



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 4 Week 7



Principal's Message

Principal — November 19th, 2025

Kia ora Boulcott Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and looking forward to the holidays! As we race toward the end of the year, I want to share some incredibly positive news and celebrate the recent achievements of our amazing tamariki.

The Power of the Boulcott Community

I want to begin by offering a heartfelt thank you for the extraordinary support and understanding you showed during the recent unexpected closure related to the coloured sand recall. The speed and grace with which you responded to our urgent requests for child collection were nothing short of exceptional. It reaffirmed what a strong, supportive, and flexible community we have.

I am delighted to officially confirm that following a full assessment and testing by independent specialists, we have been given the **ALL CLEAR** to resume normal operations. We worked closely with the Ministry of Education and WorkSafe NZ, and the results confirmed that air quality throughout the school is safe and that contamination did not spread to any soft furnishings. We took swift, precautionary action, and we can now move forward with full confidence in the safety of our kura. Thank you again for your patience as we prioritised this critical safety issue.

Celebrating Athletics Success!

Over the last two weeks, our students demonstrated just how talented and spirited they are at both the **Central Zone Athletics and InterZone Athletics** competitions. The results were outstanding!

We had a massive team of **45 students** entered in Central Zone, and an incredible **35 students** then qualified to move through to the InterZones—what an achievement!

All our athletes were truly excellent ambassadors for Boulcott School. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and skill in running, jumping, and throwing, often battling through wind, rain, and sun. Beyond the physical achievements, their **strong sportsmanship**—encouraging both their peers and students from other schools—made us all immensely proud.



A Huge Thank You

A massive thank you must go to the incredible parents who volunteered their time to support, coach, and cheer on our teams. We simply could not send such large groups without your commitment. And to our dedicated teachers from **Kowhai and Kahikatea**, thank you for managing our large teams. To the teachers who stayed back and took on extra students in their classes—your support is deeply appreciated and ensures these enriching experiences continue for our tamariki. Alongside Muritai School, Margaret (Margs) Presland did an amazing job as our Sports Co-ordinator in organising both events - for not just our school but for all the schools involved. Her skills in event management and organisation are truly impressive.

Upcoming School Events (December)

The final few weeks of the year are packed with celebration and fun. Please keep a close eye on the school /community calendar for these upcoming key dates:

- **Christmas Market and Concert** - 2 December
- **Cheer Cup Award Assembly** - 9 December
- **Avalon Park** - Our whole school trip! - 10 December

- **Final Leavers Assembly** -Tuesday, 16 December (finishing school at 1pm)

Our tamariki are amazing and talented, and we look forward to celebrating their hard work and success as the year draws to a close!

As always thank you for your ongoing support

Ngā mihi nui

Rachael and the team at Boulcott



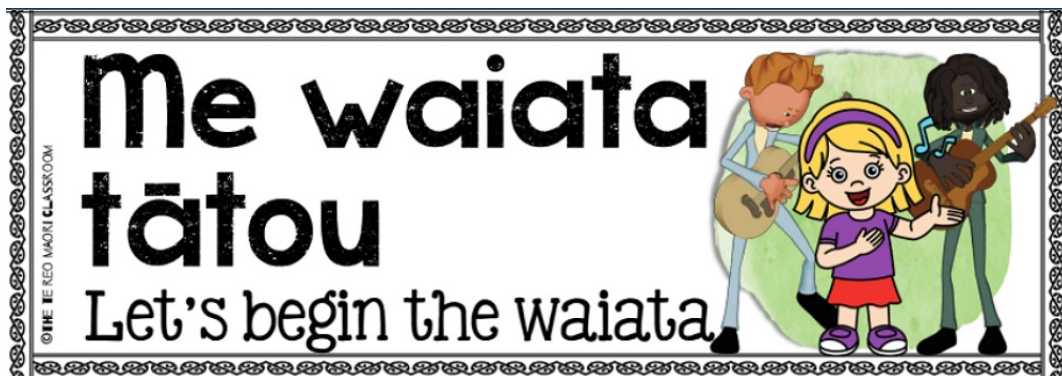
Kīwaha o te Wiki 2025

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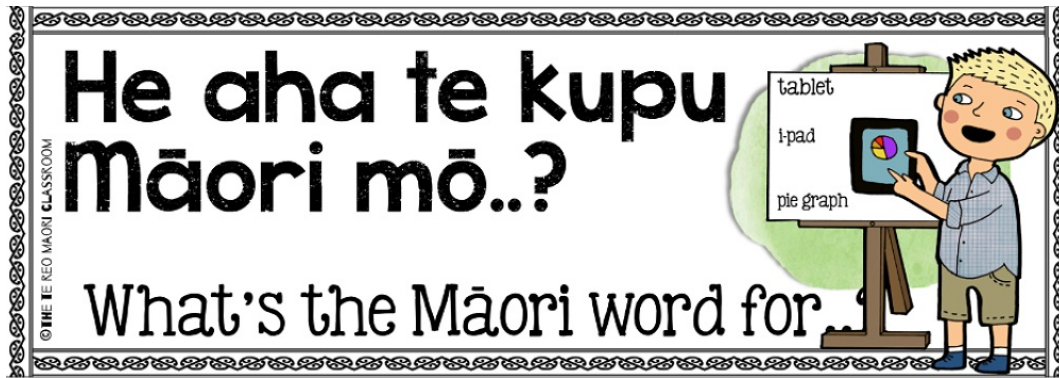
Term 4 Week 7 & 8

This week's phrase is:

Wiki tuawhitu - Week 7



Wiki tuawaru - Week 8



Enrolments - 2026

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In zone and out of zone enrolments

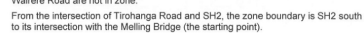
Our **out of zone** enrolments have now **closed** for Term 1 2026.

Our next ballot for Term 2 2026 will close Monday, 9 March and will be drawn Friday, 13 March 2026.

If you have a child turning 5 in 2026 we welcome you to complete an online enrolment form. This helps us forecast our numbers throughout the year.

Please go to our website www.boulcott.school.nz and complete an enrolment form. This can be

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Cheer Awards - Term 4 Week 6

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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: Amelia, Leven

Room 2: Quin, Hazel

Room 3: Chloe, Philip

Room 4: Addi, Bella

Room 5: Gabriel, Tilly

Room 6: Sarah, Karlos

Room 7: Scarlett, Aanya

Room 8: Ted, Josephine, Deep

Room 9: Florence, Zara

Room 10: Casti, Harshiv, Max

Room 11: Ellie, Zyne

Room 12: Bianca, Anja

Room 13: Oliver, Ruwithi

Room 14: Eden, Mileena

Room 15: Maria, Jude

Room 16: Lailia, Colton

Te Ara Piki: Gabriel



Whole School Trip - Avalon Park

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On **Wednesday, 10 December** we have our whole school trip to Avalon Park. Classes depart for Avalon Park (walking) at 9:20am and walk back to school at 1pm (Harakeke Year 0/1 by bus).

To make this trip successful we need 2-3 parent helpers per class. Your role will be to actively assist the teacher with general supervision of the class while walking, crossing roads, supervising play at the park and accompanying children to the toilet. **If you are able to help please email your child's teacher.**

The plan for the day will be:

8:45 Meet in class to help organise children

9:10 Gather in hall for safety briefing

9:20 Classes depart for Avalon Park (walking)

9:50 Arrive at Avalon Park, have morning tea

10:00 Play, train rides

12:00 Sausage sizzle

1:00 Walk back to school (Harakeke Year 0/1 by bus)

Your child will need:

- some food

- a drink
- sensible walking shoes
- sunhat
- sunscreen
- any medication they require
- a change of clothes (for those who may get wet in the water play area)

Home & School will be organising a sausage sizzle free of charge for the students. There will be gluten free, vegetarian and chicken halal sausages available. Please email Home and School if your child has any dietary requirements. If your child would not like a sausage, please ensure they have enough food for lunch.

A big **thank you** to Home and School for providing the sausage sizzle, train rides at the park and the return bus for year 0 & 1 students.

If you are able to help with preparing for the sausage sizzle, please email homeschool@boulcott.school.nz

If we have to cancel, a message will be sent out on Wednesday morning by 8am via email. There will be no postponement date.



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

Term 4:

Thurs, 20 November - Bee Healthy van onsite

Tues, 25 November - Regional Athletics (pp 27 November)

Wed, 26 November - School Assembly 2:10pm, Room 7 hosting

Tues, 2 December - Christmas cushion concert and Kahikatea Christmas market (please note

change of date)

Sat, 6 December - Whānau Rōpū Pool Party at Naenae Pool

Mon, 8 December - Road Patrol Pool Party

Tues, 9 December - CHEER Cup assembly 2:10pm

Year 6 Garden Party (please note change of date)

Wed, 10 December - School Avalon Park trip

Mon, 15 December - Reports go home

Tues, 16 December - Last day of Term 4, Leavers Assembly starts at 11.20am (School finishes at 1pm)



Sports News

Margaret Presland — November 19th, 2025

InterZone Athletics

On Tuesday, 11 November 35 Year 4 - 6 students went to Hutt Rec to represent Boulcott School at the InterZone Athletics Competition. They were about to test their skills up against other students from all the primary schools in Lower Hutt and the competition was tough.

From rain to hot sun all our students competed hard and we had a number of fantastic results throughout the day resulting in 13 students now going forward to represent the Lower Hutt Primary School Sports at the Regional Athletics in Masterton on Tuesday, 25 November.

Congratulations to all the students who competed at InterZone. You continue to represent Boulcott School with pride, showing all your CHEER values and being super supportive of your team mates. A huge shout out to the parent helpers, who again gave up their valuable time to support our tamariki throughout the day. We couldn't do the day without your support and we are hugely appreciative of this. THANK YOU.

Good luck to the students attending Regional Athletics next week. We look forward to hearing about your experiences and your successes throughout the day.



Touch Rugby 2026

Considering we are only 2 weeks into our Touch season for Term 4, we have already started looking at Touch Rugby in Term 1 2026.

Registrations for our teams are due by **Tuesday, 3 February** next year, which is right on the beginning of school. Therefore I will be sending out information for this within the next week and I will send a reminder in the holidays as well. If you would like to register your child for touch next year please complete the google form which will be sent out at a later date.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact sports@boulcot.school.nz



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!



School Term Calendar Dates - 2025/2026

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Term Dates and Public Holidays

Term Dates 2025

Term 4: Monday, 6 October - Tuesday, 16 December

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 - Friday, 11 December



Launchpad

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

Launchpad has started to unpack the Christmas story. Last week we had a lovely interviewer who helped us ask questions of some local shepherds.



Throughout the month of November, Launchpad is continuing to collect **new** toys to help make Christmas an extra bit special for others. Thank you to those that have already donated toys. We'd love some more help!



Here are some of the items on their wishlists:

LEGO, barbie & accessories, memory/card games, soft toys, transformers, a robot, minecraft, lego, dinosaurs, squishy toys, Sponge Bob, spiderman, a scooter, drawing/colouring supplies, RC car, soccer ball, Sonic plushy, new hat, new bag, Lilo & Stitch, arts & crafts, fidget toys, dolls, sticker roll books, and a bouncy ball.

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.

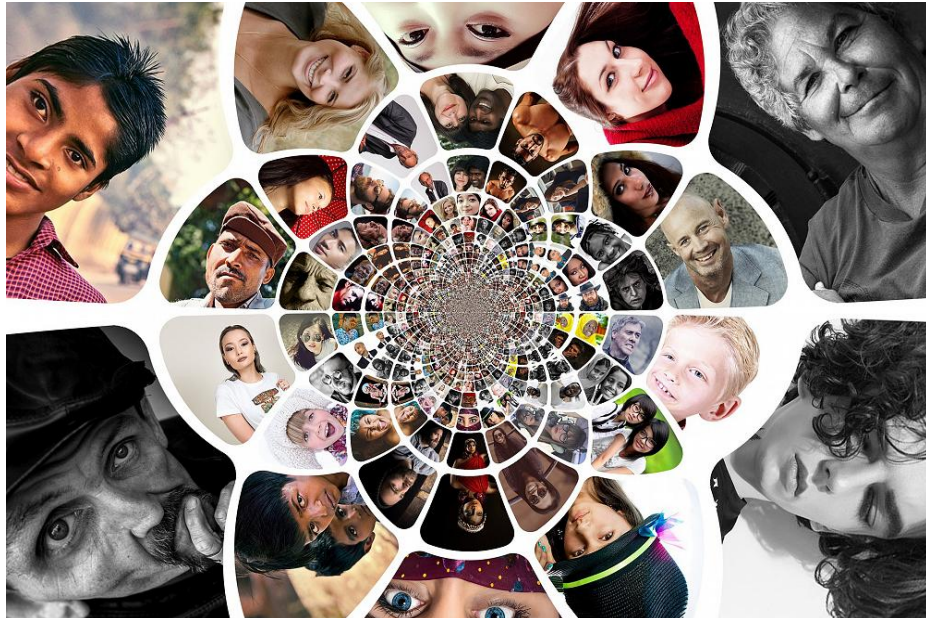
If your child would like to opt-in to this programme please

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



Community Notices

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Win the Ultimate Australian Open Experience!

Your child could win the tennis trip of a lifetime with Tennis Hot Shots and Tennis New Zealand, plus win tennis equipment for our school!

The prize includes:

- Return flights from your nearest international airport to Melbourne for one child and one adult
- Australian Open tickets
- Two nights' accommodation
- The chance to perform the official coin toss before a big match on Rod Laver Arena and grab a photo with the star players
- A \$500 tennis equipment pack for the winner's school

The competition is open to all children aged 8-13 across New Zealand — no tennis experience required!

Enter now at www.tennis.kiwi/win

Entries close **8 December**.



PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT HUTT VALLEY PRIDE: 9 DYER STREET SCHOOL, EPUNI, LOWER HUTT

22nd DEC – 30th JAN 2025 from 7.00am-6pm daily from 7.00am-6pm daily. Age range is 4 – 17 years with overnight sleepover activities provided with Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games. Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$84.04/cub per session or \$142.87 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$336.16 per cub/week or \$571.47 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$14/hr

ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors is also available if needed at \$37/hr per mentor.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

Here To Support All Tamariki & Rangatahi (Neurotypical and Neurodivergent)

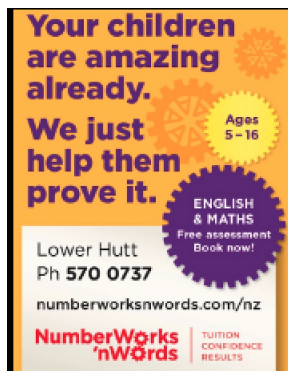
At Pride Lands, we welcome neurotypical and neurodivergent children and youths with on-on-one support available to those that need it in our communities.



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