



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 4 Week 4



Principal's Message: Thursday, 7 November, 2024

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, Tâlofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mâlô e lelei, Bonjour, Kia orana, Xin chào and



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Our Year 5/6 Kapa haka group participated in a wonderful Kapa haka exchange along with Eastern Hutt and Waterloo Schools. Jodi Mitchell and I had the privilege of attending this show, along with the Year 5/6 Kahikatea teachers: Melissa, Molly, Claire and Corrina. Our students performed incredibly well, with such fierce pride and respect for Te Ao Māori. Their set of songs included the use of poi as well as a stirring haka. Shared kai was enjoyed at the end of the performances giving our tamariki the opportunity to interact with students from the other two schools. Eastern Hutt School did a lovely job welcoming us all to their kura and our own Matua Whaitiri spoke on our behalf. It was such a great to be a part of such a fabulous event.

Staffing Update

We have very nearly finished finalising our teaching staff for 2025. We congratulate Nadine Raath who leaves us at the end of the year and has won a position at Belmont School for next year.

So far, we have two new classroom teachers starting with us - both will be working in Kōwhai team. Emma Collings joins us from Te Hapara School in Gisborne. Emma is a very experienced teacher and has recently returned from teaching overseas in China and Cambodia as well as many years teaching in New Zealand. Our second new appointment will be a familiar face to some of you as Erin Inglis has relieved at our school this year and this term has been working in Room 15 on Fridays. Erin worked for 4 years as a kaiako at Avalon Primary School and so is no stranger to the Hutt Valley. I am excited to welcome both of these teachers to our staff for 2025.

Lisa Hassell is going to be our Learning Support Teacher next year. She will be working with small groups of students who may need more support with their learning in Literacy or Maths. She will also work alongside our Learning Support Team (Teacher Aides) to assist our learners for whom English is a second language. Lisa is well placed to work in this role as she is a highly experienced, reflective teacher, with the capability and confidence to work with students from Years 1-6. Because Lisa will no longer be a classroom teacher for 2025, we have advertised her Year 2 position.

Diwali, celebrated on 31 October, marks an important Hindu festival symbolising light over darkness. The five-day event starts with Dhanteras and ends with Bhai Dooj, involving various rituals. Significantly, this festival spreads happiness and unity among families and communities globally. I had the pleasure of seeing students from Room 14 share with their class and me, a slideshow they had created all about Diwali. Thanks Yaniv, Maddie, Zuri and Ahren, it was very informative, you are obviously very proud of your Indian heritage and culture! Ka rawe.

Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on this term is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students, and it remains a strong subject of conversation amongst teachers.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start

school. You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent and have to be marked as unjustified absences.

A connected school community that does everything to make sure students are attending, participating, and progressing in their education can play a pivotal role in raising attendance.

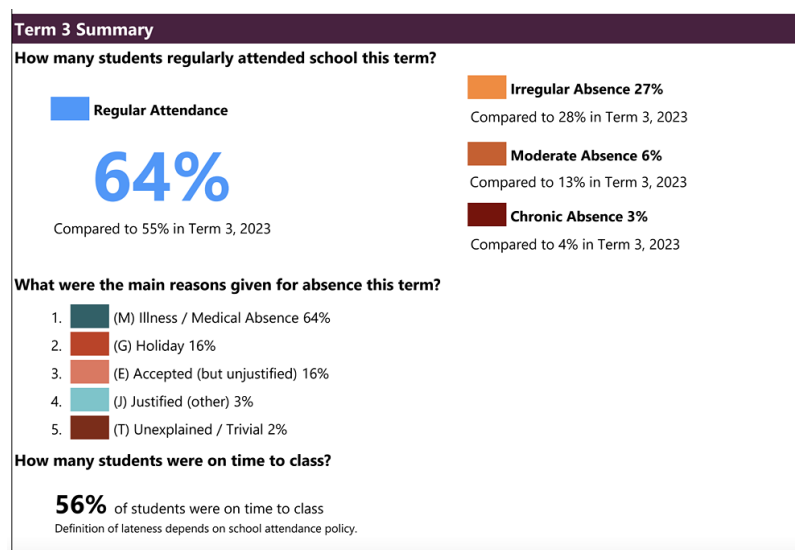
1. Regular attendance at school helps build and maintain a child's learning and positive daily habits and routines, as well as promoting their wellbeing by connecting them to their peers and learning new things.

2. We want our ākonga to thrive and be resilient and active members within their whānau and community.

3. Attendance matters and we can all work together to increase school attendance.

In April 2024, the Government announced a regular attendance target of 80 percent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

The Ministry of Education provides each school with an analysis of termly attendance data. Below is a summary for Boulcott School for Term 3, compared to Term 3 in 2023.



We are improving. Let's keep at it and aim for even better attendance this term. Have a great week everyone.

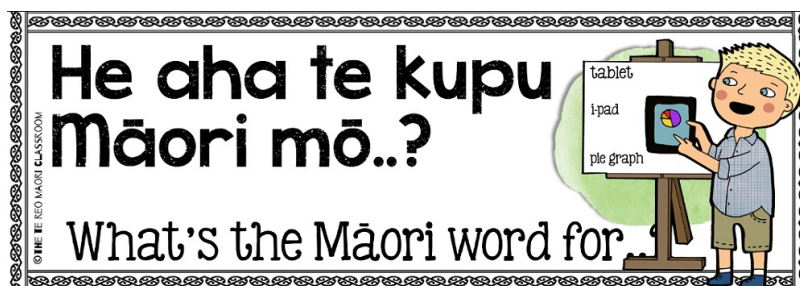
From Rachael and the team at Boulcott



Kiwaha o te Wiki

Term 4 - Week 4 and 5

Wiki tuawhā - Week 4



Wiki tuarima - Week 5



Cheer Awards - Term 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: Anouk, Richie

Room 2: Mansirat, Zac

Room 3: Zara C, Carter

Room 4: Corbin, Kysen

Room 5: Alfie, Kuentin

Room 6: Theo, Bryn

Room 7: Yanira, Mila

Room 8: Isobel, Nora

Room 9: Ellie, Greer

Room 10: Ziya, Paige, Aanya, Angel, Kylin

Room 11: Colton, Ivy

Room 12: Roniska, Michael, Mila

Room 14: Frank, Bianca

Room 15: Hassan, Lennox

Room 16: Zaiden, Niralya



Kahikatea Visit To Parliament

By Hana and Heidi

In Term 4 Kahikatea went on a trip to Parliament! It was super great and we learned so much. Room 1 and Room 2 went on Tuesday, and Room 3 and Room 4 went on Thursday.

When each class visited Parliament you would need to go through a scanner like at the airport. Once we got through the scanners we lined up in two lines and went to the mock debate chamber and the real debate chamber. There were a lot of chairs in the room and one big, long table. At one end of the table there were two normal chairs. At the other end of the table there was one big-ish seat. Finally at the back of the room there was a huge chair. The person who sits on this seat is called the 'Speaker'. Our guides explained to us that the speaker is like the referee. They manage the debate. If the person speaking says something mean or rude about someone else, the referee can step in and tell the person speaking to give an apology. We had such a fun time learning about debating, different parties in Parliament and the opposition parties.

The media room is where Jacinda Adern spoke during covid in 2020. Each group got two volunteers to come up onto the lectern and pretend to be the Prime Minister and co Prime Minister. Everyone asked many different questions and the Prime Ministers tried to answer, but most of the time the Prime Ministers just answered with "ehh", "ummm", and "I don't know". But every group still had a great and fun time in the media room also known as the 'Press Theatrette'.

Room 2 got the privilege of going into the Beehive itself! We even got to go into Erica Stanford's office! She's the Minister of Education. It was such a great experience for Room 2!

By Heidi and Hana



Sports News

Central Zone Athletics

WOW, what an amazing day we had on Tuesday, 5 November at the Central Zone Athletics. 53 Year 4-6 students ascended on the Hutt Rec eager and excited to compete. All our students represented themselves, their families and Boulcott School to a super high standard.

Everyone competed extremely well, with a number of notable mentions:

- 4 teams won their relay and our Year 6 boys came second by only 0.03 seconds.
- 16 first place getters & 15 second place getters across all the events.

Thank you so much to our parent helpers for the day and all the parents and whānau that came down throughout the day to support our students. I can not express enough how much we appreciate your support on days this like, you all make my job easier knowing we have support for all our students to

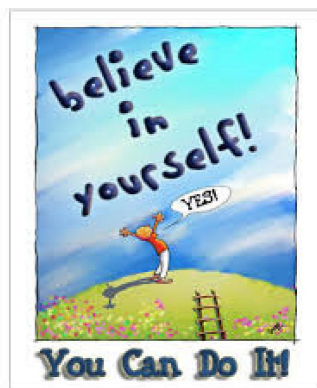
Touch Rugby & Year 1 - 4 Netball

Once again, I am so appreciative of our parents who have put their hands up to help coach and manage all of our teams. Without you I wouldn't be able to enter our teams into these competitions and kids would miss out. Seeing the joy on the students faces definitely makes it worth while. So THANK YOU all so much.

Regional Athletics Tuesday, 26 November (ppt) Thursday, 28 November @ Newtown Park.



For the next 2 weeks our PB4L focus is on doing your best and learning from your mistakes.



Thanks to Home and School who raised money from our last Colour Fun Run for these resources.



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

Wed, 13 Nov - 2025 Road Patrol Team training, Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall

Thur, 14 Nov - Bee Healthy Van on site until Wed, 11 Dec

Fri, 15 Nov - Harakeke Athletics 11am

Tue, 19 Nov - Interzone Athletics @ The Hutt Rec (pp Thur, 21 Nov)

Tue, 26 Nov - Regional Athletics - Newtown (pp Thur, 28 Nov)

Wed, 27 Nov - Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall

Wed, 4 Dec - Evening Christmas Concert

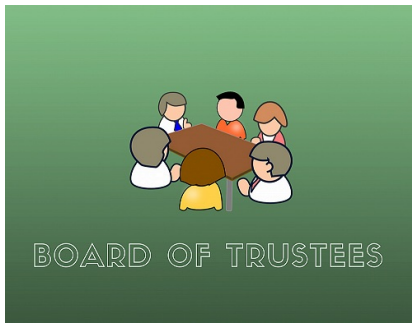
Mon, 9 Dec - Avalon Park Trip

Tue, 10 Dec - Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall

Wed, 11 Dec - Year 6 Leavers' Garden Party event 4pm-5:30pm

Mon, 16 Dec - Students meet 2025 Class & Teacher, school reports go home

Tue, 17 Dec - Final Assembly, School finishes at **1pm**



Board News

Term 4

The Board wants to congratulate the cast and crew for the amazing Seussical Jr production at the end of Term 3. What a show! The Board is so proud of the children's efforts, they were outstanding. To the production crew led by Georgia Jamieson Emms, Jane Anstiss, Mel Young, Jenn Burrridge, Rachel Corley and Brigit Scahill, who worked tirelessly to make the production the success that it was, thank you all for your hard work providing our tamariki with such a great

experience.

Board Member Profile -

Wendy Dewes

I was co-opted to the Board in early 2022 and elected to the Board in September 2022. This year I have taken on the role of Board Secretary.

My son Archie left Boulcott last year and is now at HIBS. My younger son Dusty is in Year 5. I have been involved with many of the sports teams the boys have played in at Boulcott over the years, either managing or coaching, which I love being part of.

In my professional life, I am a Partner at Gillespie Young Watson, a Lower Hutt Law Firm, and I specialise in Trust and Estate law. When I am not working, I love watching my boys play sport, spending time with family and friends, reading and running.



Launchpad

Christmas Gift Giving Project!

This Christmas 'Launchpad' is coordinating a gift giving project and we would LOVE your help. This [video](#) gives you all the information with one small update. Please **don't** wrap your toy donations, but you are welcome to also donate Christmas wrapping paper!



Donated new toys can be placed in the box by the office throughout the month of November and Launchpad children will then help wrap them before Mrs Cody delivers them in time for Christmas! 🎄

Thank you so much for your generous support.



Medication - students at school

School Office reminder

If your child needs to take any medications at school, please bring the medication to the School Office. If medication is to be administered on a long term basis please store it in a labelled clear container. A medical authority form will need to be completed by parents/caregivers so that medicine can be stored safely and administered only by the office staff. Please also notify your child's classroom teacher, so they can send your child to the office at the required time.

Please note: It is the parent's responsibility to come to the office and collect any medication at the end of the day if needed.

Many Thanks

sKids Before and After School Care

Term 4 - What's on! Pancake Breakfast - Each Thursday from 7, November



Join the fun

Pancake Breakfast
Starting Thursday 7th November

Book a Rise and Shine session on a Thursday and enjoy delicious pancakes with a choice of toppings!

Ask our onsite team for more info!

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Term 4

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<p>16th - 18th Oct</p> <p>Press Play Week It's Super Sports Week! Join us as we Press Play with a week of fun games & challenges as we jump into the final term of 2024!</p>	<p>21st - 25th Oct</p> <p>Mad Hatters Week Unleash your creativity with whimsical crafts & exciting games as we celebrate the Mad Hatter's Birthday.</p>	<p>28th Oct - 1st Nov</p> <p>Diwali & Halloween Week This week it's a celebration of lights with Diwali mixed in with some spooky fun for Halloween</p>	<p>4th - 8th Nov</p> <p>Trinkets & Treasures Week Showcase your creativity as you craft cool trinkets & treasures. Problem solving and team challenges, this week has it all!</p>	<p>11th - 15th Nov</p> <p>Spies & Secret Agents Week Prepare for a week packed with daring challenges, clever codes and spy gadgets as we dive into the mysterious world of secret agents!</p>
<p>18th - 22nd Nov</p> <p>Marvel vs DC Comics Week What is your favourite Marvel or DC comic superhero? Let's find out with our fun games, art sessions and challenges!</p>	<p>25th - 29th Nov</p> <p>Pokémon Week It's a Pokémon party this week at sKids! Scavenger Hunts, Pokémon Headbands and fun games. Gotta catch 'em all!</p>	<p>2nd - 6th Dec</p> <p>Marvellous Creations Week What is your favourite Creative Inventors activity? Let's find out! Join us as we create some marvellous creations.</p>	<p>9th - 13th Dec</p> <p>Trash to Treasure Week Let's recycle and repurpose everyday items to create awesome works of art!</p>	<p>16th - 20th Dec</p> <p>Rewind 2024 + Crazy Hair Week It's the end of the year! Choose your favourite activities from 2024 and celebrate the end of the school year with some crazy hair activities!</p>

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Hats for Term 4 and Term 1

Hats are compulsory for all students during Term 4 and Term 1. You are welcome to provide your own wide brimmed hat (no caps) for you 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

Dear Parents,

Hats are compulsory for all students during Terms 1 and 4 (only).

Sports tops are only for students who are representing Boulcott School playing sport.

Please fill out the form below and email to the office: info@boulcott.school.nz

When your payment has been received we will hand the uniform directly to your child, unless you state otherwise on your form.

Thank you,
Boulcott School Office
PH: 566 3058



UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Today's Date:

Student's Name: Room Number:

Parent's Name: Mobile:

Hat size:

Sports Top size:

Hat: \$22.00 (sizes: S=55cm, M=57cm, L=59cm)

Sports Top: \$47.00 (sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16)

I wish to pay by: **Eftpos** / Online (a/c : 12-3142-0062729-00)

Please Note: This uniform order will be processed upon receipt of payment, thank you.

Office Use:

DATE UNIFORM ISSUED:

GIVEN TO: PARENT / CHILD By:

PAID: EFTPOS / ONLINE / TO PAY \$

DATE ENTERED ON COMPUTER:



Nood Food

Boulcott School is a 'Nood Food' school

This means that we encourage students to have 'wrapper free' food in their lunchboxes. Please unwrap food and put it into smaller containers or straight into their lunchboxes.

We are also a **water only** school. Please send a drink bottle filled with water with your child to school. There are drinking

fountains outside, if your child forgets their bottle.

Many thanks

Boulcott School



Community Notices

Events and Activities Happening in the Community

Pātaka Art+Museum warmly invites you to the opening of;

Toi Rama: Inspiring Tamariki Through Art

Friday 15 November | 6PM

This exhibition showcases the artworks of Year 5 and 6 ākonga from Porirua East School. *Toi Rama: Inspiring Tamariki Through Art* was a pilot programme delivered by the Pātaka Education Team. The project draws on the connections between art, art-making and well-being.

Nau mai! Haere mai! All Welcome!



Image: Student artwork Porirua East School, *Mandala 2024*

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Term 4 Promo !!

**Three Winners to be drawn this week
- \$50 Lunch Credit each!**

**Buy a lunch this week and be in the
draw to win!**

**All orders this week go in the draw to win a
\$50 lunch credit.**

Three winners will be drawn.

Terms

Winners will be drawn randomly. Open to all
Lunchonline schools with lunches available between
4th November until 8th November

Kind Regards

Trudi, Susan, Connie & Jeanine



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School Calendar 2024 & 2025 Dates

Term Dates and Public Holidays

Term Dates 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

Term Dates 2025 -

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:

- 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**



Lost Property

Please come and have a look!

Please come and have a look through our lost property. It is kept in the corridor area by Room 8 and 9 . Anything left unclaimed will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

Many Thanks



Parking safely near our school

Picking up and dropping tamariki off at school

Picking up and dropping tamariki off at school?

How you park and drive can protect them, or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility around schools to be able to see each other. Parking restrictions are in place for this reason – to protect our tamariki.

As a driver, you can help to reduce the risks:

- Park legally and safely at all times
- Do not exceed P5 or P10 time limits
- Park further away and walk with your child to or from the school gate
- If you need to turn around, find a safe place well away from the school gate
- Always slow down as you approach a busy school or pedestrian crossing
- Choose alternatives to driving – allow your child to walk to school, start a walking school bus, or find another family to carpool with



Parking safely near schools

Stopping on broken yellow lines, across driveways, on a bus stop, and double parking are illegal and risky moves that endanger children and other pedestrians.

If you choose to stop or park illegally you risk receiving a fine.

Stopped / parked on broken yellow lines	\$60
Double parked	\$60
Stopped / parked in front of or within 1m of a vehicle entrance or driveway	\$40
Stopped / parked on a bus stop	\$60
Stopped / parked on the footpath	\$40
Stopped / parked on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60
Any stopping or parking that is inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians	\$60
Exceeding a P5 or P10 time limit (by up to 30mins)	\$12
Failing to stop and remain stopped for a school patrol sign (fine and 20 demerit points)	\$150

Please put children's safety first at all times. Enforcement by Police and parking wardens is designed to keep all road users safe

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