



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 3 Week 7



Principal's message

Principal — August 28th, 2025

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Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you all for your incredible, ongoing support of us here at Boulcott School. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing community, and I want to personally acknowledge the significant role each of you play in making it so strong and supportive. The photo above is of our gorgeous Room 8 students, who along with their lovely teacher Mrs Anstiss, led us all in

assembly. They did an awesome dance to American Authors song " Best Day of My Life". Absolutely priceless!!

Board Elections

Your vote is so important in shaping the future of our school, so please remember to cast your ballot for the Board members you believe will best serve our community. Once you receive your voting papers, you can post them in the voting box on the counter outside the school office, or simply use a public post box (you will need to provide a stamp). Please take note of the important election timeline below.

Election Timeline

18 July - Nominations open

6 August - Nominations close

13 August - Voting papers sent out

10 September - Election Day

16 September - Votes are counted

17 September - New Board takes office

We were thrilled to receive 115 responses to our earlier in the year survey about the **End of Year Prizegiving and Final Assembly!** Thank you so much to everyone who shared their thoughts; your feedback is incredibly valuable as we plan for future celebrations. We've heard a strong desire to continue recognising our Year 6 students' achievements across various areas, including academic success, sports, and key school values like Effort and Attitude, Citizenship, and Leadership.

We have decided to award the following cups/trophies for 2025:

Kapa Haka, Sportsman, Sportswoman, Environmental, Effort and Attitude, Leadership, Academic, Maths and Literacy. To find out the criteria for these cups please click on this link: [End of Year Cups 2025](#)

Your insights have helped us refine our approach, and we're excited about the future of our prizegiving. As we move forward, we've identified the need to purchase 7 new cups/ trophies to match our updated award categories and replace some of our current cups, which have reached the end of their lives. They're tarnished, worn, and some are nearly out of space for engraving new names. These new cups are a sizeable investment for the school, priced at \$200 each . **We would love to offer families or local businesses the chance to sponsor one of these new cups.** If you are interested in sponsoring a cup and leaving a lasting legacy (10 years) at Boulcott School, please get in touch with the school office letting them know which cup you would like to sponsor and whether or not you would like your family name or business name included in the name of the cup. Your generosity would be hugely appreciated! The cups we are looking for sponsorship are: Sportsman trophy, Sportswoman trophy, Effort and Attitude Cup, Leadership Cup, Academic Cup, Literacy Cup and Mathematics Cup.

Our lucky students have had some fun educational visitors and/or trips lately. Kahikatea team have a fascinating World of Waste tour, a trip to Island Bay Marine Education Centre and a virtual reality experience with NZVR, which is a school outreach programme, that aims to connect thousands of young New Zealanders with the marine environment. Through virtual reality (VR) technology NZVR allows students to experience the rich biodiversity that exists below the surface of the ocean, as well as the damage that has been done to the ecosystems.

Earlier this month Kōwhai students had an amazing trip to Wellington zoo. I know that there are a couple of awesome trips coming up for our youngest Harakeke students too and planning is well underway. I am sure students will be sharing with us, through assembly presentations and newsletter writing and photographs, all these wonderful extra-curricular experiences.

Thank you to all of you who have shared your thoughts regarding our school's **strategic direction** for the next few years. If you still want to have your say please fill in the [online survey](#) by the end of this month. You don't have to answer all of the questions and you are more than welcome to put any thoughts in the boxes that will help us know what you want from us to

enhance your child's time at Boulcott School.

Another date to please put into your diaries: We will be having our second and final government mandated 'Teacher Only Day' next Friday, 5 September. The school will be **closed on this day** as teachers and support staff undertake professional development related to our new curriculum.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support, it really is appreciated.

Warm regards,

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott.



Kīwaha o te Wiki 2025

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Term 3 Week 7 & 8

This week's phrase is:

Wiki tuawhitu - Week 7



Wiki tuawaru - Week 8



Teacher Only Day - Friday, 5 September

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School will be closed on Friday, 5 September due to our Teacher Only Day. Check out **sKids** page for their programme on this day.

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.

Te Ara Piki: Charles



PB4L

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Positive Behaviour 4 Learning - Week 7

Honesty : Ngākaupono

- Tell the truth
- Do the right thing even when no one is looking

We will be learning:

- Why it is important to tell the truth.
- To think about the effect our behaviour has on others - know when to “say it or just think it”.
- That when something happens we own our part in it and tell the whole story.
- To be brave with our friends and say how we feel.
- Not to take other peoples’ belongings without asking (stealing).
- To play fairly and not cheat.



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

Term 3

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, Pizza Thursday after school

Fri, 5 September - Teacher Only Day - **school closed**

Wed, 10 September - Rooms 1 & 2, trip to the Marine Centre, Pie pick up from the hall. Voting closes for BOT Elections

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

Tues, 16 September - Girl's Futsal Tournament at Walter Nash. Votes counted for BOT elections

Wed, 17 September - Assembly 2:10pm

Student Leaders hosting

Thurs, 18 September - 'Jump' Off skipping event

- sausage sizzle (Home and School)

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

-closing date for photo orders and payment

Term 4

Mon, 6 October - Cohort 7 starts, School Photos - Mon to Thurs

Mon, 13 October - Year 3-6 Athletics Day

Mon, 20 October - Closing date for out of zone enrolments for Term 1 2026

Fri, 24 October - Ballot drawn for out of zone enrolments

Monday, 27 October: Labour Day - School Closed



Sports News

Margaret Presland — August 28th, 2025

Term 4

Term 4 Sports Registrations

Registrations are open for the following sports for Term 4 until Monday, 8 September

Touch Rugby - Year 1 - 6 students

- @ Fraser Park on Thursday afternoons
- Thursday, 30 October - Thursday, 4 December

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

Netball Year 1 - 4 students

- @ Taita Courts on Saturday mornings.
- Saturday, 1 November - Saturday, 6 December

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

Traditional Maori Games

We have been lucky enough to have Jason from Kokiri Marae coming in to teach Kōwhai and Kahikatea classes in Traditional Maori Games over the last 6 weeks. All classes have had great fun learning some new games such as:

- Poi toa
- Tapu Ae
- different versions of Ti uru

Thank you Jason for your time.

Softball in Schools

We have been lucky enough to have Craig Wallace come in last week to teach Harakeke and Kōwhai classes softball skills. It was fantastic and we improved our skills in a short space of time.

Netball Year 5 - 6

Congratulations to the two Year 5 & 6 netball teams throughout the season. It has been amazing to see you all grow in confidence on the court and build on your netball skills throughout the season. There is one more game on Monday, 1 September and then prize giving on Monday, 8 September at 4:30pm at Walter Nash. You will need to wear your Boulcott sports tops.

Futsal Opportunity

Capital Football have been in touch and they are looking at running a futsal tournament on Monday nights at Walter Nash (provided they can get court space). They are looking at

- 3 mixed grades Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6
- 2 girls only grades Year 3/4 and Year 5/6
- They recommend teams of 8 or 9 players and it would cost approximately \$25 - \$30 per student.

If you think your child might want to be involved click on the link below to complete the google form to register their interest before Friday, 5 September.

Google form: <https://forms.gle/TYnDXsE2Ma8nkKrC7>

Note: This is only in the planning stages and we are looking at expressions of interest first. We will be in touch with more information once we hear back from Capital Football.

Athletics Sports

Planning will be underway shortly for our Year 3 - 6 Athletics Sports Day on Monday, 13 October (Week 2 Term 4).

More information will come out in the coming weeks, including asking for parents to help out with events.

There have been a few changes for Central Zones

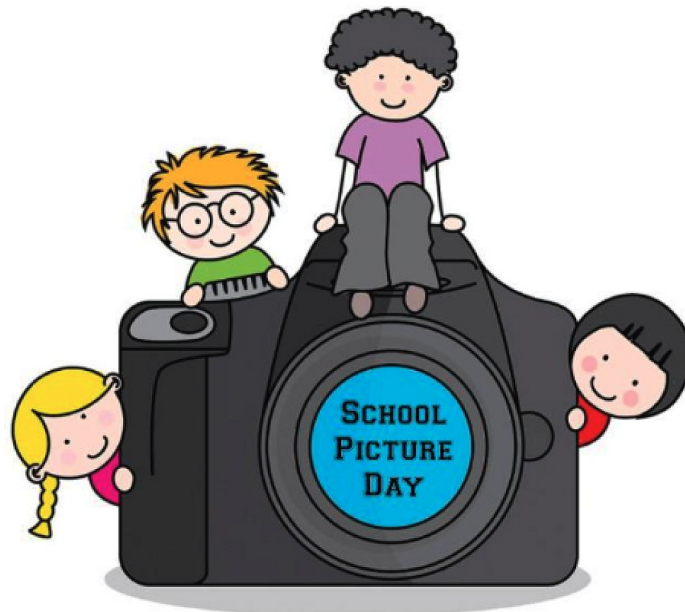
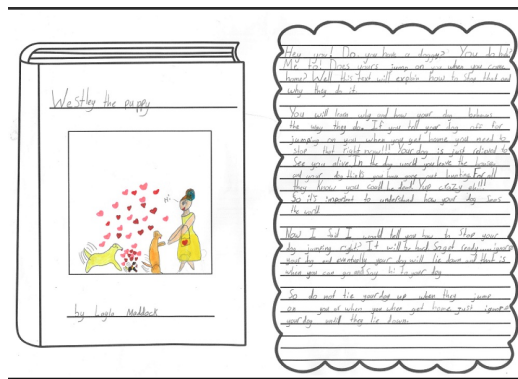
- Year 4's will now have a 4 person relay (not 5 as in previous years)
- Year 5 & 6 will now run 100m and 200m in sprints not (80m & 150m)
- There is discussions around Year 4 and not having high jump, but at this stage it is still on the programme.



Tips for your dog's behaviour!

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Student writing



School Photos - Term 4 Week 1

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Our School photos will be in Term 4 Week 1.

Please click on the link to the Sue Allman People Google form to order this year's school photos:

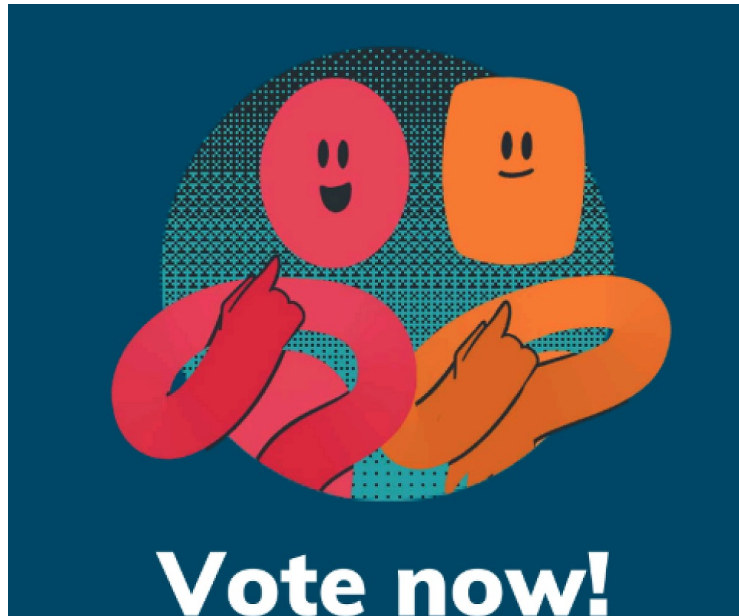
[Boulcott School Photo Order Form](#)

Boulcott School photos are being taken from Monday, 6 to Thursday, 9 October

The closing date for orders is 1pm on Friday, 19 September.

Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for late orders received after this date.

For any queries please email info@sueallmanpeople.co.nz



Board News

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Board Elections: Vote now!

By now you should have received your voting papers through the post - if you haven't received these please contact the school office. 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. Please check out the board in the school foyer with all our candidates and their statements.

Good luck to all candidates.

Board Election Timetable:

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- 16 September - Votes counted
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Home and School Committee

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Keep up to date

Pizza Thursday, 4 September

Due to the teacher only day next Friday (5 September), Pizza Friday will become Pizza Thursday (4 September).

Gala - Citrus and Jars wanted!

In preparation for the Gala we are currently looking out for excess citrus (grapefruit, oranges, lemons and limes) to make preserves. If you have any excess you'd like to donate please email gala@boulcott.school.nz.

To assist with this, we're also looking for any clean glass jars.

Pie Pick Up

Pies will be available to pick up the afternoon of **Wednesday, 10 September** - please bring your own bags where possible.

Sausage Sizzle

There will be a sausage sizzle on **Thursday, 18 September**, which is the Jump Off day. Like the last sausage sizzle, donuts will be distributed for morning tea and sausages at lunch. The order form for this will be coming out at the beginning of September.

Calendar Art

Thank you for your support of the calendar art. A re-order form will be coming out early in Term 4 if you would like to purchase additional as Christmas presents.

Ice Blocks

Ice blocks will be available after school in **Term 4**. An order form for vouchers will be coming out in Week 1 next term. Cash sales will be available on the day for those that don't purchase vouchers.

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.



Update Your Contact Details

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We are currently in the process of updating our student contact information. If you have changed address, your email or phone numbers, it is important to let the office know.

Thank you



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.



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.



School Term Calendar Dates - 2025/2026

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Term Dates and Public Holidays

Term Dates 2025

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

We are working our way through the story of Joseph at the moment, and reflecting on how we can make the right choices even when it is the harder option!

"I pray that you will... understand how to make the right choices"
(CEV)

Philippians 1:9-10

Have you seen our Launchpad basketball anywhere around school?



It seems to have disappeared and we would love to have it back!

Launchpad is an opt-in, 30-minute lesson that presents tamariki with positive values and aims to grow their sense of mana, self-worth and character. Stories from the Bible, NZ history and international role models are presented, and the values from these stories emphasised, to help students take these values into their lives. It's lots of fun and

we'd love to have you join us!

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.



sKids Before and After School Care

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Term 3 at sKids

Teacher only day - 5 September



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!

Here's what's coming up:





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!



Community Notices

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Love Tennis - give tennis a go

Sunday, 7 September 10am- 2pm

All equipment supplied, free bbq, spot prizes, games and activities for all ages (children and adults)

Lower Hutt Tennis Club

67a Totara Crescent - wanting more information contact lowerhutttennisclub1@gmail.com





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.

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Programme

Monday 29 September – The Fox and The Crow
Let's explore this clever fable by La Fontaine and turn it into a colourful origami story card. Then, we'll bake "des muffins aux raisins secs" (soft raisin muffins) - perfect for sharing!

Tuesday 30 September – Goldilocks and The Three Bears
Paint your favourite scene from the story of "Boucle d'Or et les 3 ours" (Goldilocks and the 3 bears). After that, we'll bake a sweet "Clafoutis aux abricots" (apricot clafoutis).

Wednesday 1 October – Puss in Boots
Bring the famous fairytale cat to life by making your own Puss in Boots mask - with bright colours, big whiskers, and plenty of fur! Then, we'll bake a soft and buttery "Quatre-Quart de St Tropez" cake.

Thursday 2 October – Jules Verne Underwater Exploration
Dive into the world of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea as we draw and imagine life under the ocean. Then it's time for a classic "Tarte aux pommes" (apple tart) - French and delicious!

Friday 3 October – Mini Golf & Jam Biscuits
We're heading out for a fun round of mini golf (1415) - who will get a hole in one? Back at Alliance, we'll bake colourful "Sables à la confiture" - jam-filled shortbread biscuits to share.



OSCAR HOUSE
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
School Years 0-8
22nd Sep - 3rd Oct

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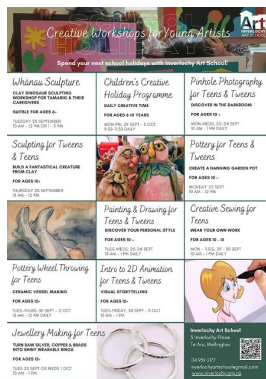
ACTIVITIES

Trips to: CHIPMUNKS PLAYLAND - HUTT VALLEY CYM - EVENT CINEMA - BOWLING & LASER STRIKES

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