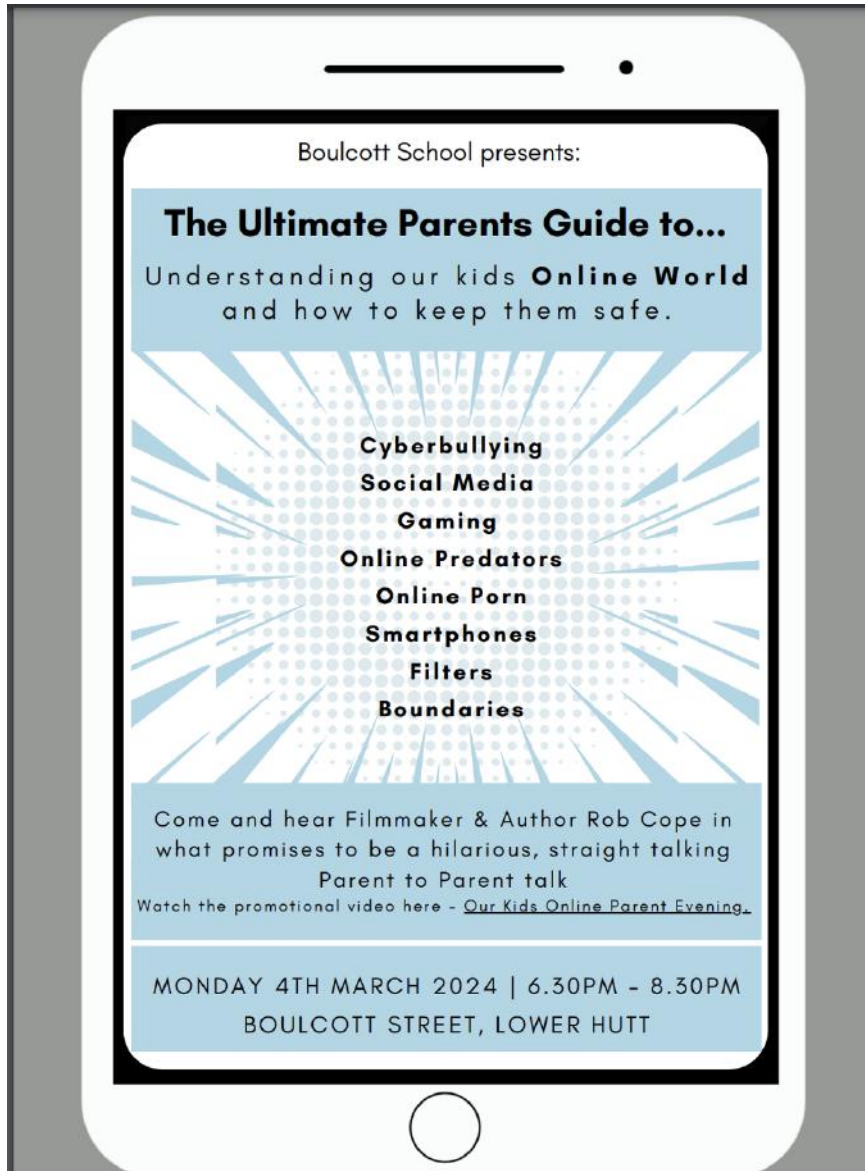
We would request that at least one adult from each family attend, this topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

Warm Regards

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael Sole

Tumuaki / Principal



BOULCOTT STAFF FOR 2024

Boulcott Teaching Teams 2024

Principal: Rachael Sole **Deputy Principal & Senco:** Jodi Mitchell **Deputy Principal:** Jo Lock

Harakeke Team: Year 1-2

Karen Clements (Team Leader)
 Brigit Scahill
 Jane Anstiss
 Lisa Hassell
 Tania Tyrer/Ros van Rij
 Karen Henry
 Jenny Fraser (release teacher)



Kōwhai Team: Year 3-4

Jo Lock (DP & Team Leader)
 Lucy Bould
 Gaylene Nankivell
 Calvina Deng
 Suzanne Cody (release teacher)



Kahikatea Team: Year 5&6

Melissa Coton (Team Leader)
 Luke Dentice
 Corrina Rayson
 Molly Weaver
 Margs Presland (release teacher)



Learning Support:

Fiona Ranchod (Literacy Support)
Carol Healy
Karen Prince
Dharani Walpita
Matt McDowell
Donna Larsen
Samantha Smith
Margo Janke-Gilman

Administration:

Bev de Wever (Office Manager)
Tania Blucher (Office Administrator)
Hannah Watkins (Office Administrator)
Dean Scahill (Caretaker)
Margs Presland (Sports Coordinator)
Eileen Falconer (Librarian)

The best way to get in touch with any of our staff is via email. You can find a full list of contact details on our staff page on our website: <https://www.boulcott.school.nz/staff/>

Please be mindful that as a general rule, classroom teachers will not reply to emails during teaching time as they are, of course, busy with the children. Our office staff are regularly checking their emails throughout the day so if there is an urgent message during learning time, it is best to send it to info@boulcott.school.nz

Communication

At Boulcott we use a variety of platforms to communicate important information between school and home. We believe in keeping you updated with up and coming events along with celebrating our successes.

- **The Boulcott Broadcast:** This newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon. As we are an Enviro-School we distribute this via email. We are also happy to include community messages in the newsletter. We would appreciate it if all messages could be shared with the school office by the Tuesday afternoon before the Broadcast is distributed.
- **Email:** We regularly utilise email for reminders and other important messages. Please contact the school office if your email address needs updating from last year.
- **School App:** Our school app is another useful tool for communicating with parents. This is a secure app where you can view information about your child, report an absence, view our newsletters, along with many other features. When your child starts at Boulcott School you will receive an email with a link to download the app. If you have not joined up to use the app and would like to please contact the office.
- **School Website & Calendar:** On the front page of our website: www.boulcott.school.nz there is a Community Calendar, which we will be continuing to utilise in 2024. All important dates for families will be included on this calendar, so it is useful to visit this regularly to keep up to date with the latest events.
- **Facebook:** Have you 'liked' our School Facebook page? We utilise this page for reminders, but more importantly, to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Boulcott School. Just search Boulcott School on Facebook to find our page.
- **Seesaw:** We will be utilising this fantastic platform to share learning between school and home. Using this app, you'll find photos and videos that showcase your child's work.
- **Google Forms:** We will continue to use Google Forms for permission and newsletters that require responses from parents. If you ever need assistance with completing these, please contact the office.



We are always interested in hearing how we can make our communication more effective with our families, so feedback is welcomed.

Sun Smart

Boulcott is a SunSmart school. This term it is compulsory for all children to wear hats



when outside at playtimes, lunch or undertaking sport. Please ensure your children have their named sun hats at school every day to enable them to play outside freely. Children without sun hats will be restricted to the shade sail area. Sun hats can be purchased through the school office. You may also like to apply sunblock to your children before school. Children also need to wear shoes at school to protect their feet, and clothes that are suitable for sun protection and sports activities.

School Donations

A reminder, Boulcott School has opted into the Government's Donation Scheme Funding which means we will not be asking for family donations in 2024. We will also not be asking families to cover additional costs for trips and other activities. You will still be asked to cover the cost of any optional activities ie Touch Rugby, Netball etc. Because of this, we need to be careful choosing the trips and activities, so we keep to budget!

Although we will not be asking for donations in 2024 they will still be graciously received and welcomed! Last year we received some generous donations from families which went towards school operations. We really appreciate all contributions.

Birthday treats in classrooms

Some of the classroom teachers have noticed that a tradition is forming with students bringing treats (lollies, cake, ice blocks) for their classmates when it is their birthday. Although we see this as a lovely and generous gesture, it can create complications with dietary requirements and additional pressure for others to reciprocate. We ask that you save these birthday treats for parties or after school hours. Children are made to feel special on their birthday with each class having their own ways to celebrate. Thanks for your support on this matter.



SPORT @ BOULCOTT

Welcome to Boulcott School Sports News.

Sports Registrations:

Registrations have now closed for Touch Rugby Year 1 - 6 and Netball Year 1 - 4 and I will be in touch regarding teams, coaches, managers and other information. However, if your child is still interested in playing Touch Rugby, we do have a few spaces available especially for a Year 3 or 4 boy and a Year 5 or 6 boy. If your child isn't registered and is interested in playing please email me on sports@boulcott.school.nz

Invoices for these sports have been sent out and payments can be made online to the school account. They are \$30 each for touch rugby and \$30 for netball. Please arrange these to be paid promptly. If you have any issues with payment please contact the office directly to discuss this with them.

School Account: Boulcott School

Account number: 12-3142-0062729-00 (Ref Touch/Netball and your child's name)

Website:

The sports page on our [school website](#) will be regularly updated. You will be able to find more detailed information about sports on offer as well as the links to registration on google forms.

The sports page is also where you will find the team lists and draws for the teams playing each week. These will be updated regularly.

Community Events:

There are a number of sporting community events coming up. If you are interested, check out the community events section on our school website. Remember these are events that are not organised through school but are great opportunities out there.

The events include

- XRace on Sunday, 3 March. HIVE is the 15% discount code available until the 10 February only
- Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday, 17 March @ Kilbirnie Park
- Tough Guy and Gal Challenge happening in May. Registrations are open now.

Thanks

Margaret Presland
Sports Coordinator

Welcome to New Students

We welcome the following students and their families to Boulcott School. It is wonderful to have you join us at Boulcott:

Year 1- Isa, Ellie, Goldie, Greer, Zane, Logan, Anshrah, Juno, Ollie, Maisie, Charlie, Nora, Imogen, Mia

Year 2 - Darrika, Shivanya

Year 3 - Lily, Raphael, James, Lenny, Nasha, Morgan, Iggy

Year 4 - Amélie, Logan, Roniska

Year 5 - Hazel, Lilyah

Launchpad Champions (formerly Bible in Schools) is an opt-in Christian Values Education programme. It is available for Year 2-6 on Friday lunchtimes, starting on Friday, 16 February.

The Launchpad Champions programme is a fun 30-minute lesson that presents tamariki with positive values like being a good friend, showing respect, making good choices and helping others. Programmes are delivered through the art of kōrero (story-telling), multimedia and interactive activities.

Each lesson has a specific learning outcome and reinforces the values found in the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa.

If you would like your child to join in these lunchtime sessions please complete the following [Launchpad Google Form](#).

Children cannot participate in these sessions unless a parent has filled in this form granting their consent. For more information, please check their website: <https://launchpad.kiwi/>

New School Mural

We have been selected to participate in the 'Creatives in Schools programme' which funds schools and teachers to collaborate with professional artists to deliver engaging learning experiences for tamariki. This term Amy Burrell, an artist based in the Hutt Valley will be working with us on Thursdays to create a mural which will be located on the wall outside Room 15. This mural will look out towards the field, and add some colour and vitality to our much loved outdoor area. Amy has worked with several other schools, and is skilled in collaborating with students to draw out their ideas and express these visually through art. If you are interested, or would like to know more please contact Brigit Scahill in Room 11.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

To begin our year, classes are busy setting up routines, expectations, and class treaties. We look at our CHEER values, and discuss how we can be showing these values wherever we are - home, school and out in the community.

Here is a reminder of our CHEER values:

CONFIDENCE - MĀIA

- Be brave
- Have a go
- Keep trying - be resilient

HONESTY - NGĀKAUPONO

- Tell the truth
- Play fairly
- Do the right thing even when no one is looking

EXCELLENCE - KA RAWE

- Be a good role model
- Do your best
- Learn from your mistakes

ENTHUSIASM - KAIKAHA

- Be ready to learn
- Keep positive
- Celebrate achievements

RESPECT - WHAKAMIHA

- Be kind
- Show empathy
- Care for our environment, our school buildings and equipment

Whānau Rōpū

The Whānau rōpū are having their first hui this Friday, 9 February. The whānau rōpū is an opportunity for families of children that whakapapa Māori (are of Māori heritage) to come together to support the learning needs and aspirations of our Māori children. Please send confirmation of your attendance to Pania at p.dewes003@gmail.com and then you will be sent the hui address and start time.

Our whānau rōpū would like to acknowledge the many families of our community that are interested and passionate about the Māori learning opportunities at our school. We will confirm a date later in the term to invite the input of our wider community into ngākaupapa Māori (Māori cultural events/opportunities) here at Boulcott School.

Home and School

CAMPOUT, Saturday, 24 Feb - Are you ready for a fun filled night with the school community, and an overnight campout! We'll have food, games and a movie in the hall! Check out the information flyer being emailed to you in the next few days. We hope to see you there!

H&S AGM - Our AGM will be held on Tuesday, 13 Feb at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Anyone is welcome to attend and find out more about our team!

ICE BLOCK FRIDAYS - Ice Blocks are back this term starting on Friday, 16 Feb - Order your voucher now via this link: [Ice Block Fridays \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

TERM DATES for 2024

Term 1: Thursday, 1 February - Friday, 12 April

Term 2: Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July

Term 3: Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September

Term 4: Monday, 14 October - Tuesday, 17 December

Public Holidays:

Tuesday, 6 February: Waitangi Day

Friday, 29 March: Good Friday

Monday, 1 April: Easter Monday

Tuesday, 2 April: Easter Tuesday

Thursday, 25 April: ANZAC Day (falls within the school holidays)

Monday, 3 June: King's Birthday

Friday, 28 June: Matariki

Monday, 28 October: Labour Day

Important Dates	
Date	Event
Fri, 9 Feb	Whānau Rōpū hui
Mon, 12 Feb	Year 3 & 4 swimming commences
Tues, 13 Feb	Home and School AGM (7:30pm) staffroom
Wed, 14 Feb	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall
Fri, 16 Feb	Home and School Ice Block Fridays start
Mon, 19 Feb	Year 3 & 4 swimming continues
Thurs, 22 Feb	Year 3 & 4 swimming finishes
Mon, 26 Feb	BOT Meeting (6pm) staffroom, Year 2 swimming commences
Sat, 24 Feb	Home and School Campout
Wed, 28 Feb	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall
Mon, 4 March	Year 2 swimming continues, Parent Information Evening 'Our Kids Online', 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thurs, 7 March	Year 2 swimming finishes
Mon, 11 March	Cohort 2 starts
Wed, 13 March	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall
Wed, 27 March	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall
Friday, 29 March	Good Friday - School closed
Monday, 1 April	Easter Monday - School closed
Tues, 2 April	Easter holiday - School closed
Wed, 10 April	Assembly 2:20pm in the hall

From the School Office

Absences

Please ring the school office before 8:55am if your child is going to be absent for the day. Messages can be left on the school answer-phone, emailed, or you can leave a message using our website or our school app.

Invoices

Invoices will still be issued for optional activities. The expectation is that all invoices will be paid immediately, unless arrangements have been made with the office. Payment for invoices can be made by direct credit using account 12-3142-0062729-00. Please include your child's name as a reference. Any forms returned need to be in a (recycled) sealed envelope or plastic bag, with your child's name and room number clearly written. It would be helpful if parents could organise the envelopes or bags the night before so children can hand them directly to the classroom teacher.

These are then handed into the office after the roll has been taken, as the office is busy dealing with absentees in the morning.

Student Information and Medication Update

It is very important that we have up-to-date information on our records. If you have any changes to the information we presently hold, please inform the office. Any medication your child may require at school needs to be held at the office with instructions on how it is to be administered. Medication needs to be in a clear container with your child's name on it.

Lunches

We offer Pita Pit lunches on **Thursdays** and sushi on **Fridays**. School lunches will be available from Thursday, 8 February. This can only be ordered online by going to www.lunchonline.co.nz to register. An account is created for your child and payment made, so you have funds in the account before you order, which can be used at any time to order lunch on a Thursday or Friday. Orders must be received by 9am on the day of delivery. The lunches are delivered directly to school and given to your child. **Please note** that if you already have an account set up from last year, you will need to go in and change your child's room number to their current room number.

Uniform

If your child requires a new sun hat or sports top please email the school office and we can send you out an order form or you can collect one from the office. Once payment has been received, via direct credit to the school account, we will organise the uniform item and get it to your child. Uniform items will be issued once a week on Thursday. If you are unsure of sizing we are happy to try the item on your child to ensure they have the correct size.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marrzipan Drama - "Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at Boulcott School, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)"

Wonderplay - Wonderplay has places available in its award-winning drama classes on Mondays at Epuni Hall: 3:30pm (New Wonders: intro to drama, 4-8yrs), 4:15pm (Star Players 8-14yrs). Register today www.wonderplay.co.nz.

Kids Taekwondo beginner class in Central Lower Hutt - 5 to 8 year olds Tuesdays 4pm to 4:30pm. Starts 13 February 2024. Call or Txt Greg to book a spot as numbers are limited.

Hutt City Taekwondo 022 3554559
Facebook Hutt City Taekwondo

After School and Saturday Computer Classes - Our term time classes are smaller, just 3 to 6 children. Classes are focused on what you want to learn. Class runs from 3:30 to 5:30 pm class fee \$45 or 10 sessions \$400 (doors open from 3:15). Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 pm. class fee \$65 or 10 sessions \$600.

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WHAT IS THIS STUDY ABOUT?

With the START CARE study we are comparing two different ways of treating asthma to find out which one is better at preventing asthma exacerbations in tamariki.

- A separate preventer (Flixotide, Serotide or Symbicort) taken every day and reliever (Ventolin or Respigen) taken when needed;

OR

- A single combined preventer and reliever (Symbicort) taken when needed and/or every day

The inhalers being used are called “Turbuhalers”, they are breath activated and do not require a spacer like most common inhalers currently used. During the first visit the child is taught how to use the Turbuhaler safely. At the second visit, if their asthma is stable, the child will be given one of the treatments (decided at random) to take for one year.

If the child’s asthma is bad, or they have an asthma exacerbation, we might want to increase the amount of the study inhaler(s) they are taking.

During the study, we will meet with each participant and their whanau 6 times at our clinic. We will ask questions about their asthma and perform some breathing tests.

All study medication is provided free-of-charge during the study and parents will be reimbursed for their travel expenses.

This study is for children aged between 5 years to 11 years old who have asthma.


Contact startcare@mrinz.ac.nz for more information.

More information: <https://trials.mrinz.ac.nz/surveys/?s=7TKDWXJ4NC>

Our study website: <https://www.mrinz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/startcare>

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Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	
Summer Fun Settle in for the new school year and celebrate summer! 	Dragons Reign Celebrate the Lunar New Year with us! 	Heartful Heroes Valentines Day & Random Acts of Kindness! 	Monster Mash Let's make some monsters is yours nice or mischievous 	Circus Capers Join us for a week of circus fun! 	
Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
Vivid Pallet Celebrate a world filled with colour! 	Leprechauns Celebrating St Patricks Day and all things Irish! 	Global Creatures Mythical creatures from around the globe! 	Egg-tastic Bunnies, games, eggs & more! 	Froggy Friends Look under the lily pads & and check out our frog-themed fun! 	Colours of the Rainbow Explore the colours of the Rainbow 

Activity Key

 COOKING	 ARTS & CRAFTS	 MUSIC & DRAMA	 STEM	 TEAMWORK	 WELLNESS
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Refer to your onsite Adventure Programme Planner to see what your tamariki have chosen







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