



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 4 Week 8



Principal's Message: Thursday, 5 December, 2024 by Rachael Sole

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, Tālofa, Hola!,

Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mālō e lelei, Bonjour, Kia orana, Xin chào and



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Well, well, well. Can you believe this is our last newsletter for 2024! We are now in December and have only 8 school days remaining this year. Over the past two weeks however, we have had some great successes at school.

Firstly, following a fun trip to the local **Belmont Quarry**, a group of Kahikatea students entered a poetry competition about aggregate. Emily Williams, a Year 6 student won and the AQA (Aggregate and Quarry Association) presented her with a \$100 gift card and our school with a \$1000 donation, which has been ring-fenced to go towards next year's Year 5 & 6 camp. Congratulations Emily!!

Secondly, last Tuesday, I was fortunate to have spent the day attending the Regionals Athletics competition at Newtown Park Stadium. We had 20 students representing Boulcott, competing under the Lower Hutt Primary Schools Sporting Association (LHPSSA) banner. We had some incredible results on the day with five first places (including two of our relay teams: Y5 boys and Y6 girls), two second places and one third place. All the children were amazing with several students achieving PBs in their events. Well done to you all. Thank you to all the parents who attended on the day, many helping with transport and supervision. It was really appreciated. There is more information about this in the Sports section of the newsletter.

Thirdly, I was very impressed by the initiative of three of our Year 4 students. They had spoken and written to me earlier this term to see if they could start an Indian club at lunchtimes for any students who would like to find out more about the Indian culture. With the support of Miss Deng, they held their first meeting last week. This club will continue next year, aided by our new teacher Miss Lal, who is keen to help these motivated tamariki. Well done, especially to Yaniv, Maddie and Zuri.



Finally, another Room 14 student has inspired her class mates, by writing a letter to her local MP. Petra told the Hon Chris Bishop about how unsafe she felt fishing from a local bridge. He replied to her letter and asked if he could come to school to discuss this with her and to talk to her class. Last Friday, Mr Bishop came to Boulcott and visited Petra and Rm 14, talking to them about how democracy works and answering all their burning questions (many of which, funnily enough, were around " Do you know my uncle?.../ mum?.../ nana?... etc). Well done Petra on showing such resourcefulness.

We had a lovely time on Tuesday having our inaugural "Top House" competition organised by Ms Presland- our fabulous Sports Co-ordinator. Children loved joining with others in their House from across the school. They took part in a range of fun activities including: Egg and spoon races , water challenges, 3-legged and sack races, parachute games, rob the nest etc etc. Lots of laughs for us all and it was great to see collaboration between Senior and Junior tamariki.

Yesterday afternoon/evening was a wonderful time for us all to get together as a community for our Christmas Concert and Carnival. What a lovely evening it was. Despite the weather, I think all those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make it such a success, especially our Home and School team including organiser Jenn Burrridge and H&S President; Belinda Johnston. The children's wee concert was adorable. Special thanks to Ms Weaver and Mrs Anstiss for their work with our talented tamariki.

With this being the last official newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Happy Christmas. I hope you have a safe and refreshing break, and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Meri Kirihimete

From Rachael and the Boulcott Team




Kiwaha o te Wiki

Term 4 - Week 8 and 9

Wiki tuawaru - Week 8

He aha te kupu
Māori mō..?


What's the Māori word for



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Wiki tuaiwa - Week 9

Kia tau
Relax



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Welcome to our New Students

Term 4 Week 8

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

Year 0 - Olivia, Ledger

Year 2 - Torin

Year 4 - Titan



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: Malakai, Hazel, Zara

Room 2: Dustin, Jasper, Joel, Hannah

Room 3: Brock, Akshaj, James

Room 4: Titan, Yanika, Lilly, Riley

Room 5: Abi, Renee

Room 6: Torin, Ayushi

Room 7: Connor, Kavyansh

Room 8: Logan, Maisie

Room 9: Juno, Parker

Room 10: Estelle, Elle, Corban, Ritika

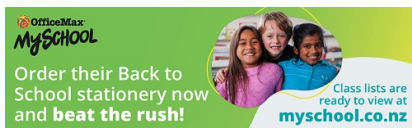
Room 11: Jimmy, Mila

Room 12: Julian, Raphael

Room 14: Noah, Shanaea

Room 15: Orson, Riyah

Room 16: Anya, Jacob, Rithul



Back to School Stationery 2025

With OfficeMax - Order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes*.

Your child's class list is already loaded. Just go to <https://www.myschool.co.nz/Boulcott>. Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm - and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70*.

Please note: If your child is a New Entrant starting in Room 8 (Cohort 1 2025), your stationery will be provided by the school and invoiced in 2025.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Zip# is also available, so you can pay in 4 interest free payments over 6 weeks and still get your order right away. Plus, you'll be helping our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

Quotes for WINZ are available by contacting 0800 724 440 or via email enquiry@myschool.co.nz.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1.

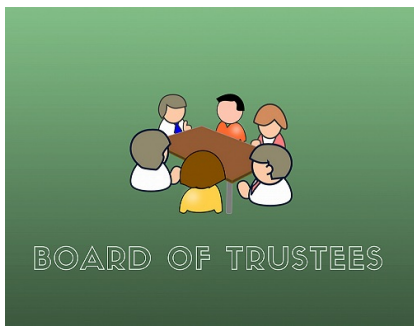
So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

Please take a look at the video below if you are new to MySchool and would like some guidance

[MySchool - Easy Ordering video](#)

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Board News

Term 4

The Board of Trustees wishes the entire school community a Merry Christmas and a relaxing break over summer. We can all be proud of the great achievements and hard work of students, teachers, support staff and whānau in capping off a good year. Thank you to all school staff for your contributions in the classroom, in learning support, the school office, and all those who keep the facilities working well.

Some key highlights in 2024 were:

- **Celebration of cultural identity and community:** Our Matariki dawn celebrations, HuttFest performances, and a Kapa haka exchange were a real highlight and strengthened whānau and community engagement and were a credit to the student speakers and performers, plus the teachers and families who helped prepare them.
- **Academic Achievement and Structured Literacy:** Boulcott students have kept up academic performance levels! Our school's Structured Literacy program was highlighted during a visit from the Minister of Education, receiving praise for its impact on students' learning and building strong foundation skills. We even made the 6pm news!
- **Athletic achievements:** Boulcott School's sports teams did well in many sports with enthusiastic participation from students and parent helpers. We had a strong showing in cross-country and athletics competitions with numerous students advancing to interzone levels.
- **Seussical Jr. success:** The *Seussical Jr.* production wowed audiences with three incredible performances. Students, teachers, and the community came together to create a magical show that showcased the talent and creativity of our school.
- **Community partnerships:** We have strengthened community ties, partnering with Summerset Boulcott, which has led to donations and shared events.

We are sadly farewelling some members of the school community:

- Pania Dewes has been a Board member and Whānau Rōpū leader while her three boys have been at Boulcott. She has been extremely generous with her time and energy in so many areas, including Pōwhiri and our Matariki celebrations. Boulcott won't be the same without Pania! Thank you!
- Mel Young has been a organisational and volunteering champion and involved with Home and School Committee during Josh and Zara's time at Boulcott. Thank you for all your hard work on the fundraising stands and behind the scenes. You've helped make Boulcott special - thank you!

We also farewell some members of the Teaching and Teacher Aide team: Thank

you to Nadine Raath, who is moving to Belmont School; Sabrina Delphine, who is off to teacher training college; and Caitlin McCaul, who is taking up other opportunities next year.

Have a great break and see you back in 2025!



Avalon Park Trip

Monday, 9 December

On Monday, 9 December we have our whole school trip to Avalon Park. To make this trip successful we need 2-3 parent helpers per class.

Your role will be to actively assist the teacher with general supervision of the class while walking, crossing roads, during play at the park and accompanying children to the toilet. If you are able to help, **please email your child's teacher**.

The plan for the day will be:

8:45 Meet in class to organise children

9:10 Gather in hall for safety briefing

9:20 Classes depart for Avalon Park (walking)

9:50 Arrive at Avalon Park, have morning tea

10:00 Play, train rides

12:00 Sausage sizzle

1:00 Walk back to school (Harakeke syndicate by bus)

Your child will need:

- some food
- a drink
- sensible walking shoes
- sunhat
- sunscreen
- any medication they require
- a change of clothes (for those who may get wet in the water play area)

Home & School will be organising a sausage sizzle for the students. There will be gluten free and vegetarian sausages available. If your child would not like a sausage, please ensure they have enough food for lunch.

If we have to cancel, a message will be sent out on Monday morning by 8am via email. There will be no postponement date.



Sports News

Regional Athletics

On Tuesday, 26 November, 19 Boulcott students went into Newtown Park to represent Boulcott School and the Lower Hutt Primary School Sports Association at the Regional Athletics.

WOW, what an amazing day they all had. The competition was fierce with schools from all over the Wellington Region and all of our 19 students from Boulcott School did so well. They all should be very proud of themselves for making it

through to Regionals.

Congratulations to all our students with special mention to those who placed in the top 3.

- Eden 1st in 800m
- Elyse 1st in Long jump and 150m
- Emily 2nd in 150m and 2nd in 800m
- Cooper 2nd in High Jump and 3rd in 100m
- Harry 3rd in 800m
- Year 5 Boys relay team (Kaleb, Arthur, Tiger and Pat) 1st overall
- Year 6 Girls relay team (Minnie, Kalani, Emily and Elyse) 1st overall

Congratulations to

Aurora

Matilda

Julian

Cooper

Micah

Eden

Arshia

Elinda

Alice

Hannah

Kaleb

Tiger

Pat

Arthur

Emily

Elyse

Kailani

Minnie

Harry

Boulcott School Top House

On Tuesday, 3 December Boulcott School ran a Top House event. Top House was about providing an opportunity to build House pride and working together as a team. Students were divided into small House teams and had 8 different challenges to complete including a dress up relay, rob the nest, parachutes, tarpaulin challenge, sack and 3 legged races, egg and spoon races and a holey bucket challenge.

WOW, WOW, WOW, what an awesome day it was. The wind made it a little tricky for some events but we definitely didn't let that stop us. There were so many smiles on students faces, a whole lot of tuakana/teina support on display (big kids helping little kids), and so many CHEER values being shown.

What also makes days like Top House special for me, is seeing other students stepping up into leadership roles, who aren't always in those positions. They took the lead, showed kindness and supported their team mates really well. Well done to these students and keep it up.

Thank you to the parents and whānau that came down to watch our students, we hope you enjoyed it as much as the students. Also, a huge shout out to the teachers for getting in behind a day like this. It can be hard work running an activity outside but the smiles and joy from the students definitely makes it all worth while.

Congratulations to KEA HOUSE - Champions for Boulcott School Top House 2024!!

Sports gear and uniforms

With the end of the season coming up soon, please ensure that you return all sports uniforms (netball skirts and basketball singlets) and sports gear bags (touch and netball) to the office before the end of the year.

Boulcott School Sports Tops

As the school year comes to an end and our Year 6 students are ready to move on to Intermediate, we know that many of you may have outgrown your school sports tops and may not have a need to take these with you. We would like to invite you to consider donating these back to school. These tops can be passed on to other students who may need them for sporting events next year.

If you would like to donate your school sports top, please drop these off at the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and we know that future students will benefit from your kindness.

THANK YOU

As we near the end of the year with sports for 2024 I would like to take this moment to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your unwavering support and dedication that you have shown throughout the year. To our coaches and managers, who have organised the teams each week, shared their knowledge and help developed the skills of our tamariki, we thank you. Without you we wouldn't be able to enter teams into competitions and provide these sporting opportunities to our students.

To our parents and whānau. Your support behind the scenes is invaluable. Whether it was helping with transportation, volunteering at events or cheering from the sidelines, your contributions have not gone unnoticed. We couldn't have done it without your time, energy and encouragement.

To all of our students who have participated in a number of different sporting events throughout the year, thank you. Thank you for your commitment each week, your teamwork and your willingness to listen and improve your skills throughout the season. It has been an absolute pleasure to co-ordinate and organise your teams throughout 2024. I look forward to doing it all over again in 2025.

THANK YOU

Margaret Presland

Sports in 2025

Planning for sports in 2025 is underway. We will be offering the following sports in Term 1:

- Netball Year 1 - 4 in Term 1 on Saturday mornings at Taita Courts
- Touch Rugby Year 1 - 6 in Term 1 on Thursday afternoons at Fraser Park.
- Badminton Year 5 & 6 in Term 1 on Tuesday @ Naenae Badminton Hall

Registrations for these will take place at the end of January and first few weeks of February. Usually the turn around for these are relatively quick. Therefore if you would like your child to participate you will need to complete a google form before the close off dates once they have been emailed out.

Once again for us to be able to enter teams into these sporting competitions we will require a level of parent support including coaches and managers for each team.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on sports@boulcott.school.nz



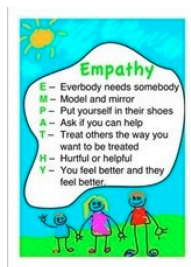
PB4L

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Our focus will be on Respect : Whakamiha - showing empathy.

We will discuss the importance of:

- Respecting others' feelings
- Understanding people's emotions
- Putting ourselves in others' shoes



Not returning to Boulcott School in 2025

Leaving Forms

If you know you will be leaving Boulcott School at the end of this year and not returning in 2025 please can you notify the school office as soon as possible, you will need to complete a leaving form.

Many thanks



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

Mon, 9 Dec - Avalon Park Trip

Tue, 10 Dec - Assembly at 2:20pm in the hall,
Parent Helper Thank you Afternoon Tea (3:15pm in the Staffroom)

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

Sat, 14 Dec - Whānau Rōpu pool party @ Ngaengae Pool

Mon, 16 Dec - Students meet 2025 class & teacher, school reports go home

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

Mon, 3 Feb 2025 - School Starts at 8:55am



Whānau Rōpū

Saturday, 14 December - Pool Party!

The Whānau Rōpū would like to invite:

Boulcott School and Staff Whānau to a private hire of the new Te Ngaengae Pool in Naenae.

Where: **Te Ngaengae Pool, Everest Avenue, Naenae**

Date: **Saturday, 14 December**

Time: **6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Cost: **Free** (The Whānau Rōpū are covering the cost of this community event)

BYO Kai and Drinks

Please fill in the Google form to confirm your attendance

<https://forms.gle/abbcpMZemMR4MFgLA>

Thanks Whānau Rōpū Group



Launchpad Champions

A HUGE Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to the AMAZING Boulcott Community for getting behind Launchpad's Koha Christmas this year! There will be some extremely happy children in the Hutt Valley on Christmas Day opening some wonderful gifts. There's still a lot to wrap but Launchpad tamariki will be finishing them off tomorrow morning before Mrs Cody delivers them!

We have so loved being a part of this initiative and hope you have too....

so much so that we think we might do it all again next year...



So please keep an eye out for bargains throughout 2025!

Many blessings to everyone for your Christmas season celebrations.

Penny Collins and Suzanne Cody

P.S If your child would like to sign up to join us at Launchpad next year please use this [link](#). If you would like to find out more about Launchpad this [link](#) gives more information.



School Lunches

Last day to Order

The last day for ordering school lunches through LunchOnline is **Friday, 13 December** which is sushi day. School lunches will resume on **Thursday, 13 February 2025**.



Chair giveaway

Chairs will be outside the front of the school **tomorrow afternoon**, there are a range of small/medium size chairs. Please help yourselves.



Emergency Food Packs

Families who supplied an Emergency Food Pack for their child this year, will have the pack returned to their child on

Monday, 16 December to bring home. At the beginning of 2025 you will receive a notice home requesting a new Emergency Pack.



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

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<p>14th - 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 Hatters 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 as 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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Community Notices

Events and Activities Happening in the Community

Keen for Piano next year?

Get in early to have your child's name down for openings in **Jonathan**


Crehan's Piano Lessons for Term 1, 2025 (held at Boulcott School during school hours). Over the past 15 years he has developed an incredible programme of music to help kids enjoy piano learning and performing. Sign up at <https://gopiano.co.nz>



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OSCAR House Holiday Programme



OSCAR House is open for our summer programme 2025

Programme plans, information & enrolments are now

available for our quality school holiday programmes.

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/> School Years 0 – 3 in 2025

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-middle/> School Years 4 – 8 in 2025

We are an MSD OSCAR approved programme & OSCAR subsidies are available.

Our premises are adjacent to Eastern Hutt School

We welcome new whanau and we'd love to have you join us!

We've celebrated 25 years of quality child care – come join us!

Kiwi Kids in the Kitchen

by ANNA MARIE EATS

BAKE MY DRAWING

STUFFED CRUST PIZZA

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WE LOVE TO COOK!



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 Days:

- TBC

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**



Lost Property - reminder to label clothing

Please check out the lost property before the end of this Term!

All lost property will be displayed outside this Friday, 6 December by the ice block sales. Any named clothing will be returned to students before the end of term. Anything left unclaimed will be donated to charity.

Many Thanks



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



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 your 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.

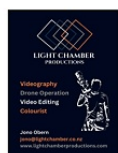
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