



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 2 Week 9



Principal's Message

Principal — June 22nd, 2025

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A Heartfelt Ngā Mihi for our Stunning Matariki Celebration!

Last Thursday, our school community gathered for a truly special Matariki celebration, a wonderful event that brought us all together to welcome the Māori New Year. It was a cherished time for remembrance, reflecting on the past year, and looking forward with hope. Our tamariki Māori read their parts with such grace and beauty in Te Reo, a highlight for all.



The event was organised superbly well, a testament to incredible collaboration! We extend our deepest gratitude to our **Whānau Rōpū** for their tireless hard work in preparing the children, the delicious food, and the moving ceremony itself. To the many parents that helped with food prep and clean up - ngā mihi nui. A huge thank you must go to our dedicated caretaker, **Mr Scahill**, for his invaluable help in setting everything up.



A big shout out also to **Miss Weaver** for her outstanding work with the waiata, and to both **Miss Weaver and Mrs Scahill** for their seamless liaison with the Whānau Rōpū and Home and School Committee. Well done to all the children who performed and spoke so confidently in Te Reo. Finally, thank you to all our teachers and students for the amazing artwork that transformed our corridor, setting such a magical scene. Your collective mahi made this a truly memorable occasion for everyone!

Speaking of Miss Weaver, we wish her *Bon Voyage and Safe Travels* as she embarks on her BIG OE (overseas experience) where she is taking in the sights of the US, the UK and Europe for 8 weeks of next term (leaving on Saturday). She will be back in Ruma Tahi by the start of Week 8 of Term 3. Please make the most of every opportunity Miss Weaver, and send us lots of photos!

Today your child will be bringing home their Mid-year School Report, so don't forget to check their school bags.

Student Learning Conversations (a.k.a. Parent /Teacher Interviews) will be held on **Tuesday, 22 July 2:40 - 6:00pm and Thursday, 24 July 3:20 - 5:30pm**. (Please note, the 2:40 - 3:10pm slots on Tuesday are only available to parents of students in Years 5 and 6 due to larger class sizes at this level. For all other year groups the times on Tuesday, 22 starts at 3:20pm).

A final reminder that **School will be closed this Friday, 27 June**. Our staff will be engaging in professional development on the refreshed Mathematics curriculum, as provided by the Ministry of Education, to ensure we continue to deliver high-quality learning experiences for your children.

We would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, 14 July.

Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support,

from Rachael and the team at Boulcott.



Kiwaha o te Wiki 2025

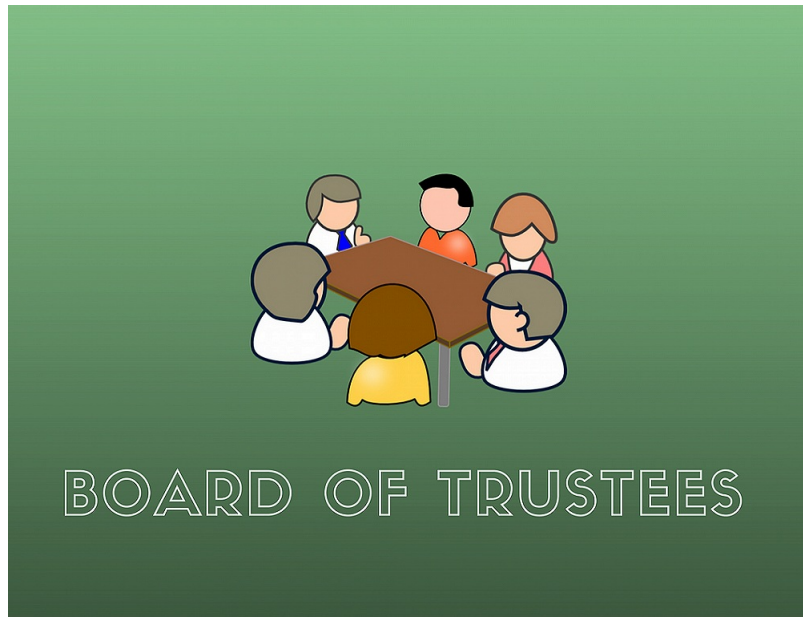
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Term 2 Week 9

This week's phrase is:

Wiki tuaiwa - Week 9





Board News

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Board Elections:

Have you considered standing for election to be a parent trustee?

This is a great opportunity to be involved in the governance of your child's school. It is incredibly rewarding work.

To find out more information about being a parent trustee, please feel free to discuss what the role involves with any of the current Board, come along to one of our Board Meetings, you will be most welcome, and/or

visit [Become a board member | School Board Elections](#)

Our current Board Parent Trustees are Jacqui Isaac, Margie Bargh, Andreas Heuser, Wendy Dewes.

Board Election Timetable

- 18 July - Call for nominations
- 6 August - Nominations close
- 13 August - Voting papers issued
- 10 September - Election Day
- 16 September - Votes counted
- 17 September - New Board takes Office

Keep an eye out in the school newsletter and emails for when we call for **nominations on 18 July**.

2026-2028 Strategic Plan/Information session

The Board and Rachael are currently in the early stages of creating and planning the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan for the School. Right now we are in the community consultation phase and we want to hear any ideas that you may have. On **Thursday, 24 July** (same day as the parent teacher interviews) some of the current Board will be in the staffroom where you can come and discuss any ideas you may have. Don't worry if you can't make this, there will be plenty more opportunities to share your thoughts.

Afterwards from 5:30pm we will have an information session on becoming a Board member where you can ask us any questions and get a general feel for what it will be like to be on the Board. We will send a reminder about this closer to the time.



Cheer Awards - Term 2 Week 8

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: Jessica, Daniel

Room 2: Dhruv, Harrell

Room 3: Anvit, Harry

Room 4: Kaleb, Bella

Room 5: Jayden, Yanira

Room 6: Nyzel, Arlo

Room 7: Olivia, Thinush

Room 8: Debangshu, Kaylee

Room 9: Florence, Aleksandar

Room 11: Fina, Zane

Room 12: Clarence, Marley

Room 13: Braxly, Kobe

Room 14: Mileena, Philip

Room 15: Morgan, Samuel

Room 16: Tia, Ryan

Te Ara Piki: Malakai



Boulcott Broadcasters

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Matariki writing from students

Matariki

Matariki is a celebration of the stars of Matariki. Every year, Boulcott School has a big festival where there's food, singing, eating and talking.

When people walked in through the hallway, they saw a bunch of lights and buddy art along the walls. A couple of months back, there was a day called 'Tuākana Teina Day' where Boulcott School had a whole day with their Buddy Class to celebrate learning together. We created artwork based on Matariki or the different whetū (stars), and decorated our school.

Big shoutout to Mr Scahill, who hung up all the beautiful, bright, glowing lights.

When we walked further down the hallway, we saw Senior helpers supporting all the people with where to go. While people walk down the hallway, there is a wall called the Pohutukawa Wall, where you write down the names of loved ones who have sadly passed away.

Finally, you go outside to the Matariki Festival. You see a bunch of people lining up to toast marshmallows on the campfires. At the start of the ceremony, many students from Boulcott School came up on stage, performed a karakia for all the stars of Matariki, and sang waiata. Me included!

Afterwards, we shared kai together. There was a bunch of fruit like oranges, apples, bananas, and in seconds, all of the chocolate muffins were gone! The blueberry ones were gone a couple of minutes after.

Even though it was cold and raining, the spirits were high! Our Matariki ceremony made me feel happy inside. I was proud to be up on stage singing to all the whānau of Boulcott.

Mānawatia a Matariki!

By Daniel (Room 1).

At Matariki I went to the fire pit to get a marshmallow stick. I also got a sausage. I was with my Dad and Leo. We saw kids on the stage. I went to get some plants at the end. Matariki at Boulcott was everything! It was so fun and exciting.

By Lorenzo - Room 11.

At Matariki my Mum and Dad took me early to school. We walked inside and saw lots of art. I sat under the umbrella for the ceremony. I had a marshmallow stick, a muffin, and a sausage sizzle. Matariki at Boulcott was great, but also very special.

By Isobel - Room 11.



Smart Watches

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We have a few children across the school who wear a Spacetalk watch or other type of smart watch to school for communicating with whānau at pick up time.

If your child wears a smart watch please ensure that it is set to school mode from 8:55am through to 3pm. If you need to contact your child during the school day this needs to be done through the school office.

If a child's teacher notices a smart watch is causing distraction or is not on school mode the child may be asked to put it away in their school bag or give it to their teacher for safe keeping for the rest of the day.



Sports News

Margaret Presland — June 24th, 2025

Regional Cross Country

On Tuesday, 24 June we had 11 students attend the Regional Cross Country to put themselves up against the other top runners from the wider Wellington Region. Our runners performed so well and put Boulcott School on the map with some outstanding performances.

Lucia - 2nd AWD runner and 1st girl.

Anyia - 3rd Year 4 Girl

Cooper - 1st Year 5 Boy

Eden - 2nd Year 6 Girl

Arthur C - 9th Year 6 Boy

Congratulations to everyone who ran and did their best including

Annabelle

Amaris

Michael

Ahren

Pat

Tiger

We are all so proud of your achievements.

Thank you to the parents and supporters who took them up to the event.

Sports Term 2

Congratulations to all our teams that have played throughout Term 2. We have had

- 6 basketball teams from Year 1 - 6
- 3 Year 5 & 6 badminton teams
- 1 Year 5 & 6 water polo team
- 2 Year 5 & 6 Netball teams

Each team have shown up each week, showing great teamwork and continuing to develop their skills.

Thank you so much to the coaches, managers, supporters and everyone that continues to help make provide these sporting opportunities for our students.

Term 3 Sports

Team lists and information sheets for the following sports have recently been sent out.

Basketball Year 1 - 6

Water polo Year 5 & 6

Badminton registration for Year 5 & 6 have been sent out and registrations need to be completed by Monday, 14 July.

Basketball in Schools

We were lucky enough to have The Wellington Saints Basketball players come in to teach some of our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 students. The students had a great time learning new skills and putting these into practice. Thank you so much for the Basketball in Schools programme for coming to Boulcott School.



Whānau Rōpū

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Mānawatia a Matariki!

A huge mihi to those of you who braved the weather to help celebrate Matariki last Thursday. It was a successful Matariki Celebration - with over 300 people turning up to watch our tamariki lead a hautapu ceremony and sing waiata before partaking in a beautiful breakfast. Finished off with toasting marshmallows over our 9 matariki braziers on the field, and Hot Chocolates!

We want to acknowledge the many helpers who made our event possible:

Our tamariki who performed the hautapu ceremony, along with the rest of our school who created the artwork that adorned the hallway

Whānau Rōpū members

Home and School Committee members

Boulcott School staff

Kylie Allison-Miller (Bagpipes)

Blake Taylor-Menzies from Camelspace Scaffolding for our awesome stage set-up

Linton, Murray and crew from Hutt Valley Rotary

Rob Swiney from Turners and Growers for our fresh fruit

Hardy St Quality Meats in Waterloo for our sausages

Mānawatia a Matariki!



Home and School Committee

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Pizza Friday/Disco/Gala 2026

Gala

We will be having a school Gala early in 2026. While we are still working out the plans (have your say here), we would appreciate it if you could save any good-quality used children's clothing and toys to donate to our clothes and toy stalls. Once we have sorted out the storage of donations, we will run some donation times later in the year.

We'll also collect empty jars and excess fruit to make into chutney and preserves.

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

Pizza Friday

We are so grateful for the support of Pizza Fridays, and we will be running it again in Term 3. We are accepting orders from now until Friday, July 18.

The order form includes detailed information, so please complete it and make payment using **the correct references for easy reconciliation**.

<https://forms.gle/3j3Vnv6mUuYRiGTt6>

Disco

Save the date for the annual Boulcott School Disco!

Friday 1st August at Knox Church Hall

A Google form for purchasing tickets will be sent out in early Term 3.



Reminder - Teacher Only Day

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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.



School Calendar 2025/2026 Dates

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Term Dates and Public Holidays

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 Day:

- Friday, 27 June - **School Closed**
- Friday, 5 September - **School Closed**

Public Holidays 2025:

- Monday, 27 October: Labour Day - **School Closed**

Term Dates - 2026

Term 1: Monday, 2 February - Thursday, 2 April

Term 2: Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

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

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

Term 3

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

- cohort 5 starts

Tues, 22 July - Student Learning Conversations, Home and School Committee meeting in the staffroom 7pm

Wed, 23 July - Assembly 2:10pm - Room 6 hosting

Thurs, 24 July - Student Learning Conversations, Information session with the current Board about Board Elections - 5:30pm in the staffroom

Fri, 1 August - School disco- Knox Church Hall

Mon, 4 August - Book Week, Board Meeting - 6pm in the staffroom

Wed, 6 August - Assembly 2:10pm - Room 9 & 10 hosting.

Mon, 18 August - Cohort 6 starts

Wed, 20 August - Assembly 2:10pm Room 8 hosting

Mon, 1 September - Board Meeting - 6pm in the staffroom

Wed, 3 September - Assembly 2:10pm - Room 1 hosting

Fri, 5 September - Teacher Only Day - school closed

Tues, 16 September - Girl's Futsal Tournament at Walter Nash

Wed, 17 September - Assembly 2:10pm - Student Leaders hosting



Community Notices

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Yummy Stickers

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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!

Adult scarf found!

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We have a lovely warm scarf handed in after our Matariki celebrations, please collect from the office if this belongs to you.



Lost Property

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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.

Boulcott School wishes to thank all our sponsors

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