



Newsletter - Term 1 Week 3



Principal's message

Principal — February 19th, 2026

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It is a privilege to lead such a vibrant and connected school community, and the last fortnight has truly showcased the "Boulcott spirit" in action.

Mihi Whakatau - Last Friday, we held our Term 1 mihi whakatau to officially welcome our new ākonga and their whānau. It was a beautiful ceremony, but the absolute highlight for me was

witnessing the confidence and leadership of our Senior students.

The Karanga, performed with such poise and grace by **Aurora, Phoebe, Millie, Anouk, and Darcy**, set a beautiful tone for the morning. I was also incredibly proud of our speakers, **Kason, Logan, Julian, and Cooper**, who delivered their whaikōrero with pride. Finally, a huge Ka pai to **Jake** for leading the school haka with such strength and passion. Seeing our young leaders stand tall and lead our tikanga is a testament to their hard work and the supportive environment our whānau rōpū and staff have fostered. To our new families—it is wonderful to have you as part of our kura.

Bike Track Updates - The excitement on the playground has reached a new level this week with the lunchtime opening of our bike track! It has been a massive success, and it's been fantastic to see tamariki of all sizes—from our smallest 5 year olds to our Year 6's—enjoying the track.

While the track is currently open for play, we are planning an **official opening in March** once our fleet of brand-new bikes and our bespoke storage shed arrive. We are very excited to share that **The Hon Chris Bishop** has already been in touch to say he would love to attend and celebrate this milestone with us. Watch this space for a confirmed date!

Twilight Gala: Friday, 27 February (4pm – 8pm) - The countdown is on for our Twilight Gala at the end of next week! Our school is buzzing with preparation, and I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the prep so far.

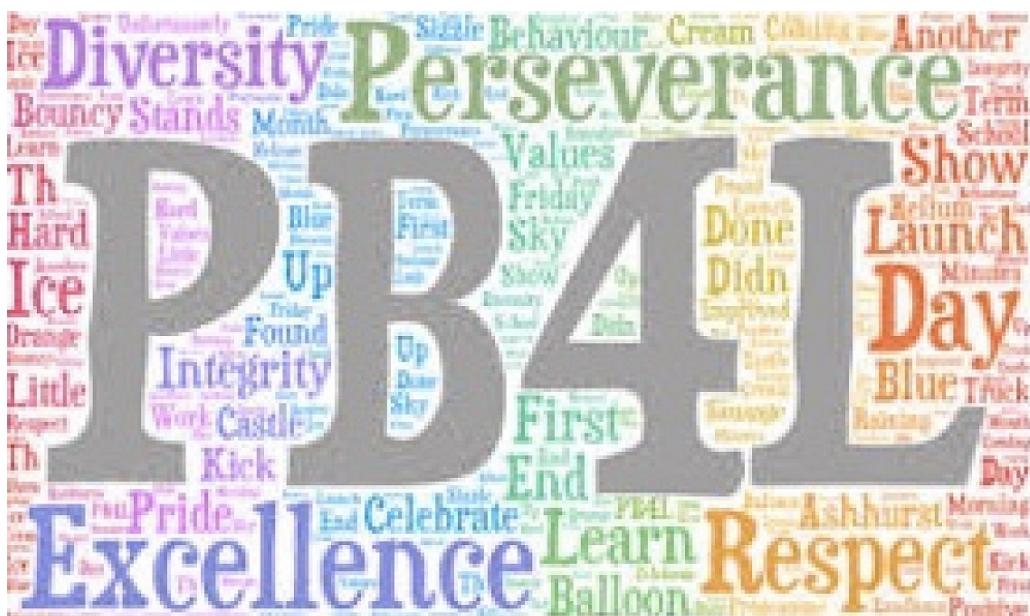
The **Mystery Jars** have started arriving and they look incredible—the creativity of our students is just amazing. I decided to have a go at making one myself, and I have to admit, mine doesn't look half as good as most of our tamariki's attempts! However, what it lacks in external "glitter," I can assure you it makes up for with a great mystery prize (or two!) inside.

We are still on the lookout for a few more **parent helpers** to ensure the evening runs smoothly. Thank you to those who have already signed up; if you have an hour to spare on the night, please do join us—it's a wonderful way to meet other parents and support our school.

Parent Interviews: Week 5 - Looking slightly further ahead, we will be holding Parent Interviews in Week 5. These meetings are a vital opportunity for us to sit down together, discuss your child's goals for the 2026 year, and share their recent assessment results. Building this partnership early in the year ensures we are all on the same page for your child's learning journey. Keep an eye on HERO for booking details.

Kia pai tō wiki (Have a great week)

Rachael and the Boulcott team



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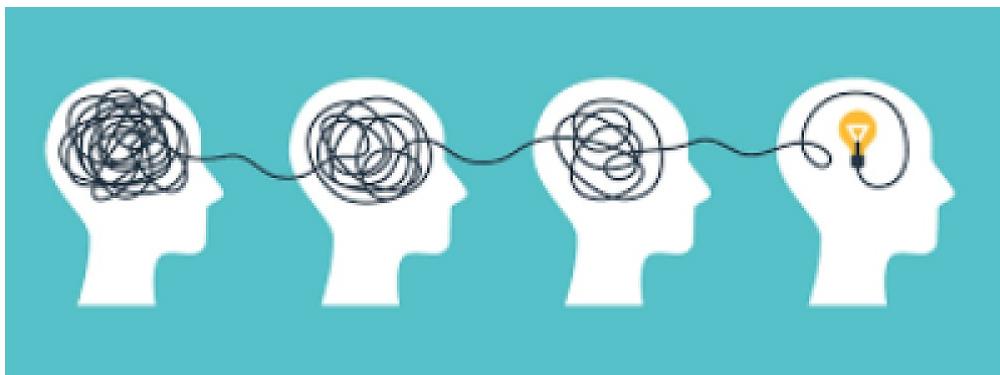
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Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Week 3 - The Brain and Celebrating differences

Big Ideas:

- How do we learn?
- What do we know about our brain?
- What are the parts of the brain?
- How can we keep our brain healthy?
- We can stretch our brain by building pathways/making connections in order to make it stronger
- Differences make our world more interesting and fun
- There's more than one "right" way to learn
- People don't feel things the same way — and that's normal
- When we understand differences, we can be kinder
- Everyone deserves to feel safe and accepted just as they are





Welcome to our New Students

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Term 1

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

Room 3 - Lydia

Room 5 - Coralie

Room 7 - Isabel, Archer, Boston, Keane, Leo, Lyzen, Milo, Nilla

Room 8 - Arish, Amy, Eva, Jordan, Maninder, Nathania, Pat, Ryker

Room 11 - Rhythm-Ross, Eleanor,

Room 13 - Tilak D, Logan

Room 14 - Caira, Pengpeng

Room 15 - Nilavan

Room 16 - Tilak P



Cheer Awards - Term 1 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: Zaiden, Killian

Room 2: Luxton, Yaniv

Room 3: Charles, Aroha

Room 4: Julian, Thea

Room 5: Coralie, Tatum

Room 6: Kensington, Awhina

Room 7: Milo, Boston, Puka

Room 8: Eva, Ryker

Room 11: Rhythm-Ross, Aanya

Room 12: Maggie, Corban

Room 13: James, Abi

Room 14: Alfie, Kavneer

Room 15: Isobel, Nilavan

Room 16: Maisie, William



Whānau Rōpū

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Whānau Rōpū Information

E ngā mana

E ngā reo

E rau rangatira mā,

Tēnā koutou.

It's been a busy start to the year already for the Whānau Rōpū with mihi whakatau for Teacher Karen Clements and our own mihi whakatau to welcome our new teachers, teacher aides, whānau and tamariki. We're also preparing for the gala where we'll be selling hāngi and fry bread. If you would like to purchase either of these items, please complete the form below as there will be limited availability on the day.

<https://forms.gle/Lg11DcTGTn1zTSqdA>

Our rōpū is here to support the school in a number of ways:

- Advocate for whānau and tamariki Māori
- Working with the Board and management to set strategy, ensure the school is giving effect to Te Tiriti, and identify initiatives related to the incorporation of Te Ao Māori at Boulcott School
- Lead or contribute to, the planning and running of significant Māori events that the school is involved in (Mihi Whakatau, Matariki, Hutt Fest, Kapa Haka Exchange)
- Fundraise

If this is of interest to you, please reach out to us on whanau_ropu@boulcott.school.nz. You don't have to be a reo superstar or a tikanga guru, all whānau Māori are welcome - nau mai haere mai.



Home and School Committee

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Term 1 - Pizza lunch and Hot Cross Buns

PIZZA LUNCH – 17 MARCH

Pizza lunch is coming up fast! As we have moved away from Google Form ordering, Ezlunch online ordering will open after the Gala for you to place your orders prior to Tuesday, 17 March.

Please remember to ensure you have a log-in profile set up so you can see the Home & School "shop" within the platform.



HOT-CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

We're excited to be running this fundraiser at the end of the term. Ezlunch orders will open in mid-March, with pick-ups scheduled for Tuesday, 31 March. Details about ingredients, allergens, and the collection time and location will be shared in the newsletter before orders open. A huge thank you to our local sponsor, Centa Bakery, for their support!



Colour Fun Run!

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

On **Friday, 6 March** we will be having our annual Fun Run where all our tamariki are encouraged to participate and try their best in a fun obstacle course. During the event, the children will race through tyres, hanging pool noodles, jump over hurdles and get showered with coloured powder, before making their way to the finish line, where they will have a disco party with their friends.

Your child **will need**:

- running shoes
- drink bottle
- an asthma inhaler (if needed)

... **and** because there is a strong likelihood that they will get **wet and dirty** on the fun run, they also need:

- a spare change of clothes in a water proof bag

- change of shoes (they may be wet after the fun run)
- a towel

Wearing white or light colours means the powder shows brightest, however this is not compulsory.

We will have an early lunch from 12:15-1:10 before running the fun run in our syndicates.

- **Harakeke:** 1:30pm
- **Kowhai:** 1:50pm
- **Kahikatea:** 2:10pm

We hope to finish no later than 2:30pm. Challenges will include activities involving water, obstacles etc, finishing with a colour disco.

The success of this event is dependent on parent helpers to help out around the course. Please email Karen Henry, karen.henry@boulcott.school.nz, if you are able to help.

We encourage you to come along to support the children with their races, and of course you are most welcome to join in with your children, if you are keen and prepared to get involved.

Kind regards,

Boulcott Kaiako



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

Term 1 :

Monday 23 March - BOT meeting 6pm in the staffroom

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

Friday 27 February - Twilight Gala 4pm

Monday 2 March - Movin March begins (details to be advised)

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 7 hosting, starts at 2:10pm

Tuesday 17 March - Home and School pizza lunch

Wednesday 25 March - Assembly Student Leaders hosting, starts at 2.10pm

Thursday 2 April - End of Term



Sports News

Margaret Presland — February 19th, 2026

Term 1 Sports

Thank you to everyone who registered their child/ren for sports in Term 1. We have

- 7 Year 1 - 6 Touch Teams
- 4 Year 1 - 4 Netball Teams
- 5 Year 5 & 6 Badminton Teams

None of this would be possible without the support of our parents who have taken on coaching and managing roles. We sincerely thank those who have stepped forward to support our tamariki. Your time, commitment and willingness to help out is deeply appreciated and this allows us to provide these sporting opportunities for so many tamariki. We recognise that so many people have other commitments, however if you are at games and are able to help out one week by supporting the coach/manager to manage substitutions, this would be greatly appreciated.

Wellington Women's Phoenix Visit

Boulcott School was super lucky to have 5 to 6 players from the Wellington Women's Phoenix team come and visit our Tamariki on Wednesday, 18 February. Students from across the syndicates had a Q & A session, an opportunity to have items signed and then some of our tamariki were lucky enough to have a skills session with the players. I am sure the students were inspired and motivated by these players.

Thank you to the Wellington Women's Phoenix Team.

Girls only Futsal Tournament

Next week an email will go out to all the girls in Year 3 - 6 to see who is interested in participating in the Girls Only Futsal Tournament on Thursday, 19 March at Walter Nash.

We will be sending 2 Year 3&4 teams and 2 Year 5&6 teams to this event and the teams will be completed on a first in first serve basis.

We will require a number of parent helpers to help out managing the students throughout the day as well as helping with transport. If you are able to help out please indicate this on the google form when it gets emailed out.

Westpac's 'Nominate a Teacher and Help Us Donate Sports Equipment' competition!

At the end of last year, Boulcott School was entered into the nominate a teacher and help us donate sports equipment. Thank to you to Karen Henry who nominated Margaret Presland with the following nomination - Margaret Presland is an amazing Sports Coordinator at Boulcott School. She goes above and beyond for our tamariki, provides fabulous communication to whanau and staff, and is so enthusiastic with everything she does. Nothing is ever too much bother!

We are now super lucky to have a box of sports balls delivered and ready to go into our PE shed to support our Tamariki in training and achieving new goals. Thank you Westpac and isport Foundation for the balls.





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



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.

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.

In week 1 Penny began with a few games and a chance to reconnect through games.

We are looking into the Bible as a unique book and what it tells us about God and Jesus.

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



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 Lunches for 2026

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

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.



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.

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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Check out what is on offer for Boulcott students!



This publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and we thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial.

Our shared vision is that every child in the Wellington region and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

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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, 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



28 February to 8 March

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OCEAN INSPIRED ART COMPETITION

We want to 'sea' your artwork!
Enter by 16 March!

SEAWEEK AUSTRALIA & Seaweed.
Ocean Connections Joint Webinar
for students and teachers
Engage with marine scientists and experts from Australia and New Zealand to explore the ocean-human connection
Wednesday 4 March, 2pm - 2:45pm NZDT



SCIENCE & TECH CLASSES

Private STEM Sessions

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 - Coding, robotics, 3d design, science, engineering, Minecraft + more
- BOOKED ON YOUR SCHEDULE
 - During school, after-school
 - Online, at home, local venue
- FOR ALL LEARNERS
 - Extension
 - Building a new hobby
 - Developing confidence & skills
- HIGH & COMPLEX NEEDS SUPPORT
 - If and carer support funding accepted

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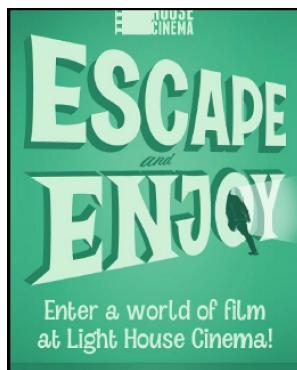
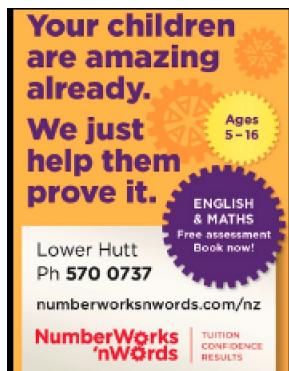




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