



Boulcott School

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What a fantastic Wellington weekend! I hope you managed to get out and enjoy the sunshine as much as I did. It was perfect for a bit of a refresh.

As I write this piece for our newsletter one thing on top for me and probably many of you is Budget 2025. As far as education is concerned budget highlights include substantial funding for learning support at all levels, 25 new satellite learning support classrooms, funding of ORS students on a demand driven basis, a boost to Teacher Aide hours, an increase in specialist support, and a substantial increase in the number of Learning Support Coordinators.

While this funding still falls short of meeting all our learning support needs, it will hopefully have a hugely positive impact.

During NZ Support Staff Week two weeks ago, our school community came together to acknowledge the vital contributions of our support team. Classes created heartfelt thank you letters for our Learning Support staff, our efficient Office and Admin team, and our ever-helpful Caretaker. We are so fortunate to have such warm, friendly, and dedicated individuals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to support our community and, most importantly, our tamariki. We concluded the week with a lovely morning tea as a small token of our immense gratitude.

Over the last two weeks, I have had the privilege of a few new experiences. The first of which was a visit to Waiwhetu Marae. I went along with Jodi and Jo from our school and 14 other local Principals and their leaders. Unfortunately, Molly and Brigit were on their Kura Ahurea course, otherwise they would have joined us too. The visit was largely around whanaungatanga and leadership. We were welcomed onto the marae and had the opportunity to listen to Matiu Tahi talk about the History of Te Atiawa settlement and have many of our questions answered by him. Including questions around Tikanga and kawa o Te Ati Awa - Understanding what this means for our individual contexts.

We had a korero around how schools can grow authentic relationships with Waiwhetu and contribute to the community and enrich our own communities. We also learned about the best way to connect with Waiwhetu and the Rūnanga when we need cultural advice, guidance and support with our kura. It was a fabulous visit and great to make such meaningful connections.

The amazing second experience I had was attending, with 4 other staff members, a 3 day course on Structured Literacy. This was an intense three days and I learned so much. It is a pedagogy (way we teach) which we introduced in the Junior classes in 2021. We have seen the benefit of this method of teaching and so now teachers in the Middle and Senior school are going to be implementing it in their classes. Structured Literacy ensures that all learners, including those who may find literacy challenging, receive a clear and sequential pathway to becoming confident readers and writers. It focuses on how the English language works, providing children with the tools to decode (read) and encode (write) words effectively. A really worthwhile 3 days!

Last week 12 principals from our local primary and intermediate schools visited Boulcott to see how we do things at our kura. Two of our student leaders, Eden and Arthur, did an awesome job of sharing with them what they love about their school. I was very proud of both of them. The Principals were amazed by our incredible Kapa haka group (they watched as our tamariki were practising), with one principal commenting *"The Kapa haka was one of the best I have felt. Seriously good!"*. The school leaders were also impressed with the lunchtime activities and resources we have on offer, and they enjoyed the artwork on display from our recent Tuakana Teina day. The whole visit reminded me of why I continue to love my job as Principal of this incredible school.

One part of the job that I don't enjoy so much is when we get complaints from our neighbours. I recently received one of these. The neighbour was upset, expressing that some parents are very problematic and causing real issues especially at afternoon pick up times. We've noticed a concerning trend in the afternoons with parking around the school, particularly with vehicles blocking driveways, parking on our berms, double parking, and stopping on yellow lines. This is creating a dangerous environment for our tamariki, especially in poor weather conditions. We understand the challenges of school pick-up, but the safety of our students must be our priority. We urge everyone to be considerate and thoughtful when parking to ensure the afternoon pick-up is safe for all. Over the next few weeks, you will see a variety of staff members outside school at 3pm wearing fluoro vests and taking photos of cars that are parking dangerously and illegally. These photos will be forwarded to the police for ticketing purposes. We don't want to wait until there is a tragedy, before we take action. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school, I did also mention to our visiting tumuaki about what a strongly supportive community we have here at Boulcott. Have a wonderful week.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott



Welcome to our New Students

Term 2 Week 5

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

Room 7 - Thinush

Room 9 - Aleksandar, Florence, Dhwani, Awhina, Ishanvi, Tharini, Thanvi

Room 13 - Ruwithi



Cheer Awards - Term 2 Week 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: Arshia, Yanika

Room 2: Hazel, Jacob

Room 3: Frank, Phoebe

Room 4: Mandy, Elinda

Room 5: Gabriel, Matilda

Room 6: Jack, Laura

Room 7: Cooper, Tanvir

Room 8: Freya, Liam

Room 9: Kensington, Janvi

Room 11: Zyne, Shivansh

Room 12: Darrika, Shanaea

Room 13: Fons, Hope

Room 14: Noah, Mila

Room 15: Maria, Lucas

Room 16: Orson, Finn

Te Ara Piki: Darcy



Kapa Haka

Update

"Aku Mahi" by Kohine Pōnika

This term, our HuttFest Performance Group has been learning the powerful waiata *Aku Mahi* by Kohine Pōnika.

This song is a celebration of the unique identity of Aotearoa and a reminder that the mahi we do today connects us with our ancestors. Through haka, poi, and waiata, we honour the traditions passed down through generations.

It's a great way for our tamariki to feel proud of who they are and where they come from.

To support learning at home, we've included the full lyrics and a video to help tamariki practise the actions. *(Please note: the people in the video are mirrored, so the actions may appear reversed – but they're still great for learning!)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxNwBkrnBDQ>

Ka mau te wehi, kapa haka rōpū!

"Aku Mahi" by Kohine Pōnika

Karanga, karanga, karanga, karanga ra,
Karanga Aotearoa e,
Ki ngā iwi o te motu e
Haere mai rā, haere mai rā, haere mai rā,
Ki aku mahi e

Tukua rā ngā kupenga
Kia haere ana ki waho e
Tōia mai, tōia mai, kumea mai
A tāua mahi e

Ka huri au hi, ka titiro
Ka huru au hi, ka whakarongo
Ka huru au hi, ka tahuri
Ki te awhi mai

I aku aha, i aku mahi,
o aku tīpuna e
Ka haka tēnā, ka poi tēnā
He mahi a ringaringa a e
Te hiki taku mere,
i taku taiaha
Te mana taku ihi e,
Pupuritia!

Takahia, takahia
Kia whakarono ai ngā iwi.
Pupuritia, pupuritia, pupuritia
A taua mahi e.

Ka huri au, ka titiro
Ka huru au, ka whakarongo
Ka huru au, ka tahuri
Ki te awhi mai....

....Ki aku aha?

Ki aku mahi o aku tīpuna e
Ka haka tēnā, ka poi tēnā
He mahi a ringaringa a e
Te hiki taku mere, i taku taiaha
Te mana taku ihi e,

Takahia, takahia
Kia whakaronono ai ngā iwi.
Pupuritia, pupuritia, pupuritia
A tāua mahi e.

Hi au-e hei!

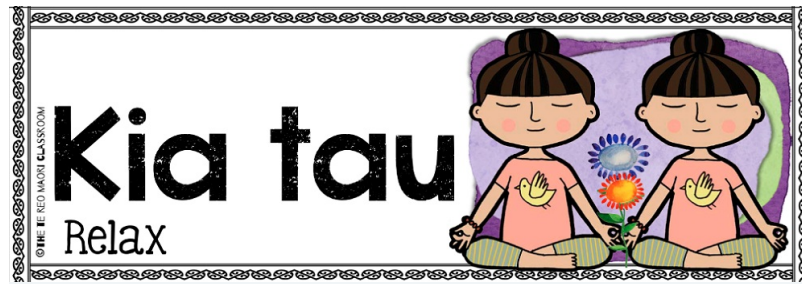


Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

Term 2 Week 5 & 6

This week's phrase is:

Week 5



Week 6



A close-up photograph showing a person's hand holding a small, rectangular piece of white paper. The paper has the words "I can't do it" written on it in a black, handwritten-style font. A pair of blue-handled scissors is positioned to cut the paper, with the blades already making a small incision. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray.

Thank you to

- Scott Fisher
- Nathan Dewes
- Dan Alkema
- Briar Turley
- Aaron Thomason
- Chad Briant
- Dean Scahill

Central Zone Cross Country

On Tuesday, 27 May nearly 40 Year 4 - 6 students went down to Sladden Park in Petone to run in the Central and South West Zone Cross Country. The weather forecast wasn't looking ideal with the chance of showers. However, Tuesday morning was fine and great conditions for running.

Our students were all feeling a little bit nervous as we got ourselves ready and this feeling only grew a bit more once we got to the park to see all the other schools there. Smiles turned to game face mode as each of the groups got called to the start line and the races for the day began. Those lucky enough not be running that race had voices on and our support crew was HUGE and very vocal!.

All our students ran extremely well and they should all be very proud of themselves regardless of their overall placing.

Students who placed in the top 20 will now advance through to the Interzone race at Trentham Memorial on Tuesday, 10 June (ppt) Thursday, 12 June.

Central Zone Cross Country Results

Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
Anya B (2)	Arie (2)	Amaris (3)	Cooper (1)	Eden (1)	Arthur C (3)
Annabelle C (3)	Hadley (10)	Charlee O (14)	Ahren (2)		Pat (6)
Valentina (16)	Noah E (23)	Mandy (22)	Julian (8)		Tiger (7)
Lucia (AWD)	Sahand (25)	Amelie D (24)	Michael (9)		Charlie (17)
			Flynn (13)		Harry (22)

Thank you to our parent helpers that came on the day. We really appreciate the time you gave up to support our team. Thank you also to the extra support crew of parents that popped in throughout the morning to cheer on the team. We love having you there to support the team and encourage everyone on. THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Basketball Term

Registrations for students wanting to playing basketball in Term 3 has been sent out and can be accessed below. **Everyone** wanting to play must register using the google form and registrations close on Friday, 6 June at 3pm.

Games are at Walter Nash.

Year 1 & 2 students play Friday afternoon/evenings

Year 3 & 4 students play Monday afternoon/evenings

Year 5 & 6 students play Thursday afternoon/evenings.

Google form: <https://forms.gle/XFKxBwfW7QpDNM7b7>

Upcoming events

- Basketball registrations close Friday, 6 June.
 - Interzone Cross County - Tuesday, 10 June (ppt) Thursday, 12 June.
 - Saints in Schools Thursday, 26 June Year 3 - 6.
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Tuākana Tēina Day

What is Tuākana Tēina Day?

On Friday, 16 May Room 1 and Room 5 got together for Tuākana Tēina Day! You may be asking, "What is Tuākana Tēina Day?" *Tuākana* *Tēina* translates to "Older/Younger." It also means that you can help someone if you have more

experience than them.

– *Jessica*

Tuākana Tēina Day is about learning from a more experienced person, such as an older sibling or parent. *Tuākana* means older or more experienced, and *tēina* means less experienced. That's why we met with our younger buddies in Room 5 – to have fun, to learn, and to create art about Matariki. Our artwork was about Hiwa-i-te-Rangi, the wishing star.

– *Paige*

On 16 May, Boulcott School celebrated Tuākana Tēina Day. *Tuākana* means older and *Tēina* means younger. The tuākana teaches the tēina how to do something – although the tēina might teach the tuākana something too! Room 1 and their buddy class did lots of cool things like an obstacle course and Matariki art.

– *Michael*

Tuākana Tēina Day is a day where everyone works together. We show our CHEER values, like being kind and helping each other. The purpose of Tuākana Tēina Day is for the whole school to work with their buddies and create Matariki art together. It was also Pink Shirt Day, so everyone was being kind, caring, and helpful across the school. This was the first time Boulcott School has had a Tuākana Tēina Day, so it was something new – but we gave it a go, and we were proud of how we tried something different.

– *Charlee*





School Garden Project Success

In Term One, Brigit Scahill successfully won a nationally run competition with *The Gas Hub*, securing a partnership to help build a school garden. We are proud to be the **first school in**

New Zealand to win this competition!

You may have noticed the large garden beds flourishing with vegetables outside Room 11. This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the power of collaboration and community spirit.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to H'lana and Michael Nolan for their generous donation of two fruit trees and additional seedlings. Special thanks also to Monique Rei for her support and for blessing the garden beds before planting began.

In the coming weeks, Brigit will be sharing a video that was filmed as part of the project. Keep an eye out—it may even appear on *The Gas Hub's* Facebook page soon!



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

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 12 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 - school open from 7:20am.

Fri, 20 June - Matariki Public Holiday - **School Closed.**

Tue, 24 June - Regional Cross Country.

Wed, 25 June - HuttFest - Walter Nash Stadium from 3pm-5pm.

Thurs, 26 June (please note change of day) - Assembly 2:10pm in the school hall - Student Leaders hosting.

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

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

Mon, 14 July - First day of Term 3 - school starts at 8:55am.



Reminder - Teacher only Day

Friday, 27 June

Reminder: There is a Teacher Only Day on the last day of this term - Friday, 27 June. Staff will be undertaking MoE PLD on the refreshed Mathematics curriculum.

Many thanks for your support.



Whānau Rōpū

Matariki Celebration!

Please join us from 7:20am on **Thursday, 19 June (Week 8)** for a special Matariki Celebration!

This is a highlight of the school year, and a great community event!

A chance to share whanaungatanga and manaakitanga, see our tamariki shine while they run the ceremony, and celebrate the growth of our reo/language, tikanga/traditions as well as honouring our tipuna/ancestors.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou! Mānawatia a Matariki!

Please RSVP by filling out the google form.

<https://forms.gle/BjbHS46mK8VFVXtcA>

School Hoodie Fundraiser!

Thank you to all of those who ordered a hoodie. These have all been handed out now and are being worn proudly around the school.

Kapahaka Sewing Bee!

Huge thank you to all of our helpers that came on Sunday afternoon to help get some Kapahaka Kakahu and Rapaki made! It was a very successful session!

HuttFest Performance Date - Wednesday, 25 June at 3pm, Walter Nash Stadium.



Home and School Committee

School Gala 2026

We will be having a school Gala early in 2026. While we are still working out the plans, please follow the link below to have your say

here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsaiNZOXbwVDb_X3fpyFGeCGD_5RfWSg9Qy5Uqlw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=109180741610604209533

We would appreciate it if you could save any good quality, used kids clothing and toys to donate to our clothes and toy stalls. We will be running some donation times later in the year once we have sorted out storage for the donations.

We'll also be collecting empty jars, excess fruit to make into chutney and preserves and books.

Any questions or thoughts, email gala@boulcott.school.nz

Many thanks for your support

Home and School Committee

sKids Before and After School Care



sKids is proud to run the 'Adventure Program' at their before and after school care services. The Adventure Program is an industry leading framework designed to nurture children's potential through **play**.

Play-based learning fosters children's growth and wellbeing and is a fundamental right of a child. Through play, children can learn to express themselves, learn how to interact with others and reach key developmental milestones, all whilst playing and having fun with friends!

Kids can kick start their day at the '**Rise then Shine**' morning program which offers energising activities and a nutritious breakfast to set kids up for a positive start to their school day.

Why not continue the fun after school at the '**Stay and Play**' afternoon program where children can participate in fun activities, build close friendships and wind down after a busy day at school.

Whether they're getting active with 'Super Sports' or solving puzzles with 'Brain Boosters', sKids' adventures enable kids to do what they love and discover new interests!

Visit the sKids website to learn more about their before and after school care program.

Link: https://www.skids.co.nz/before-school-after-school/?utm_campaign=102_HHN_BRA_LEARN_DIGITAL_TOOL_KIT_TERM_2-awareness&utm_source=school-website&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=school-website-before-after-school-program&utm_keyword=school-website-before-after-school-program



Launchpad

Launchpad Champions (formerly Bible in Schools) meet in Room 15 on Friday mornings 8am-8:30am.

We have just completed our "Helping Others" Unit.

Interested in finding out more?... Come and join us!

Launchpad Champions (formerly Bible in Schools) meets in
Room 15 on Friday mornings 8am-8:30am.



Last week we looked at how we can help those around us?

We played a live-game version of "Guess Who?" and acted out a story that encouraged us to think about finding out about a person before deciding what sort of person they are.

Launchpad is a fun 30-minute lesson that presents tamariki with positive values and aims to grow their sense of mana, self-worth and character through games, stories, drama, workbooks and crafts.

This [link](#) gives more information about the programme.

If your child would like to opt-in to this programme please go to this [link](#) to enable your tamariki to be added.

We'd love to have them join us!!

You can also check out [Launchpad Plus](#), an online link to short 5 minute videos touching on a range of positive values including respect, kindness and honesty.

Penny and Mrs Cody



Community Notices



School in Action

Hutt Intermediate School welcomes parents/caregivers and Year 6 students to attend guided tours of our school.

These tours allow for authentic experiences showing life at Hutt Intermediate. Tour dates and times are below.

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Friday 6 June 2025

Tuesday 10 June 2025

All welcome between 9:30am - 10:30am – No booking necessary.



PROGRAMME

MONDAY 07 JULY - SPAIN

Today we're off to sunny Spain! We'll design and make our very own colourful Spanish fans (*éventails*). Then, head to the kitchen to bake some delicious Jam Shortbread Cookies (*Sablés à la confiture*) – sweet, crumbly, and fun to decorate!

TUESDAY 08 JULY - BELGIUM

Say *bonjour* to Belgium! We'll make a cool 2D version of the Atomium – a famous building shaped like atoms! After that, we'll chop up a rainbow of fruit and make a yummy "*Salade de fruits*" to enjoy together.

WEDNESDAY 09 JULY - THE NETHERLANDS

Let's visit Holland! We'll create colourful tulip flowers field using fun art techniques. Then it's time to bake a St Tropez-style Pound Cake (*Quatre-quarts*) – soft, buttery, and perfect for afternoon tea.

THURSDAY 10 JULY - SWITZERLAND

Today we head to the mountains of Switzerland! Make your own paper elderflower – a flower found in the Swiss countryside. After that, bake some yummy *Muffins au chocolat* – so good!

FRIDAY 11 JULY - FRANCE

Vive la France! Draw and decorate your very own *Tour Eiffel* - (Eiffel Tower) out of craft materials. Then finish the week with a traditional *Far Breton* – a soft, custardy cake with prunes. Bon appétit!



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!



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.



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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For your continued support of our school community

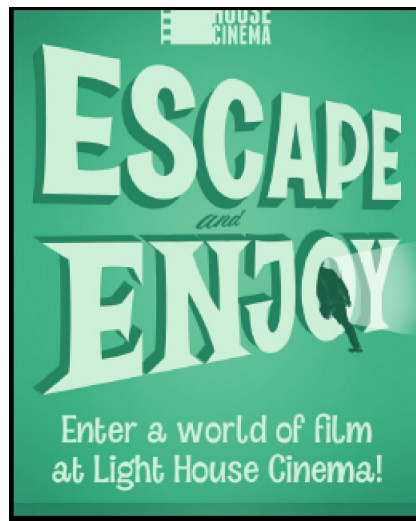
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