



Boulcott School

# Newsletter - Term 2 Week 1



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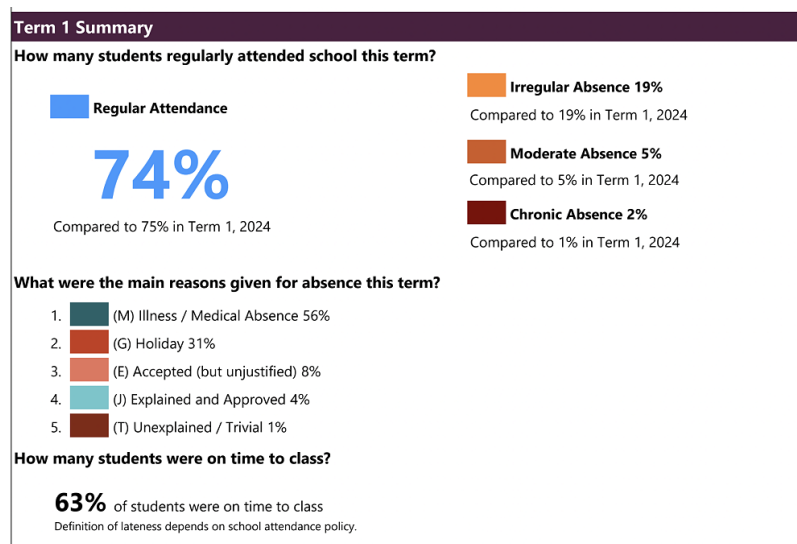
Kia ora whānau,

A warm welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a refreshing break. It's wonderful to see everyone back and ready for what promises to be a busy, albeit shorter, term. Please note that Term 2 is only 9 weeks long, and we have a few shortened weeks due to public holidays and a teacher-only day. These include King's Birthday, the Matariki holiday, and Friday, June 27th, which will be a teacher-only day for Mathematics PLD for our staff.

Despite the shorter timeframe, we have much to look forward to! Our Matariki Community Celebration on Thursday, June 19th will be a highlight, offering a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Te Ao Māori together. It will be a time to share kai, stories, and celebrate the start of the Māori New Year. Also, we are getting ready for Cross Country, culminating in the main event on May 12th (Week 3). Children are already training for this in school. Please ensure your child/ren have suitable footwear at school for these practices.

The image below shows our school's attendance figures for Term 1 this year. The Government has set a target: **by 2030, 80% of students are present for more than 90% of the term.**

We are a little off that figure, however you will see that most of our absence reasons (89%) are for either sickness or term time holidays. We do encourage families to avoid taking family holidays outside of school holiday periods, but we also understand that this is not always possible.



In other exciting news, we had a last-minute visit from the Minister for Education, Erica Stanford, this week! She, along with Chris Bishop, came to our school to announce the government's decision to cover teachers' registration costs for the next three years. During their visit, they also took the time to visit Room 14 to observe their new Maths curriculum learning in action.



Minister Stanford was very complimentary about our school, particularly acknowledging our instrumental role as an early adopter in supporting the introduction of structured literacy.



Our wonderful rōpū waiata welcomed the two Ministers to our school by singing them our school song. I felt super proud of all our staff and tamariki yesterday. In case you missed it, here is a link to the [One news item](#) which screened on the 6pm news on Monday night. Additionally, here is the [link to RNZ](#) where our Minister of Education speaks so highly of Boulcott School.

Next week we will be farewelling Hannah Watkins our wonderful school receptionist, who leaves us after 6 amazing years here at Boulcott. Do feel free to pop into the office to say your goodbyes next week. Staff, parents and students alike are all going to miss Hannah very much. The new face that you will see on reception from Week 3 onwards is Donna Larsen, whom many of you will know from her current role as a teacher aide at school.

We're undertaking a **construction project** in the Kowhai block to address some water ingress issues. This is why you'll see scaffolding around the building.

The project is expected to take approximately 10 weeks. For the safety of our students and staff, Room 14 and the area immediately around it will be closed off and out of bounds. Fencing has been erected, and there will be no vehicle access to this part of the school grounds during school hours.

We understand that this may cause some temporary inconvenience, and we apologise for any disruption. However, we are very pleased to have this work scheduled and completed before the wetter winter months.



We're looking forward to a great term, and thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott

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# Welcome to our New Students

Term 2 Week 1

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

Year 0 - Janvi, Puka, Tahu, Jayden, Kal-El, Kensington

Year 1 - Cooper, Tanvir, Amrose

Year 2 - Matilda

Year 3 - Berekah, Varkeychan

Year 4 - Quinn

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Kiwaha o te Wiki

# Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

Term 2 Week 1

This week's phrase is:







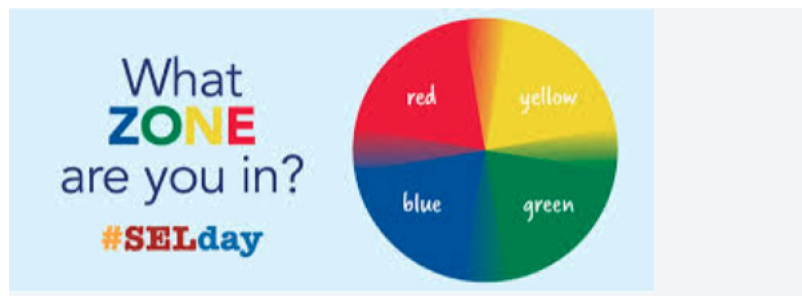
## PB4L

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning - Week 1 & 2

We begin the term with a focus on emotions and looking at the Zones of Regulation.

We will learn:

- How to label our emotions
- To understand that emotions are what we feel within us
- That emotions are not 'good' or 'bad'
- Some emotions may feel uncomfortable
- All emotions are important
- To recognise what is happening to and in our bodies when we feel different emotions
- To find healthy ways to express our emotions



## Cheer Cup Awards

Term 1 2025

Congratulations to the following students who have been our **CHEER** Cup Award recipients at our final assembly.

Cups are presented to 4 students from each of our Syndicates who best embody our school vision: Stand tall, Fly high, Together - Kia tū kaha, kia maia, kia rere ki te ao and showing our CHEER values.

Harakeke : Connor, Maggie, Juno and Harper

Kōwhai : Lucia, Nasha, Hazel and Isla

Kahikatea : Malin, Arthur, Olive and Lucy



## New Zealand Sign Language Week

Next week is New Zealand Sign Language Week.

We'll be using some sign language in our classrooms throughout the week. A fantastic resource that you may like to explore at home is [Turi TV](#) which has engaging instructional videos as well as picture books read aloud in sign language.

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## Pink Shirt Day!

Pink Shirt Day is Friday, 16 May 2025

**Pink Shirt Day – Friday, 16 May 2025**

We're excited to celebrate *Pink Shirt Day* on **Friday, 16 May!** All students are encouraged to wear **pink or other bright colours** to school to show their support.

[Pink Shirt Day](#) is a global movement that promotes diversity, inclusion, and kindness, while taking a stand against bullying. By wearing pink, we join together to help create a safe, welcoming environment for everyone.

Let's stand up, speak out, and spread kindness—together!

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## Suitable clothing at school

While Boulcott School does not have a school uniform we do ask that our community supports us with making sure tamariki are dressed in clothing suitable for the school day.

Please do not allow your child to wear pyjamas, oodies, dressing gowns and the like to school, unless there is a pyjama day of course! Costumes are also not suitable clothing for a regular school

day.

Thanks for your support with this.

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# Olympic Ambassador Visit

Olympic Athlete Max Brown Visits Kōwhai

In the last week of Term 1, Kōwhai, Mrs Sole and Ms N went to the hall to see Max Brown, the New Zealand Olympian. The day he came was April 8th and on April 9th it was his birthday! The reason he came was because he wanted to tell Kōwhai about his life and not to give up.

First, Max Brown talked to Kōwhai about his life and some of the hard times he had experienced before. Next, the syndicate played a quiz in which somebody can win a frisbee if they can guess a sport that begins with the letter Max Brown says. If someone can say an athlete from New Zealand that does that sport, they can get double points. Lastly, some people got to ask questions that they had written down. Kōwhai learnt that even though some things might be hard, you have to keep trying to reach your goals.

By Nasha and Joanna

Room 14 Reporters

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# Consultation on draft Relationships and Sexuality Education framework now open

The draft framework for relationships and sexuality education (RSE) is open for feedback until 9 May. Below is information from the Ministry of Education.

Schools in New Zealand, like in many countries, teach relationships and sexuality education (RSE). It's really important that we get feedback on RSE from parents and communities, so that we can get this teaching and learning right for our young people.

RSE is part of the health and physical education learning area in The New Zealand Curriculum (2007). It aims to give children and young people the information they need to feel positive about themselves and equip them with the knowledge and confidence to make good choices. RSE includes learning about consent, puberty, healthy relationships and staying safe online. This part of the curriculum also supports mental, physical and emotional development.

Talking about RSE at home with your kids helps reinforce what they learn at school and deepens their understanding of themselves and others. Parents and caregivers may also want to have conversations with their children at home first before explicit teaching happens at school. That's why it is so important that we get this part of the curriculum right. As we refresh the curriculum content for the teaching of RSE, your voice really matters.

The consultation period is open from 11 April – 9 May 2025. We welcome you to have your say and share your expertise and insights on these very important topics.

You can read the draft RSE framework and have your say [here](#)

There will be further opportunities to have your say on RSE, with wider consultation on the full health and physical education learning area of The New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) planned to begin in Term 4, 2025.



## Home and School Committee

Boulcott School's Home and School Committee is a group of parents and caregivers who work to create events for our tamariki to enjoy and opportunities to raise funds for school resources and initiatives to help bridge the gap between the government funding our school receives.

This consists of funding school trips, additional classroom supplies, subsidising camp, sunscreen, the annual Avalon Park trip, and setting aside funds for a future playground upgrade.

To keep these activities at their current level we need to raise approximately \$21,000 a year. In term one, the Easter raffle, ice block Fridays and a sausage sizzle where held, which raised \$5,200 towards our annual fundraising goal.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

### **Next Meeting -**

The next Home and School meeting will be Monday 5 May (next Monday) at 7.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to join and share thoughts/ideas. If you'd like a copy of the agenda to see what we are planning to discuss, please email [homeschool@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:homeschool@boulcott.school.nz).

### **Pizza Orders -**

Thank you everyone for your pizza orders, pizza cards should be heading home Thursday with your eldest child. If they haven't received a pizza card and you have ordered and paid for their pizza please let us know ([homeschool@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:homeschool@boulcott.school.nz)).

### **Term 2 -**

Term 2 has had a busy start with both the pizza Friday trial and our cross country sausage sizzle.

Home and School turns 70 this term, and we're looking at running a family movie night in the hall to celebrate this achievement. More details will follow once we confirm what this will look like - this will be a free event for our families.

### **Payments -**

Currently we spend several hours reconciling payments. In an effort to make this simpler, we are moving to a standardised set of references. Next time you make a payment we'd appreciate if you could check the payment references you use match the details on the form - we're hoping this will make the process more efficient.

Many thanks

Home and School

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## Boulcott Broadcasters

Kahikatea Camp 2025

It was my turn. I was trembling with nerves and excitement in my stomach. The instructor called my name: "Next up!" She clipped the rope to me. I soared into the air, getting higher and further from the ground. Then she called, "Three, two, one!" At that moment, I had butterflies. I pulled the rope towards me — and I was free.

*By Ayva .O*



Our instructor called out "Here's your chance if you want to!" I looked into the dirty, deep, disgusting water and thought to myself... well you only get to do this once!

I started to stand up on my yellow and green kayak when all of a sudden KABOOM, SPLASH, YUCK! I tumbled into the murky water and my feet scrape against the pond weed as I fell overboard. I saw my pale blue crocs float past me, along with my kayak. I had to make a choice- my precious crocs or the camp's kayak. I made a quick, sensible decision and lunged for my boat. Luckily my friend collected my crocs and saved the day! The instructors said to look out for eels but they never mentioned the croc(odiles!).

*By Mackenzie. B*





## Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

**Mon, 5 May** - Home and School hui in the staffroom @ 7:15pm

**Wed, 7 May** - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 4 hosting

**Mon, 12 May** - Boulcott Cross Country Event. (PP date Wed, 14 May)

Board meeting in the staffroom @ 6pm

**Wed, 21 May** - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 13 hosting

**Mon, 26 May** - Closing date for ballot applications for out of zone students. Cohort 4 start school today

**Tue, 27 May** - Central Zone Cross Country

**Fri, 30 May** - Ballot draw for Out of Zone enrolments.

**Mon, 2 June** - King's Birthday - **School Closed**

**Wed, 4 June** - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 8 hosting

**Tue, 10 June** - Interzone Cross Country

**Wed, 18 June** - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Room 3 hosting

**Thur, 19 June** - Matariki Celebration TBC

**Fri, 20 June** - Matariki - **School Closed**

**Tue, 24 June** - Regional Cross Country. Hutt Fest TBC

**Thur, 26 June** - Last day of Term 2, school closes at 3pm.

**Fri, 27 June** - Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**

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# Community Notices

## ***St Bernard's College Open Day***

*St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 24 May 2025 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St*

*Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college.*

*For further information please see our website: [www.sbc.school.nz](http://www.sbc.school.nz)*

*or contact the office at:*

*183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250*

*Email: [office@sbcschool.nz](mailto:office@sbcschool.nz)*

## ***After school Art Classes***

*Hi, I'm Paula from Art-Tutor-NZ, and I fill the gap in your child's art experience with fun programmes, challenging techniques and fabulous final products that they will be proud to show to family and friends.*

*Contact me for available times and dates for Term 2.*

*027 414 3856 or via the contact me page on my website:*

*<https://art-tutor-nz.com>*

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# sKIDS Before and After School Care

Science Academy



**the SCIENCE ACADEMY**

Step into the lab with Professor Beaker for a wild science adventure!

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Get hands on with crazy experiments
- ✓ Make predictions and record your findings
- ✓ Earn stickers to track your progress

**CRAZY CHEMISTRY**  
Wednesday 14 May

**EDIBLE SCIENCE 101**  
Wednesday 21 May

**THE EARTH LAB**  
Wednesday 28 May

Get ready to **EXPLODE** with knowledge!  
SCAN TO BOOK NOW

**ADVENTURE PROGRAMME**

## Sports News



### Sports in Term 2

School this term with

We have another busy term of sports at Boulcott

- 6 Basketball Teams from Year 1 - 6
- 2 Year 5 & 6 Netball Teams
- 3 Year 5 & 6 Badminton Teams



- 1 Year 5 & 6 Water Polo Team

Thank you to all the parents who have put their hand up to help coach or manage a team. We really appreciate your support which allows us to be able to enter so many teams into the different competitions.

The draws for all of these teams will be emailed each week to the families and can also be found on our school website. Please be proactive to ensure you know when your child is playing.

## **Boulcott School Cross Country**

We will be running our annual school cross country on Monday 12th May (ppt) Friday 16th May.

Students are currently training at school and it is important they have appropriate footwear for their training sessions and on the day.

Students will have the option to run either competitive or non-competitive races. If students in Year 4 - 6 would like to progress through to the Central Zone Cross Country they will need to participate in the competitive event.

This year our Cross Country event will be run in two parts. We will run the Year 3 - 6 competitive races in Block 1 before having our usual break for morning tea (10:20 - 10:50). We will run the Year 3 - 6 non competitive event, and the Year 1 - 2 races in Block 2. We encourage you to come along to support the children with their races. Below is an ***approximate*** timetable for the day.

### **Year Group**

**Year 6**

**9:15**

**Year 5**

**9:30**

**Year 4**

**9:45**

**Year 3**

**10:00**

**Morning Tea 10:20 - 10:50**

## **Year 3-6**

### **Non competitive**

**11:00**

**Year 2**

**Year 1**

**11:10**

**11:20**

## **Event Course**

The Cross Country Track will involve a loop of inside the school followed up a block run down Ariki Street towards the walking Pou, down the back path and back up Boulcott Street.

We will start by the Kindergarten and end the race in the middle of the field.

## **Adult Helpers**

For us to be able to complete the block run we do need a number of adult helpers to be stationed around the course and at the finish line. If you are able to help on the day, please complete the google form:

<https://forms.gle/oSwKNGnDimfauXHC6>

## **Basketball in Schools**

We are lucky enough to be having some Saints Basketball players to come in on Tuesday 13th May to work with some Kowhai and Kahikatea students as part of the Basketball in Schools Programme. We will be in touch with families if this involves your child. Unfortunately spaces are limited

## **Upcoming events**

### **Central Zone Cross Country**

Tuesday 27th May (ppt) Thursday 29th May

@ Sladden Park

### **Interzone Cross Country**

Tuesday 10th June (ppt) Thursday 12 June

@ Trentham Park

### **Regional Cross Country**

Tuesday 24th June (ppt) Thursday 26th June

@ Harcourt Park

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## Thank you Road Patrollers

A pic of this yesterday's crew braving the elements!

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## Lost Property

Please label clothing and check out the lost property

Please remember to label your child's clothing for school. The lost property area is in the corridor outside the hall and Room 7, please have a look if there is anything belonging to your child. Named clothing will be returned.

Anything unclaimed will be donated to charity at the end of each Term.

Thank you for your support

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# Yummy Stickers

Thank you for collecting Yummy stickers!!

## YUMMY Fruit Stickers

You can start collecting yummy stickers at anytime! Please keep collecting if you can, place the Yummy stickers on sticker collection sheets (available from your classroom teacher) and bring them into school.

**Get your friends, family, neighbours collecting the Yummy Fruit Stickers to help out Boulcott School. Shop at your local New World, Pak 'n' Save, or participating Four Square stores.**

Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. One cut-out label is worth 10 Yummy stickers! Place the Yummy stickers on sticker collection sheets and bring them into school.

Our Yummy stickers will then be converted into a winning share of the \$200,000 sports prize pool from DG Sport.

\*Newsflash: There is now an addition to the Yummy family - Hailstone Hero apple bags. A wild spring storm hit the Hawkes Bay, damaging a significant amount of the apple crop with hail. Although these look funny, they still taste yummy. The official cut-out is not on these bags, but you can collect the round bar-code sticker as 10 points. These are Yummy apples but branded Hailstone Heroes and available in both New World and Pak 'n' Saves.

Sticker collection sheets - you can print them from the Yummy Fruit website:  
<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

So let's get munching!

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# 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 Day:

- Friday, 27 June - **School Closed**

### 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**
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