



Boulcott School

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It certainly feels like the seasons have shifted over the last few weeks, from Autumn into Winter with the incredible storms we experienced in Week 1 this term, and now this week the sun is out again - which was wonderful and perfectly timed for our Cross Country day on Monday. I felt so proud of so many of our children giving it their all as they ran their best race!!! Lovely to see so many of you who were able to pop into school to watch them run.

Winter however is definitely knocking at our door here in Lower Hutt and

as the days get cooler, please ensure your tamariki are coming to school dressed warmly. Layers are always a great idea, and a waterproof jacket will be essential for those drizzly Wellington days. Let's keep everyone healthy and comfortable so they can focus on their learning.



The previous weekend the Minister of Education announced a new '[Parent Portal](#)', a website intended to help parents support the educational journey of their child/ren. It contains summaries of the new Maths and English curricula for each year level, ideas for how to support learning at home and ideas for engaging in 'parent/teacher interviews'. I'd encourage you to have a look, and to see what is useful there.

You'll see some positive shifts in our Maths and Literacy lessons this year, thanks to updates in the New Zealand Curriculum. Our teachers have been working hard to understand these changes and plan how they'll enhance learning at Boulcott School. We'll be building on the strong teaching we already have, thoughtfully adding new ideas from the curriculum to ensure your children continue to receive a fantastic education.

As part of their professional development, our teachers have been videoing themselves and sharing it with a colleague and discussing with them what they are noticing. This is all part of our whole school focus on Assessment for Learning.

"What is Assessment for Learning?" , I hear you ask.

A.F.L. or Assessment for Learning is best described as a process by which assessment information is used by teachers to adjust their teaching strategies, and used by students to adjust their learning strategies. It must be underpinned by the utmost confidence that every learner can improve, and we teachers are learners too - life-long learners. Hence the need for us as teachers to be continually undertaking professional development.

So remember, next time rather than just asking your children how their day was, try asking them what they have learned today.

The photo on the front page is all about our

Community Readers Programme Launched at Boulcott School

This week, we proudly launched our *Community Readers* programme at Boulcott School. Members of our wider community—including grandparents, neighbours, and residents from Summerset—are now coming into school to read one-on-one with our students.

The initiative has had a fantastic start, with both children and adults buzzing with enthusiasm. It's been heartwarming to see the beginnings of meaningful connections and beautiful relationships forming.

If you're part of our extended community and would like to get involved in Term 3, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact either

Lisa Hassell at lisa_hassell@boulcott.school.nz or

Jodi Mitchell at jodi_mitchell@boulcott.co.nz to express your interest.

The front of our school is looking much smarter now, thanks to our caretaker Dean working alongside some fabulous parents: Chloe L's dad, Grant who brought his digger over to help clear a couple of garden strips, and Lorenzo N's mum, H'lana who generously donated lots of plants for the front entrance and also some fruit trees for our planned orchard. Check out our next newsletter for photos and article about the garden prize from the Gas Hub team which the lovely Mrs Scahill won for our school and was installed last week.

Keep your eyes out too for something new which will be added to the Junior courts over the next couple of weekends. Very exciting.....

As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott



Welcome to our New Student

Term 2 Week 3

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

Room 2 - Harrell



Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

Term 2 Week 3 & 4

This week's phrase is:

Week 3



Week 4





Board News

Board update: The Board had its first meeting for Term 2 on 12 May 2025

Structured literacy success!

Like many in the school community, we were thrilled to see Boulcott's success as an early adopter of Structured Literacy publicly

acknowledged by the Minister of Education Hon. Erica Stanford, when she visited alongside Hon Chris Bishop MP, to announce a new policy on 28 April. Five years ago teachers Fiona Ranchod and Karen Clements gave a presentation to the Board highlighting the evidence-based benefits of Structured Literacy (as compared to other methods that lack evidence), and seeking Board funding for materials and training to implement it. We resolved back then to put Board funds towards the initiative, making Boulcott a leader. This has definitely paid off as the data suggests and since this approach to literacy is now Government funded and rolled out to all schools in New Zealand. Thank you to our teaching and school leadership team for suggesting and then implementing the programme, and lifting literacy levels - which made the national news!

Home and School: planning for the future playground together

Hana and Natalia from the Home and School Committee joined us for the first part of the meeting to discuss how we can work together on a plan for upgrading the playground. Both the Board and HSC have had a long-standing plan to replace equipment and upgrade the playground in the future. This will require cooperation, planning and fundraising, so we are starting our discussions early. Watch out for an update email soon on this topic.

Learning support update

Jodi Mitchell provided an in-depth presentation on Boulcott's Learning Support function, the diverse needs and funding streams we have. The Board is committed to ensuring students of all abilities have access to opportunities and are supported, so it was good to get the latest data on the Learning Support programme.

Whānau Roopu

We also had a visit from Jodi Attewell representing the Whānau Roopu, as we plan for Matariki and HuttFest. The team are looking for volunteers to help either the evening before, or early morning of the Matariki celebration on Thursday, 19 June.

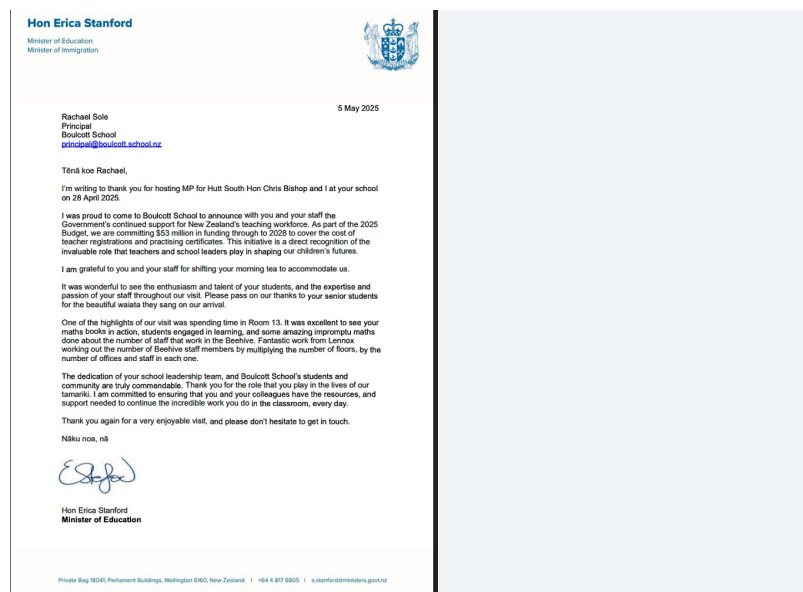
Welcome to new staff and new roles

We welcome Laura Clark, a new Teacher Aide, joining in Week 4. We also wish Donna all the best in her new role as the friendly face at the front desk in the office.

Centenary 2028

Boulcott's centenary is coming up in 2028 and we discussed how we can plan for a celebration of this milestone and involve alumni and current students.

Letter of thanks from Hon Erica Stanford





Cheer Awards - Term 2 Week 2

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: Paige, Arthur

Room 2: Kassia, Anouk

Room 3: Charlie, Petra

Room 4: Mackenzie, Pat

Room 5: Mia, Logan

Room 6: Aisha, Maggie

Room 7: Ziya, Kylin

Room 8: Chloe, Amari-Wilde

Room 9: Zara, Lucy, Muhammad

Room 11: Elle, Lorenzo

Room 12: Octavia, Noah

Room 13: Annabelle, Annabella

Room 14: Jimmy, Charles

Room 15: Kaashika, Nirayla

Room 16: Isabelle, Hadley

Te Ara Piki: Sadik

supporters were amazing and to top it all off ALL our students were SENSATIONAL.

To see all our runners showing some great determination, focus and perseverance was incredible. We are all very proud of them and they should all be very proud of their achievements as well.

Below are the results from the day.

Boulcott School Cross Country

	Year 1 Girls	Year 1 Boys	Year 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
1	Kylin S - Rm 7	Isaac S - Rm 7	Mia C - Rm 5	Jimmy B W - Rm 6	Annabella M - Rm 13	Theo S - Rm 13
2	Chloe L - Rm 8	Hudson K - Rm 8	Quinn R - Rm 5	Theo F - Rm 5	Brooklyn S - Rm 15	River S C - Rm 14
3	Maggie P - Rm 8	Brody T - Rm 8	Ellie A - Rm 11	Connor S - Rm 11	Tia M - Rm 16	Brynn W - Rm 14
4	Jocelyn L - Rm 8	Liam S - Rm 8	Nora B - Rm 11	Nathaniel C - Rm 6	Lily A - Rm 15	Fons B - Rm 13
5	Angel R - Rm 7	Jayden G - Rm 9	Goldie F - Rm 5	Liam R - Rm 6	Arabella H - Rm 13	William R - Rm 13
	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1	Anya B - Rm 12	Aria A - Rm 13	Amaris U - Rm4	Cooper W - Rm1	Eden M - Rm 2	Arthur C - Rm3
2	Annabelle C - Rm 13	Hadley J - Rm 16	Aurora S - Rm3	Ahren R - Rm3	Alice C - Rm1	Tiger SC - Rm4
3	Lily F - Rm 12	Noah E - Rm 14	Charlee O - Rm1	Julian E - Rm4	Mackenzie B - Rm4	Pat S - Rm4
4	Valentina PA - Rm 16	Sahand A - Rm 12	Amelie DNC - Rm 3	Michael R - Rm1	Yanika S - Rm1	Charlie T - Rm3

5	Julia A - Rm 15	Lenny F - Rm 15	Mandy L - Rm4	Flynn S - Rm3	Gracie I - Rm3	Harry J - Rm 3
6	Lucia KS - Rm 15	Noah S - Rm 12	Maddie I - Rm2	Zaidan B - Rm 2	Frankie W - Rm3	Phillip Z - Rm 3
7	Morgan T - Rm 15	Max Z - Rm 15	Olive B - Rm 4	Dhruv P - Rm2	Elinda V - Rm4	Sam C - Rm 2
8	Quinn L - Rm 14	Samuel W - Rm 15	Matilda W - Rm4	Ronan C - Rm3	Elizabeth T - Rm2	Matine B - Rm 1
9	Shanaea S - Rm 12	Orson H - Rm 16	Florence M - Rm1	Basil G - Rm 4	Mia M - Rm3	Hunter L - Rm 2
10	Millie B - Rm 13	Jordan L - Rm 16	Darcy M - Rm4	Frank B - Rm3	Afna R - Rm3	Arthur B - Rm1

A special shout out to the parent helpers that helped marshal throughout the day. Your help was invaluable and we really appreciate your support on the day. Also thank you to everyone who managed to pop in throughout the day to cheer on our students. Your support is also very much appreciated.

Central Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the Year 4 - 6 students who ran in the competitive races and who have progressed through to the Central and South West Zone races on Tuesday, 27 May.

Central Zone Cross Country

Year 4 Girls Year 4 Boys Year 5 Girls

Anya B - 12

Annabelle C- 13	Arie A- 13	Amaris U- 4
Lily F- 12	Hadley J- 16	Aurora S- 3
Valentina PA - 16	Noah E- 14	Charlee O- 1
Julia A- 15	Sahand A- 12	Amelie DNC- 3
Morgan T- 15	Lenny F- 15	Mandy L - 4
Quinn L- 14	Noah S- 12	Maddie I- 2
Shanaea S- 12	Max Z- 15	Olive B- 4
	Samuel W- 15	Matilda W- 4

AWD - Lucia KS - 15

Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
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Cooper W- 1		Arthur C- 3
Ahren R- 3		Tiger SC - 4
Julian E- 4	Eden M- 2	Pat S- 4
Michael R- 1	Alice C- 1	Charlie T- 3
Flynn S- 3	Mackenzie B- 4	Harry J- 3
Zaiden B- 2	Yanika S- 1	Phillip Z- 2
Dhurv P- 2		Sam C- 2
Ronan C- 3		Matine B- 1

Saints Basketballers

We were very lucky to have 2 Saints Basketball players come into school on Tuesday and work with some of our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 students. They were put through their paces and learnt some valuable basketball skills from the experts. All those that were involved had an amazing time and will take something away that they can start to put into their own games.

Thank you to the Basketball In Schools Programme that provide this opportunity for our students.



Whānau Rōpū

Matariki Dawn Ceremony

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/BjbHS46mK8VFXtcA>

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



Events and Important Dates

Coming up!

Tues, 20 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 - 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.

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.

Winter Sickness

Just a reminder with winter approaching we can have an increase in sickness. If you think your child is unwell please keep them at home.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting - A child should stay home from school for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. This is to prevent further spreading.

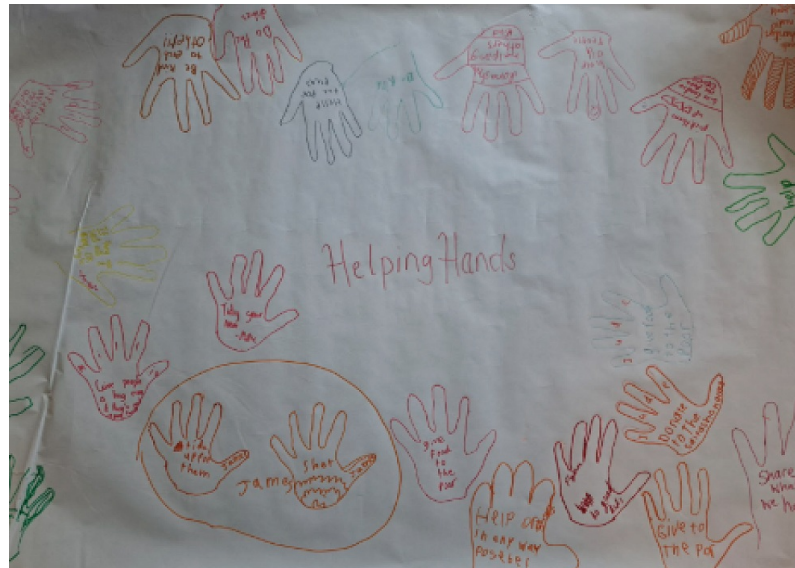


Launchpad

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

The start of another Term and the start of a new Series at Launchpad!

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



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

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



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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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!



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

or contact the office at:

183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250

Email: office@sbcschool.nz




Hi, I'm Cory – your local real estate agent with strong ties to the Hutt Valley and Boulcott School.

My wife Claire teaches at Boulcott, and we have two kids attending, so supporting the school community means a lot to us.

Special 2025 Promotion:
List and sell your property with me, and I'll donate \$300 to Boulcott School after settlement.

Thinking of selling or just curious about your home's value? I'm happy to offer a free, no-obligation appraisal.

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Parenting in the Digital Era



WELLINGTON
ONE NIGHT ONLY



Practical solutions to protect kids from online harm | For parents of kids 4-13+

Join us for an essential session on creating a safe online experience for your child. Led by Jo Robertson, you'll explore the online world that kids navigate today, identifying potential risks and strategies for addressing them.

The workshop will cover harmful content, exploitation, popular apps and filters. Evidence-based and expert led, you'll leave with strategies on how to prevent and respond to harm, to keep your child safe.

Jo Robertson is a therapist holding a Master of Science in Medicine, specializing in the effects of online sexual content. Jo has years of experience delivering sexual health education to professionals, parents, caregivers, and young people. Jo has presented a TEDx talk, and continues to speak globally on topics related to youth, sexual culture, and media influences.

Thursday 22 May
Meow Nui, Vivian St, 7.30pm

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for registration and more details

Monday - Thursday 9am-5pm
Khandallah Presbyterian Church

Friday 9am - 9pm (3 shows!)
Hutt City Church

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