



Boulcott School

## Newsletter - Term 3 Week 5



## Book Week Fun!!

Principal — August 8th, 2025

Kia ora whānau,

We have just had a wonderfully exciting Book Week at school which included opportunities that were made available for our tamariki during book week. From lunchtime crafts, to quizzes, a photo hunt, mystery teacher book reading, Book fair... the list just goes on.



Thank you to all our FABULOUS staff for being willing to add even more to their weekly work, so that we could all encourage the love of books in our classes. The children have loved it all!



You are all superstars. Thank you to parents too, who have supported our Book Fair to the tune of over \$3,000. Thanks to this Scholastic will be granting us lots of money to spend on many new books for our library. You also helped so many of our kiddos to look amazing in their book character costumes.



## A Heartfelt Thanks to Our Current Board of Trustees!

As the upcoming Board elections draw near, I want to take a significant moment to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to our current Board of Trustees. Over the past three, six, and even nine years for some, these dedicated individuals have poured countless hours of **mahi** (work) into our school. Their unwavering passion and commitment to Boulcott School have been truly inspiring.

This role is a substantial volunteer commitment, and we are incredibly grateful for their immense service. To **Margie Bargh, Jacqui Isaac, Wendy Dewes, and Andreas Heuser**, thank you for your incredible contributions. You have left a truly visible and positive impact on our **kura** through your leadership.

This Board has achieved some amazing things for our **tamariki** and school community. Their commitment to excellent resourcing has provided hundreds of additional support staff hours each week, and they have always ensured the well-being of our students and staff remained a top priority. They supported the school's request to begin our Structured Literacy over 5 years ago. This strong governance has been instrumental in keeping our students' achievement at a consistently high level. We have been incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated team at the helm. Two of these current Board members have volunteered to stand again to ensure continuity of governance. I am grateful for their commitment.

With the upcoming Board elections just around the corner, it's a wonderful opportunity for our community to reflect on the importance of this vital role. We are so thankful to everyone who has put their hand up to be a part of Boulcott School's future.

Due to the fantastic response to our call for Board nominations, we will indeed be holding an election, and you will receive your voting papers very soon. Please take the time to carefully read through the profiles of all the candidates. I strongly encourage you to make the effort to **vote for the people you believe will best serve our tamariki and wider community** for the years to come.

Your participation in this process helps shape the direction of our school, and every vote truly counts.

### Upcoming Paid NZEI Union Meetings

*All tamariki in Aotearoa deserve an education that meets their individual needs. We know this can only be achieved when skilled and well-supported professionals are working in our kura.*

*The Kimi Haeta | Back Our Future pledge calls on the Government to invest in education, invest in tamariki and invest in our future. This is not something one school can achieve alone—it requires all schooling sectors to come together in kotahitanga.*

To support this, all union members—including support staff, teachers, principals, area school members, and Ministry of Education Learning Support staff—will be attending a paid union meeting on Wednesday, 20 August 2025 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

The school will remain open during this time, but there will be limited staff available to supervise students. We ask you to support our staff and encourage you to collect your child(ren) from their classroom by 1:00 pm if at all possible.

SKIDS will operate as usual from 3:00 pm.

Please complete the linked Google Form to help us determine the staffing required in each area of the school for students who will remain on site. A reminder to please fill in this [Google form](#) to let us know asap whether you are able to pick your child up from school or require them to be supervised at school.

Wishing you all a wonderful week

Ngā mihi mahana,

Rachael and the Boulcott team



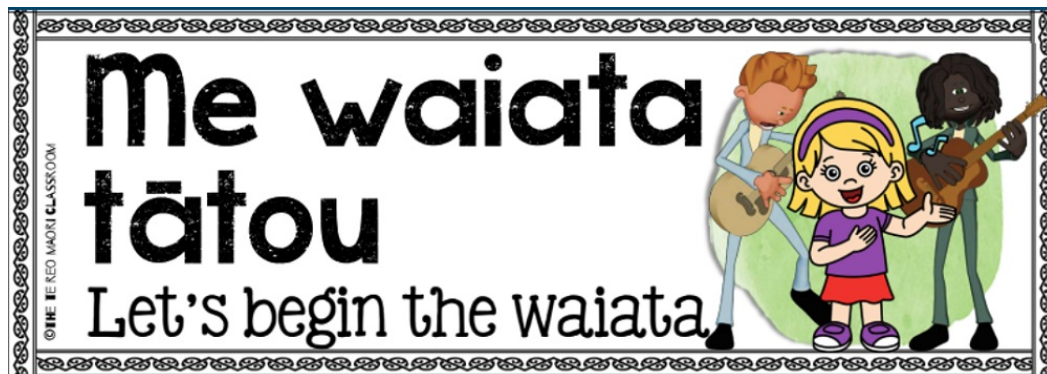
## Kīwaha o te Wiki 2025

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Term 3 Week 5 & 6

This week's phrase is:

Wiki tuarima - Week 5



Wiki tuaono - Week 6







# Welcome to our New Student

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Term 3 Week 4

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

Room 11 - Logan

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## Board News

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**Board Elections:**

Board update:

The Board met on 4 August 2025. We heard about the development of the Strategic Plan. A survey has been sent out to the school community (email sent 11 August). Please make sure to take a look and respond to the survey if you're interested in sharing your ideas about what you think the school's priorities should be. Please click on the link to complete the survey - [community survey](#)

Board Elections are being held this September. Nominations for parent representatives have closed with 9 parent nominations being received and one staff nomination. Tania Blucher, our Returning Officer, will send out voting papers to your postal address later this week. Each envelope will contain a cover letter, explaining the voting process, a voting paper, candidate statements and a returning envelope for your voting paper. Your vote must be returned to school by 4pm on Wednesday, 10 September to the voting box located in the school foyer. We encourage all eligible voters in the school community to vote and select your parent representatives for the next board term.

Good luck to all candidates.

Board Election Timetable:

- 13 August - Voting papers issued
- 10 September - Election Day
- 16 September - Votes counted
- 17 September - New Board takes Office



# Cheer Awards - Term 3 Week 4

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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: Alice, Arlo S

Room 2: Kenzie, Fraser

Room 3: Arthur C, Princy

Room 4: Addison, Amaris

Room 5: Kayla, Marlo

Room 6: Vihaan, Liam

Room 7: Scarlett, Ledger

Room 8: Ishani, Sophie

Room 9: Kiana, Lillian

Room 11: Padmagawri, Shivansh

Room 12: William, Bianca

Room 13: Theo, Ruwithi

Room 14: Josiah, Quinn

Room 15: Samaira, Marlowe

Room 16: Colton, Varkeychan

Te Ara Piki: Arlo F



# Events and Important Dates

Boulcott School — August 14th, 2025

Coming up!

## Term 3

**Mon, 18 August** - Cohort 6 starts

**Tues, 19 August** - Assembly 2:10pm Room 8 hosting

(please note change of date)

**Wed, 20 August** - Most staff offsite from 1pm for paid union meeting, supervision for students remaining.

**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

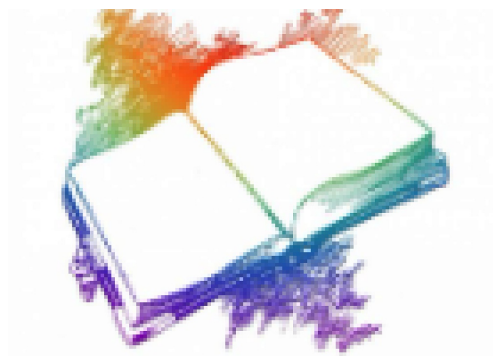
**Thurs, 18 September** - 'Jump' Off skipping event



# Boulcott Broadcasters

Boulcott School — August 14th, 2025

## Book Week 2025



On Friday, 8 August, Boulcott School had *Book Character Day*. Most people came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. There were Harry Potters, Crayons, Princesses, Dog Man, and so much more. At 9:15 the parade started, class by class, with each taking their turn. This was clearly the best Book Week yet!

This week, Boulcott School was lucky to have a Scholastic Book Fair. From 8:30 am to 8:55 am, and from 2:50 pm to 4:00 pm, the Book Fair was open in the library. There was a range of books, notebooks, chapter books, and graphic novels. I wish we had a book fair every week!

To test Boulcott's reading and memory, we had a book quiz. It had different questions about popular books like *Roald Dahl*, *The Baby-Sitters Club*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and more. There were two quizzes: one for the Seniors and Middles, and the other for the Juniors.

Every day, a mystery teacher came to read us a book while we ate.

By Mackenzie

Starting on the 8 August 2025, there was a special event called *Book Week* at Boulcott School. During that week, a different teacher from another class came to read the kids a book each

day. Every lunchtime, the library was shut because the Book Fair was on. So, every day before school or after school, you could come to the library to get a book, or if you liked, pens, pencils, and other things.

On Friday, it was a special day because some people got to dress up as a book character. After the roll, the whole school lined up to go to the hall for the parade. It was soooo colourful, with everyone dressing up as their favourite book character. There were Harry Potters, princesses, and pirates with swords.

During the week, the teachers stuck photos around the school of themselves in their favourite places reading. If you found all of them, you could write the number of teachers you found on the whiteboard.

Some days, Ruma Māire is open where you can read, write, and play with lego. But in Book Week, there were special activities, like making superhero masks and paper bag princesses, and every day there was something new. The funniest one, in my opinion, was the animal underwear made out of paper or something.

Also, a big thanks to all the teachers and some parents — thank you to Mrs Henry & Mrs Burridge, to Mrs Falconer for the library, and to Ms Hassell & Mrs Clements.

By Daniel.



# Home and School Committee

Boulcott School — August 13th, 2025

## Pie Fundraiser 2025 🥧

Pie Fundraiser 2025

Order forms for the Pie Fundraiser went home yesterday with your eldest child. Please check their bag for the form and details about this Home and School fundraiser.



## Sausage sizzle - Jump Off

Thursday, 18 September. More details to follow.

## 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](mailto:gala@boulcott.school.nz)



# Spare Clothing



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Due to our wet winter, we have had an influx of children falling over in muddy puddles. We

would appreciate it if your child/ren has a spare set of clothing in their school bag.

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## Winter Sickness 🧐

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Just a reminder that over the winter season there are lots of colds and flu resulting in increased sickness. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home, so bugs aren't passed around the classroom to other students.

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.

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## School Term Calendar Dates - 2025/2026

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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



# Sports registration Term 4

An email has been sent out to register your child for the following sports:

## Touch Rugby

- Year 1 - 6 students
- Thursday nights at Fraser Park
- Thursday, 30 October - Thursday, 4 December

Google form: <https://forms.gle/jN6a4nP56s8njCz97>

## Netball

- Year 1 - 4 students
- Saturday mornings @ Taita Courts
- Saturday, 1 November - Saturday, 6 December

Sporty Form: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/326103>

You can find out more information on our school website.

## Girls Only Futsal

There is an opportunity for girls in Year 3 - 6 to be involved in a girls only futsal tournament at Walter Nash on Tuesday, 16 September, run by Capital Football. There are still a few more spaces in both Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 if any other girls who are interested in playing.

It costs \$5 and it is first in first served for places.

Google form: <https://forms.gle/yUbRxTC478P2PurY6>

## Softball in Schools

We are lucky enough to have Craig Wallace in school next week to work with Harakeke and Kōwhai classes with softball in schools. We look forward to learning new skills with Craig next week.



## Found items

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We have recently had this lovely little bootie and wallet (tell us what cards are in the wallet) handed into the office. If either of these items belong to you please collect them from the office.





# 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!

# LAUNCHPAD

## Champions

## Launchpad

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

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Very appropriately this week for Book week we have been learning how the Bible is like a library with 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

A game involved us unscrambling words to discover the types of books you will find  
... books of history, stories, poems, letters and rules (laws).

*"Everything in the scriptures is God's word" 2 Timothy 3:16 (CEV )*



**# 39 PLUS 27 EQUALS 66**

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

We have a fundraising event on the first Saturday of the school holidays.

Gather together with some friends and come and join us!



## 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 8. 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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# Community Notices

Boulcott School — August 14th, 2025

**Gabby's**  
**Dollhouse: The Movie**  
**Fundraiser!** 🏠  
Supporting Boulcott Kindergarten

📅 Saturday 20th September  
🕒 2.45pm  
📍 Event Cinemas, Queensgate

Join us on opening weekend for a magical movie adventure with Gabby and her cat, tastic friends! 🐱

📺 Tickets: \$20 each – includes a yummy snack bag!  
👉 Bring cash for raffle tickets on the day – \$2 each  
👉 Let's fill the theatre and support our tamariki at Boulcott Kindergarten!

📄 Tickets on sale until Wednesday 17th September:  
<https://forms.gle/AsDocP3D0mU>

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**13 SEPT** 14 SEPT

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Te Tira Pūoro o Aotearoa



# 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 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.

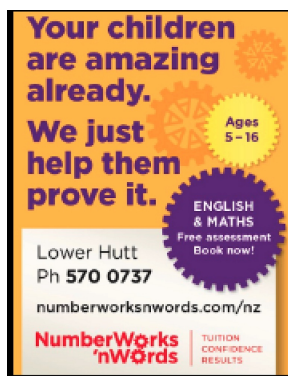
Join us for one or all of these sessions , it's the perfect chance to tinker, learn, and have a blast with engineering!



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