



Boulcott School

2026 Newsletter - Term 1 Week 1



Principal's Message

Principal — January 31st, 2026

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai hoki mai ki te tau 2026 – Welcome back to the 2026 school year!

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

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I hope you and your whānau had a restful and rejuvenating summer break. It has been wonderful to see the school grounds come back to life this week with the sounds of happy

tamariki catching up with their friends.

On a personal note, I had a very special summer break. I travelled to the UK to visit my daughter, who is currently living and working in London on her "big OE." It had been 18 months since I last saw her, so our reunion was long overdue! My trip was much more about "people" than "places." While I spent time with my two brothers and visited many cousins, relatives, and friends, the focus was firmly on connection rather than tourist sights. We travelled the UK from Edinburgh and Stirling up North to Brighton and Dorset down South. It was very cold over there, but I did manage a five-day escape to the sunny shores of Cape Verde off the West Coast of Africa to thaw out before heading home!

It was lovely to see so many families at our open morning last Friday. It was a great opportunity for me to catch up with many of you and meet your children before the "official" start. If I didn't manage to see you then, I look forward to catching up as the year progresses.

Our teachers and support staff have been back on site since last week, moving straight into three days of intensive Professional Learning and Development (PLD). We have a busy year of learning ahead, and our staff sessions focused on:

- Implementing the **new Maths curriculum**.
- **PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning)**, where we were fortunate to have two educational psychologists run a workshop for all staff.
- Getting to grips with **HERO**, our new online reporting and communication tool. (If you haven't already, please make sure you have downloaded the HERO app to your phone—this will be our primary way of sharing your child's progress and school notices!)
- Refining our **Te Ao Māori approach** for 2026.
- A fantastic session listening to a **Nathaniel Swain** presentation regarding the "Science of Learning."

Alongside this, teachers have been busy prepping classrooms and planning a range of exciting activities to kick-start the term.

The school grounds have also had a bit of a makeover during the holidays! You will have noticed our newly installed bike track, which is a very exciting addition to our facilities. A storage shed and 20 brand-new bikes will be arriving soon. We are thrilled to be part of the "Bikes in Schools" programme, which recently received a \$3.5 million funding boost from the Government. As Transport Minister Chris Bishop noted, this programme is a brilliant way for primary students to build confidence and learn essential cycling safety skills in a safe environment. We can't wait to see our kids out there making the most of it!

We have a packed calendar to start the year. It was lovely seeing so many of you at the **Whānau Picnic last night**. Next is our much-anticipated **Twilight Gala on Friday, 27 February (Week 4)**. We will also be holding **Parent Interviews in Week 5**, which are a vital chance to sit down and discuss your child's goals for the year.

This morning our SLT (Senior Leadership team), student and whānau representatives attended a mihi whakatau at Houghton Valley School where we handed over and farewelled Karen Clements as she takes on your new role as DP.

It's going to be a fantastic year of learning and community at our school. Welcome back!

Ngā mihi nui,

Rachael and the Boulcott Team



School Office

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Office hours: 8:30am - 3:30pm

Absences -

Please ring the school office phone number is 04 566 3058 before 8:55am if your child is going to be absent for the day. Messages can be left on the school answer-phone, emailed, or you can leave a message via our website or the Hero school app.

Please note: If your child arrives after 8:55am they must come to the school office and sign in on vistab tablet (Ipad at the front desk).

Holiday request during Term Time -

If you are planning on taking your child out of school during term time for an extended holiday please send your request via email to the school office info@boulcott.school.nz with the dates, this will be then passed onto the Principal for approval.

Invoices -

Invoices will still be issued for optional activities. The expectation is that all invoices will be paid immediately, unless arrangements have been made with the office. Payment for invoices can be made by direct credit using **Boulcott School Main Account 12-3142-0062729-00** . Please include your child's name as a reference.

Student Information and Medication Update -

It is very important that we have up-to-date information on our records. If you have any changes to the information we presently hold, please inform the office. Any medication your child may require at school needs to be held at the office with instructions on how it is to be administered. Medication needs to be in a clear container with your child's name on it.

Civil Defence Emergency Packs -

This week your child will bring home a letter with information to be prepared in the event of an emergency (any event where the children are unable to get home safely), we would like **every child** to bring an **ice-cream container to school** with food items that will be stored at school for the year. Ideas are on the form which needs to be filled out and returned.

Birthday Treats in classrooms -

We do receive requests for students to bring treats (lollies, cake, ice blocks) for their classmates

when it is their birthday. Although we see this as a lovely and generous gesture, it can create complications with dietary requirements and additional pressure for others to reciprocate. We ask that you save these birthday treats for parties or after school hours. Children are made to feel special on their birthday with each class having their own ways to celebrate.

Please name your child's clothing -

We have a lot of lost property that builds up over each term, please can you make sure all your child's clothing and hat is named so it can be returned to you.

Change of clothes -

Please can you provide a named change of clothing in your child's bag, especially for our Harakeke students. We have a limited supply of clothes in our medical room.

Thank You

Tania and Donna



Communication at Boulcott School

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We use a variety of platforms to communicate important information between school and home

We believe in keeping you updated with up and coming events along with celebrating our successes.

The Boulcott Newsletter : This newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon. As we are an Enviro-School we distribute this via email. We are also happy to include community messages on our community page in the newsletter. We would appreciate it if all messages could be shared with the school office by the Tuesday afternoon in time for the newsletter distribution on Thursday.

Email: We regularly utilise email for reminders and other important messages. Please contact the school office if your email address needs updating from last year.

School App: Our Hero school app will be one of our main platforms of communication. This is a secure app where you can view information about your child, report an absence, view our newsletters, along with many other features.

School Website & Calendar: On the front page of our website: www.boulcott.school.nz there is a Community Calendar, which we will be continuing to utilise in 2026. All important dates for families will be included on this calendar, so it is useful to visit this regularly to keep up to date with the latest events.

Facebook: Have you 'liked' our School Facebook page? We utilise this page for reminders, but more importantly, to celebrate the wonderful things that happen at Boulcott School. Just search Boulcott School on Facebook to find our page.

Google Forms: We will continue to use Google Forms for permission and newsletters that require responses from parents. If you ever need assistance with completing these, please contact the office.

We are always interested in hearing how we can make our communication more effective with our families, so feedback is welcomed.



School Donation Scheme

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A reminder, Boulcott School has opted into the Government's Donation Scheme Funding which means we will not be asking for family donations in 2026.

We will also not be asking families to cover additional costs for trips and other activities. You will still be asked to cover the cost of any optional activities ie Touch Rugby, Netball etc. Because of this, we need to be careful choosing the trips and activities, so we keep to budget!

Although we will not be asking for donations in 2026 they will still be graciously received and welcomed! Last year we received some generous donations from families which went towards school operations. We really appreciate all contributions.

CONFIDENCE MĀIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be brave Have a go Keep trying - be resilient
HONESTY NGĀKAUPONO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell the truth Play fairly Do the right thing even when no one is looking
EXCELLENCE KA RAWE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a good role model Do your best Learn from your mistakes
ENTHUSIASM KAIKAHA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be ready to learn Keep positive Celebrate achievements
RESPECT WHAKAMIHI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be kind Show empathy Care for our environment, our school buildings and equipment



Uniform Items - Hats and Sports Tops

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Boulcott is a SunSmart School. Terms 1 & 4 is compulsory for all children to wear wide brimmed hats.

Hats are compulsory for all students during Term 1 and Term 4. You are welcome to provide your own wide brimmed hat (no caps) for your child.

When outside at playtimes, lunch or undertaking sport, please ensure your children have their named sun hats at school every day to enable them to play outside freely. Children without sun hats will be restricted to the shade sail area.

If you would like to purchase a Boulcott School hat please complete an order form. The hat order forms are held at the school office, orders will be processed and issued once payment is received.

Sports Uniform - Students only require a sports top if they are representing the school as part of a team or at an event such as Touch rugby, basketball etc. If your child requires a sports top please see the office to complete an order form, orders will be processed and issued once payment has been received. We accept payment by eftpos or via direct credit to the school account. If you are unsure of sizing we are happy for you to try the item on your child to ensure they have the correct size.

It is important to apply sunblock to your children before school. Children also need to wear shoes at school to protect their feet, and clothes that are suitable for sun protection and sports activities.

Many thanks



Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

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To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, including break times. If your child has a phone to communicate with you before or after school they must have it turned off and zipped up in their bag during the school day.

Wearing a watch is a great way to learn about time and we encourage children to wear a basic watch to school. It is important that the watch does not have games or transmission features that may cause distraction during learning time.

If your child has a smart watch it must be set to school mode between 8:55am and 3pm.

If a mobile phone is used during the school day or a smart watch is causing distraction the student will be asked to give the device to their teacher for safe keeping for the remainder of the day. This will then be followed up with a message to the student's caregivers.

Thank you for your support with this so we can maximise teaching and learning time at Boulcott School.



Teacher Directory - 2026

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Contacting your child's classroom teacher

Email is a great way to get in touch with your child's teacher.

We will do our utmost to respond to emails within 24 hours during the week. Please note that we may not see emails that are sent during teaching times (8:30 – 3pm). If your message is urgent, please call the office to ensure that we receive it.

Please find below a list of email addresses for all our teachers:

Teacher Directory- Boulcott School 2025

Room	Teacher name	Year Group-Syndicate	Email
Room 1	Corrina Rayson	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	corrina_rayson@boulcott.school.nz
Room 2	Melissa Coton	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	melissa_coton@boulcott.school.nz
Room 3	Jenn Burrridge	Year 4/5 Kahikatea	jennifer_burrridge@boulcott.school.nz
Room 4	Katie Roberts	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	katie_roberts@boulcott.school.nz
Room 5	Claire Williams	Year 5/6 Kahikatea	naisha_lal@boulcott.school.nz
Room 6	Karen Henry	Year 1/2 Harakeke	karen_henry@boulcott.school.nz
Room 7	Ros van Rij Tania Tyrer	Year 1 Harakeke	ros_vanrij@boulcott.school.nz tania_tyrer@boulcott.school.nz
Room 8	Jane Anstiss	Year 1 Harakeke	jane_anstiss@boulcott.school.nz
Room 9	Kathryn Farmer	Year 0/1 Harakeke	kathryn_farmer@boulcott.school.nz
Room 11	Brigit Scahill	Year 1/2 Harakeke	brigit_schahill@boulcott.school.nz
Room 12	Naisha Lal	Year 2 Harakeke	naisha_lal@boulcott.school.nz
Room 13	Emma Colling	Year 3/4 Kowhai	emma_colling@boulcott.school.nz
Room 14	Calvina Deng	Year 3/4 Kowhai	calvina_deng@boulcott.school.nz

Room 15	Molly Weaver	Year 3/4 Kowhai	molly_weaver@boulcott.school.nz
Room 16	Erin Inglis	Year 3/4 Kowhai	erin_inglis@boulcott.school.nz



Nood Food

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Boulcott School is a 'Nood Food' school

This means that we encourage students to have 'wrapper free' food in their lunchboxes. Please unwrap food and put it into smaller containers or straight into their lunchboxes.

We are also a **water only** school. Please send a drink bottle filled with water with your child to school. There are drinking fountains outside, if your child forgets their bottle.



School reading books

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If you have found any reading books or library books from school at your home over the holidays, please return them to the school office. We'd love to have them back for other students to enjoy.

Thanks so much!



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

Term 1 :

Friday, 6 February - Waitangi Day school closed

Wednesday, 11 February - Assembly - Room 11 hosting, 2:10pm start in the hall

Friday, 13 February - Mihi Whakatau 9:15am

Wednesday, 25 February - Assembly - Room 6 hosting, 2:10pm start in the hall

Friday, 27 February - Twilight Gala 4pm

Tuesday, 3 March - Parent teacher interviews

Thursday, 5 March - Parent teacher interviews

Friday, 6 March - Colour Fun Run

Monday, 9 March - Cohort 2 starts, Home and School Meeting and AGM 7:30pm in staffroom

Wednesday, 11 March - Assembly Room 12 hosting, starts at 2:10pm

Tuesday, 17 March - Home and School pizza lunch



Sports News

Margaret Presland — February 5th, 2026

Sports Term 1 2026

Sports for 2026 has kicked off already with a number of sports already completing their registrations.

Team information will be coming out shortly for Touch Rugby, Year 1 - 4 Netball and Badminton for Year 5 & 6.

Draws for these will be emailed out each week and also can be found on our school website, so please ensure you know when and where your child's game is each week.

Touch Rugby Year 1 - 6

Our Year 1 - 6 teams will be playing at Fraser Park starting on Thursday, 12 February. Students will need to wear their Boulcott School sports top and ensure shorts don't have pockets.

Netball

Our Year 1 - 4 Netballers will be playing at Taita Courts on Saturday mornings starting on Saturday, 14 February. Students are required to wear a Boulcott School sports top and blue or black shorts/tights.

There is a star helpers session on Thursday, 12 February at 6pm. Please register here if you would like to attend <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/491627>

Badminton

This starts on Tuesday, 10 February at Naenae Badminton Hall, Naenae. Racquets are available to be used provided by Hutt Valley Badminton

Students are required to wear their Boulcott School sports tops and clean non marking soles.

Wellington Phoenix Visit

We are lucky enough to have 5 - 6 players from the Wellington Women's Phoenix Football team come to visit Boulcott School on Wednesday, 18 February. There will be an opportunity for a number of students from each syndicate to attend a question and answer session, time for them to have things signed and then have a skills session run by the players.

Girls Only Futsal Tournament

Later this term there is an opportunity a number of Year 4 - 6 girls to enter a girls only Futsal Tournament on Thursday, 19 March at Walter Nash.

Information will be sent out to families and a google form will needed to be completed. Teams will be made up on a first in first served basis. We will need a number of parent helpers to help supervise students on the day and help with transport. Keep a watch out for an email near the end of February.



School Lunches for 2026

We offer Pita Pit lunches on Thursdays and sushi on Fridays.

School lunches will be available from **Thursday, 12 February**.

Lunches can only be ordered online by going to www.ezlunch.co.nz or using the kindo app to register. An account is created for your child and payment made to your account online. Please ensure you have funds in the account before you order, which can be used at any time to order lunch on a Thursday or Friday. Orders must be received by **9am** on the day of delivery. The lunches are delivered directly to school and given to your child.

Please note: If you already have an account set up from last year, you may have already been directed to ezlunch. You will need to check and update your child's room number for 2026 to ensure their lunch is delivered to the correct class.



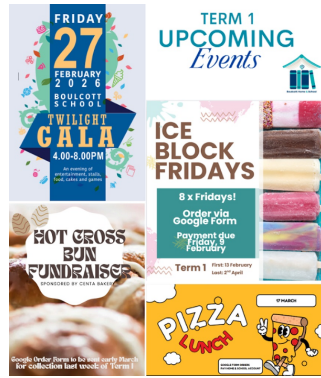
Home and School Committee

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Welcome to Term 1

Home & School Committee are in full swing with Term 1 fundraisers!

At the beginning of each school term we are aiming to give families and whānau an overview of these activities and what to expect. Here are some of the things in the coming weeks that we are looking forward to. We are always grateful for support from our wider community!



Kia ora e te [whānau!](#)

We are at the beginning of a new and exciting year, and the Home & School Committee have lots of fundraising planning underway for each term.

The Committee is made up of an awesome bunch of parents and caregivers of Boulcott School, who contribute varying levels of their time to plan, lead and contribute to events and fundraising efforts for the School. All of these directly supports our tamariki and enriches their school experience.

Our first meeting for the year is a combined Committee Meeting and our AGM being held on Monday, 9th March at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. We welcome new members, or even those who are interested in seeing what we are all about before committing! If you would like to know more about the Committee before that time, please feel free to drop us a line at homeschool@boulcott.school.nz.





School Term Calendar Dates - 2026

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Term Dates and Public Holidays

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

Public Holidays

Waitangi Day	Friday, 6 February
Good Friday	Friday, 3 April
Easter Monday	Monday, 6 April
Anzac Day	Saturday, 25 April (observed Monday 27 April)
King's Birthday	Monday, 1 June
Matariki	Friday, 10 July
Labour Day	Monday, 26 October



Launchpad

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

*We are excited to once again be able to offer Launchpad Champions
(formerly Bible in Schools) in 2026.*

*We will meet in Room 15 on Friday mornings 8am-8:30am starting next
Friday, 13 February!*

*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.*

*Last year some of our "hashtags"
(a lesson summed up in a quick phrase with actions) included:
#get through the fear, #stand strong, #all about me, #a little goes a long way,
be brave, # love first, #power of forgiveness, # nothing is impossible*

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. We'd love to have them join us!!

Penny and Mrs Cody



Community Notices

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Speech and Drama Lessons 2026

Speech and Drama lessons will be offered at Boulcott School in 2026 for students in Years 3–6. Lessons help students to speak with clarity and confidence, to think creatively under pressure and develop leadership and presentation skills. Students will explore a wide range of topics, including: public speaking, improvisation, poetry, drama, interview skills, speech delivery and more! Lessons are suitable for beginners and those with prior experience.

To enrol your child, just scan the QR Code below and fill in the form. **Spaces are limited** and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To secure a place, please register by **Monday, 2 March**.

For more information visit: www.amplifyacademy.nz

Or contact Aaliyah Middleton

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- Classes are small with a maximum of 8 students per class.

When and Where:

Lessons are held in Boulton School on Monday's and Wednesday's after school.

- Lunch 1.15 to 1.45pm
- After-school 3.15 to 3.45pm

Lessons are held weekly during the school term.

COST: \$20 per lesson, per student.

SPACES ARE LIMITED FIRST-ON, FIRST-SERVED

GET IN TOUCH:

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Growing up today brings more pressure and distraction than ever before. As parents, you want your child to feel confident, capable, and supported while learning how to navigate challenges, friendships, and expectations in a healthy way.

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We work closely with local schools and families to deliver a proven programme that supports both academic focus and personal development. Our curriculum is designed to complement your child's education and help them develop skills that carry through into everyday life.

For nearly three decades, we have helped thousands of children grow in confidence, focus, and resilience. Martial arts is not just about physical ability, it's about mental, behaviour, and learning how to make positive choices.

Through our classes, your child will:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Learn to respect themselves and others
- Improve focus, discipline, and behaviour
- Develop teamwork and social skills
- Build strength, coordination, and fitness
- Learn how to manage challenging situations
- Enjoy learning in a positive, encouraging environment

Regular physical activity also plays a key role in supporting a child's health, energy, and emotional well-being. Our classes provide the right balance of structure, movement, and enjoyment.

All instructors have a working with children card, first aid, and follow strict safeguarding procedures to ensure a safe and professional environment for all times.

We are currently running new beginner classes in the area, with limited places available. If you would like to give your child a confidence-building experience that supports their development now and in the future, we would love to hear from you.

Matt Fiddes

Chief Master Yellow Belt
8th Degree Black Belt

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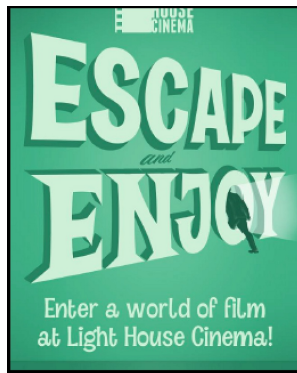


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