



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 3 Week 3



Principal's Message

Principal — July 30th, 2025

Kia ora koutou, Guten tag, Bula, Nǐ hǎo, Mingalaba, Namaste, Sàwàtdee, Hallo, As-salām 'alaykum, Min-ga-la-ba, nǐn hǎo, Néih hóu, Konnichiwa, Chôm rab suôr, Tālofa, Hola!, Kumusta, Vaṇakkam, Mālō e lelei, Bonjour, Kia orana, Xin chào and

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Kia ora e te whānau,

It was lovely to see so many of you come into school last week for our second set of Student Learning Conferences (Parent and Teacher interviews). I am pleased to report that we had nearly 90% come in for a conversation either last week or very recently. These hui are invaluable opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school. They allow us to collaboratively discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and plan next steps to ensure they thrive. Your insights are essential for their success.

Yesterday we welcomed new whānau to our school at our Mihi Whakatau ceremony. I was so proud of our students who performed through karanga, waiata and haka and those who spoke in Te Reo on our behalf. Thank you to Matua Scott Fisher who spoke on behalf of the manuhiri (our new families/ visitors) and Matua Riki Corley who spoke on behalf of tangata whenua (our community).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Home and School Committee for funding the purchase of 75 polo shirts (as in the photo above). These are for students to wear when they are outside representing our school e.g. choir performances at Summerset, performances on stage, quiz competitions, Student Leaders etc. They look super smart and we have purchased these in a variety of sizes in navy blue with our school logo.

Thank you also to the 115 of you who responded to our end of year prize-giving ceremony. Based on your feedback we have a new proposal which the board are going to be looking at during our Board meeting next week. We will share the changes with you very soon.

Speaking of the Board, as many of you will be aware we have our upcoming Board elections. Nominations for Board positions close at **noon on Wednesday, 6 August**, so if you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board, please get them to fill in a nomination form (

this was emailed to all parents but is also available at the office if you need another one). Anyone interested in standing for the Board is invited to attend our next Board meeting on Monday, 4 August- starting at 6pm in the staffroom.

We're embarking on an exciting journey to create our new Strategic Plan for 2026- 2028, and we want to start by hearing directly from you, our whānau.

This plan will guide every aspect of your child's learning journey and the direction of Boulcott School for years to come. We have a whiteboard display in the school foyer with 5 questions on it, and some sticky notes for you to add your thoughts and ideas. We'd love to hear from you!

In Week 2 this term, we marked Principal Appreciation Week. I definitely felt incredibly valued, with staff and students organising some truly lovely gestures for me. From a beautiful bunch of flowers and an amazing morning tea to plenty of cards and kind words, it was all so wonderful and really helped kick off the term on a high note.

I hope you have also had a great start to this term. I am looking forward to our school disco tomorrow and celebrating Book Week next week , which culminates in a book character parade on Friday, 8 August. I know Kōwhai students have been excited about their zoo trip today, and that Kahikatea ākonga are looking forward to their World of Waste tour and their trip to their Island Bay Marine Education Centre.

Many thanks as always for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the Boulcott Team



Get on board!

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Board of Trustee Elections 2025

Thinking about standing for the Boulcott School Board of Trustees - then it's time to get your nomination form completed and return it to the box in the office foyer marked 'Parent Nominations'. The last day for nominations is **noon on Wednesday, 6 August**.

Nomination forms are available from the office.

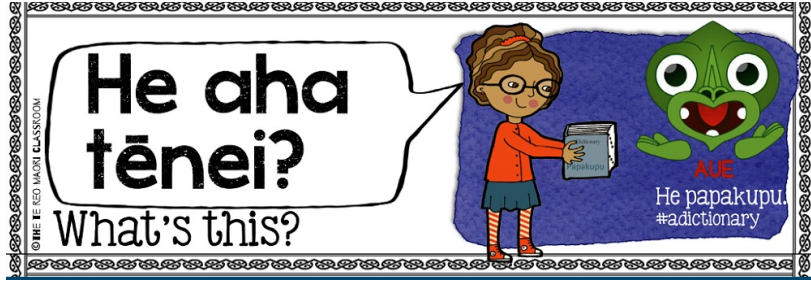
Your nomination form can be accompanied by a candidate statement which will be sent out with the voting papers.

Statements may include each candidate's:

- Experience
- Qualifications
- Abilities
- Previous involvement with the school board
- Reasons for standing for election
- Interests
- Anything else that can be reasonably linked to the education of children.

A photo can also be sent in with the candidate statement. Candidate statements and photos must be received by noon on **Wednesday, 6 August 2025**.

You are welcome to join us for our next Board meeting on **Monday, 4 August** at 6pm in the staffroom, to observe how our Board meetings are run. Any questions regarding Board Elections please email Tania Blucher, Returning Officer at info@boulcott.school.nz.



PB4L

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Positive Behaviour 4 Learning - Week 3

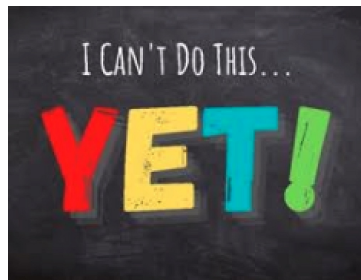
Week 3

Enthusiasm : Kaikaha

- Keep positive
- Have a growth mindset

We will be learning:

- What to do when things get too hard or we don't know what to do
- How to get ourselves out of the learning pit
- That mistakes are okay
- To understand the power of 'yet'



Cheer Awards - Term 3 Week 2

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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: Matine, Amelie

Room 2: Lilyah, Elizabeth

Room 3: Afna, Zaydon

Room 4: Tiger, Matilda

Room 5: Alex, Ayana

Room 6: Jimmy, Sarah

Room 7: Estelle, Angel

Room 8: Amrose, Jesse, Kayla

Room 9: Puka, Awhina

Room 11: Emily, Parker
Room 12: Lily, Ollie
Room 13: Isla, Killian
Room 14: Bryn, Joanna
Room 15: Rithul, Jude
Room 16: Jordan, Cherry
Te Ara Piki: Ahren



Book Week 2025

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Monday, 4 August to Friday, 8 August

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is open in the Library 8:30am to 9:10am and 2:45pm to 4pm daily. Come and see Dogman!

We need **help** with selling books at this popular stall. If you are able to help at all please email eileen.falconer@boulcott.school.nz

- Payment by eftpos and cash

There will be daily quizzes, picture hunts, lunchtime crafts and teacher reading.

Book Character Dress Up - Parade Friday, 8 August

Come dressed as your favourite book character! Simple costumes encouraged - use what you already have!



Whānau Rōpū

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Mihi Whakatau

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Mihi Whakatau this week - to welcome our new akonga/learners and their whānau to Boulcott School.

Our mihi whakatau involved our students participating in karanga and mihi, supervised by parents from the Whānau Rōpū, to give them experience and insight into some of the rituals of mihi whakatau.

Below is information on what the Whānau Rōpū does.

Whānau Rōpū

E ngā mana

E ngā reo

E rau rangatira mā

Tēnā koutou.

The Boulcott School Whānau Rōpū was established in 2018 by the amazing Whaea Pania Dewes as a way to create relationships within the community, especially with Māori families, and to celebrate Te Reo (Māori Language) and Te Ao Māori (Māori World View) at Boulcott School.

Our current moemoeā (vision) for the school and our kids is that our tamariki feel that our culture is visible, valued and celebrated, and are given opportunities to engage with Te Ao Māori at Boulcott School.

Each year we undertake a number of initiatives which include:

- Ensuring Te Tiriti and Ka Hikitia – Ka Hapaitia (Māori Education Strategy) is visible and represented in the school's strategic plan
- Welcoming new whānau with a Mihi Whakatau
- Hosting Matariki each year attracting over 300 people
- Fundraising
- Preparing our kids for Hutt Fest
- Kapa Haka for all tamariki
- Gifting a taonga to our Year 6 students as they leave Boulcott School
- End of year Pool Party
- And many more.....

Mauri ora!



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

Term 3

Thurs, 31 July - Kowhai Syndicate Zoo trip

Fri, 1 August - School disco - Knox Church Hall

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

- Book Fair week

Wed, 6 August

- 12pm, nominations for Board of Trustees close

Assembly 2:10pm - Room 13 hosting.

Friday 8 August - Book Character Dress up day

Mon, 18 August - Cohort 6 starts

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

Thurs, 21 August - Room 4, World of Waste Tour

Thurs, 28 August - Room 2, World of Waste Tour

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

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

- Rooms 3 & 4 trip to the Marine Centre

Thurs, 4 September - Room 1, World of Waste Tour

Fri, 5 September - Teacher Only Day - school closed

Wed, 10 September - Rooms 1 & 2, trip to the Marine Centre

Thurs, 11 September - Room 3, World of Waste Tour

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

Wed, 17 September - Assembly 2:10pm

Student Leaders hosting

Thurs, 18 September - 'Jump' Off skipping event

Fri, 19 September - Last day of Term 3, school finishes at 3pm



Home and School Committee

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Term 3 has been a busy one so far. **Thank you** for putting up with all our emails!

It's great to see the awesome trips that have been planned for this term. Thank you for your support, which enables Home and School to provide the funds for these.

Disco

We are so looking forward to the disco on Friday - a reminder of the times:

Harakeke (Junior) Disco: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Kōwhai (Middle) Disco: 5:45pm - 6:45pm

Kahikatea (Senior) Disco: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

If you have volunteered to help on the night, please check your emails.

Pizza Friday

With the forecast being a lot of rain this week, if we have pizza in the hall on Friday, please help your tamariki get their slice and leave as quickly as you can. Skids has the hall booked and is kindly letting us use it for a short period.

Friday, 5 September is a Teacher Only Day so we will be moving pizza to Thursday, 4 September that week.

Thank you for the aroha our community has shown with koha funds with Pizza Friday and disco orders.

Upcoming events:

Pie Fundraiser 2025



Sausage sizzle - Jump Off

18 September

Facebook

If you want to keep track of what's happening, follow our Facebook page "Boulcott Home & School" - <http://facebook.com/BoulcottHomeandSchool>. All the links and information for Home and School events can be found there, so you don't need to dig through your emails.

Gala

We will be having a school Gala early in 2026. While we are still working out the plans, 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



Sports News

Margaret Presland — July 31st, 2025

Sports Registrations Term 4

In the next few weeks sports registrations will be sent out via email for students to register for the following sports

- Touch Rugby for Year 1 - 6 students

Thursday afternoons from Thursday, 30 October to Thursday, 4 December @ Fraser Park.

- Netball Year 1 - 4

Saturday mornings

Term 4

@ Taita Courts

If you would like to register please ensure you complete the google form when this comes out.

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



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, 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



Launchpad

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We'd love to have you join us!!

all about me

We are all unique and special.

We all have talents and are good at something!

You are one of a kind!

"I am wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14 (NAB)

Life Application: Who are you going to make feel special this week?



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.

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



Musical Magic: "My Son Pinocchio" On Stage Soon!

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Includes some of our Boulcott Performers!

A number of our talented Boulcott performers have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes with **Musical Stars Performance Trust** to bring the story of *My Son Pinocchio* to life! Expect toe-tapping tunes, dazzling dancing, and lots of heart in this fun, family-friendly one-hour show — perfect for all ages!

While Boulcott School won't be attending as a school trip this time, families are warmly encouraged to support our stars by purchasing tickets and enjoying the magic together. Performances are scheduled for **19-24th September, HUTT CAST ONE**

A huge shoutout to our shining performers: **Millie B, Mackenzie B, Addison J, Hazel B, Eden K, Quinn L, and Annabelle C** — we're so proud of you all!

Don't miss out — buy now and support our incredible Boulcott talent!

Get your tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/159572>

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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!



sKids Before and After School Care

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Term 3 at sKids

Term Three sKids

Our programmes are packed with exciting activities to keep your child engaged, active, and entertained all term long!

Daffodil Day – Explore with us the significance of Daffodil Day through engaging activities including crafts, puzzles, poetry, and baking!

Safety Week – Teaching kids essential life skills through fun, hands on activities, from first aid to basic fire safety and emergency responses.

Engineers Workshop: 4 Weeks of STEM Fun!

Get ready to design, build, and create! Over 4 exciting weeks, kids can dive into the world of engineering and STEM, testing their skills with hands-on challenges that spark curiosity and creativity.

Here's what's coming up:

Week 3 – Build It (Wed, 30 July)

Put your building skills to the test and create awesome structures from scratch!

Week 4 – Marine Engineering (Wed, 6 August)

Design and experiment with boats, bridges, and underwater inventions — can your creation stay afloat?

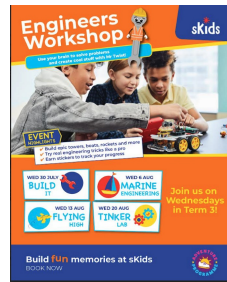
Week 5 – Flying High (Wed, 13 August)

Explore the science of flight with paper planes, rockets, and other flying wonders!

Week 6 – Tinker Lab (Wed, 20 August)

Get creative and experiment with all kinds of materials to invent something truly unique.

Join us for one or all of these sessions , it's the perfect chance to tinker, learn, and have a blast with engineering!



Community Notices

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Big Brothers Big Sisters Wellington

Join us for our Big Breakfast & Charity Auction!

Friday 22 August, 7:00 am

Petone Club, 42 Udy Street, Petone

[Book your tickets](#)

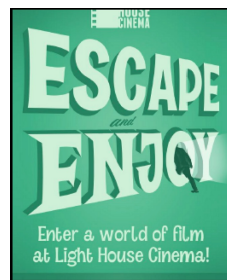


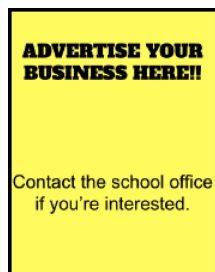


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