



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 5



A Gala to Remember...

Principal — February 28th, 2026

Principal's message

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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What an absolutely spectacular afternoon we had for our Twilight Gala! We raised an amazing \$24,000! After all the planning and preparation, the "Gala Gods" certainly smiled on us with beautiful weather, providing the perfect backdrop for what was a truly golden evening for

Boulcott School.



There was a real "community buzz" in the air from the moment the gates opened. It was heartening to see not only our own students and parents but so many faces from the wider community joining in the fun. The energy across the field and courts was electric, and it reminded me once again what a special, connected community we belong to.

The afternoon kicked off with a powerful performance from our **Kapa Haka** group. You were all fantastic—thank you for representing our school with such pride and setting such a wonderful tone for the event.



An event of this scale simply doesn't happen without a massive "village" behind it. My heartfelt thanks go to **Natalia Karacaoglu and Hana Straight** our chief organisers, whose vision and tireless work over the many months brought this to life. They were supported by a brilliant Gala Committee and our ever-supportive **Home and School** team—thank you for your dedication to our tamariki.

I also want to give a special shout-out to our school caretaker, **Dean**. Dean was everywhere at once, helping with the heavy lifting and the logistics of the day. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him, and he did it all with his trademark smile, keeping us all going during the busy setup.

To our **Boulcott teachers** and the many **families** who contributed—thank you. Whether you spent hours baking, assembled those creative mystery jars and bottles, sold raffle tickets, ran a stall, or helped with the setup and the late-night pack-up, your contribution was the secret ingredient to our success.



Most importantly, the proceeds from this gala are going towards a very exciting cause: the construction of our **new playground and outdoor spaces**. Because of your generosity and hard work, we are one step closer to providing our students with a vibrant new area to play, explore, and grow.

Thank you all for making the 2026 Twilight Gala a night to remember.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

It has been lovely to see so many of you and your tamariki at our **Parent/Teacher/Student conferences** on Tuesday and you we are really looking forward to catching up with more of you today/ Thursday afternoon!

These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for us to sit down together with your child and talk about life at school so far this year. We have also been able to share your child's recent assessment data. These conversations are so vital to us; they are the heart of our partnership with you. They give us the chance to celebrate your child's successes and chat about how we can best work together to support their learning journey as we navigate the new curriculum benchmarks

Ngā mihi nui,

Rachael and the team at Boulcott



Board News

Twilight Gala

Thank you to our Home and School Committee for organising the successful Twilight Gala. We also want to acknowledge our teachers, school staff, parents and students who contributed so much time and energy. It was fantastic to see our school community come together on a pleasant evening.

SchoolDocs Policy Reviews

The Board is currently reviewing the following policies:

- Alcohol, Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
- Sun Protection
- Digital Technology and Online Safety

These policies can be viewed via [SchoolDocs](#) (navigate to Boulcott School). The school community is welcome to provide feedback during the review process. All comments will be considered by the Board.

Implementation Plan

The Board approved the annual Implementation Plan at the most recent meeting.

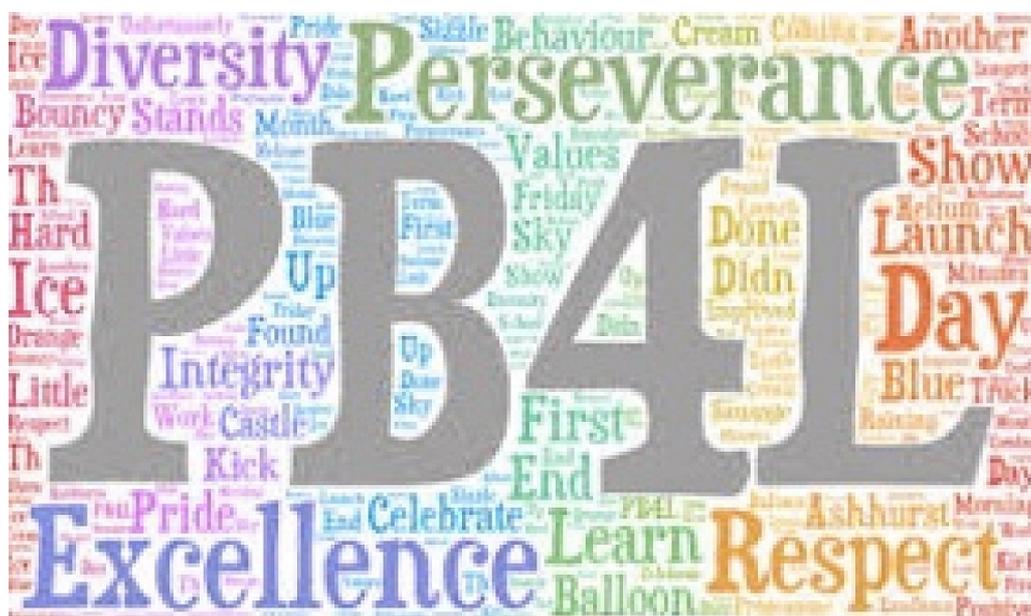
Student Achievement Report (2025)

At our recent meeting, Jo Lock (Deputy Principal) presented Boulcott School's 2025 Student Achievement Report.

In 2025, the school began implementing the refreshed English and Mathematics curricula, which include higher expectations and learning outcomes introduced earlier across year levels. The refreshed curriculum introduces higher expectations at each year level. This means achievement is now being measured against a more demanding standard than in previous years. As a result, achievement results are not directly comparable with earlier data and may appear lower, even though this reflects a change in expectations rather than a decline in student capability.

The full [report is available here](#)

The Board remains committed to improving outcomes for all students. In 2026, the school has invested in additional Learning Support, including a full-time Learning Support teacher and teacher coach, as well as an additional Teacher Aide to strengthen in-class support for students.



PB4L

Boulcott School — March 4th, 2026

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Week 5

Enthusiasm - Kaikaha

- Be ready to learn

Big Ideas:

- Be organised and ready to learn
- Persist with our learning even when it is challenging
- Take risks and challenge ourselves
- Seek feedback to improve our learning





Home and School Committee

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Thank You! Please check out what is coming up!

TWILIGHT GALA THANK YOU

Home & School would like to thank you! We are still working through our final fundraising efforts but have raised approximately \$24,000 to go towards our Outdoor Playground Project. The Gala takes weeks of planning, collaboration and effort from our own committee members and from volunteers. All of this is not possible without all your help and we are truly grateful to our parents, teachers, and community for all your support! We had hundreds of people attend on Friday and it was incredible to see how much fun everyone was having. Our outdoor spaces will provide a beautiful new environment for our children, the community, and future generations to enjoy and we are so pleased to be able to contribute to the next phase of this project rolling out.

A special mention to our Home & School Committee members, Hana (Chair) and Natalia (Treasurer) – these two have put in HUGE amounts time and energy into making our Gala such a success!



THE FUN CONTINUES.... As we have several items left over from the Gala we are going to add to our usual Ice Block Friday after school, and offer Ice Creams in a cone, sherbet and leftover Lollie mixes! We can take the usual Ice Block clip ticket, cash or payWave. We also have a number of crafts and plants available at the School Office for a donation or koha.



PIZZA LUNCH – 17 MARCH

Kindo/Ezlunch online ordering **NOW OPEN**. Orders close end of school day, **11 March**. **No late orders accepted**.

If you need help with ordering, please contact Home & School and we can assist you.



HOT-CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Kindo/Ezlunch online ordering **OPENING SOON**.



HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING and AGM

A reminder of our upcoming meeting, **Monday, 9 March 7:30pm** in the Staff Room.

All welcome! If you are interested in joining the committee or just want to sit in and hear what we are all about, please feel free to come along.



Cheer Awards - Term 1 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: Quin, Maddie

Room 2: Noah S, Aurora

Room 3: Noah E, Lydia

Room 4: Julia, Logan

Room 5: Florence, Braxly

Room 6: Jayden, Ted

Room 7: Keane, Kal-El

Room 8: Marlowe, Ivan

Room 11: Inara, Sophia

Room 12: Chloe, Amari

Room 13: Goldie, Liam

Room 14: Caira, Sarah

Room 15: Torin, Gianni

Room 16: Jimmy, Juno



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

Term 1 :

Thursday, 5 March - Parent teacher interviews

Friday, 6 March - Colour Fun Run

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

Monday, 9 March - Cohort 2 starts,

Home and School Meeting and AGM 7:30pm in staffroom

All welcome! If you are interested in joining the committee or just want to sit in and hear what we are all about, please feel free to come along.

Wednesday, 11 March - Last day to order pizza through Kindo/Ezlunch

Thursday, 12 March - (please note change of day/date) Assembly,

Room 7 hosting, starts at 2:10pm

Tuesday, 17 March - Home and School pizza lunch

Thursday, 19 March - Year 3-6 Girls only Futsal Tournament

Wednesday, 25 March - Assembly, Student Leaders hosting, starts at 2:10pm

Tuesday, 31 March - School Cross Country

Thursday 2 April - Postponement date for School Cross Country, End of Term (school finishes at 3pm)



Hero App

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Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Hero App.

If you haven't managed to download yet please do so as we have been delighted with using our new communication and reporting system, Hero, which replaces our previous student management system eTAP as well as the Seesaw app. The Hero app will become the main way we communicate with you, rather than via email.

Hero allows schools to build an online environment that reflects our unique context. It enables teachers, students, and families to view and share content anytime, anywhere on any device. The software is secure, easy to use and brings together all school-related information in one place.

We are excited about the features that Hero has to offer families. These include the ability for parents and caregivers to:

- read and comment on posts relating to your child's learning
- view information on your child's progress and goals
- read school notices sent to the class or groups your child is part of
- respond to school notices such as surveys and trip permission requests

- view school term dates
- view a school calendar of events
- notify the school if your child is absent or late
- navigate to other school-related webpages
- customise your account by adding a profile image
- select how you wish to receive notifications
- View your child's finance page for invoices/statements

Over the upcoming year, as we build familiarity with Hero software we will post updates on your child's goals, learning and achievement as well as updates about life in the classroom. We are looking forward to sharing this with you to include you in your child's learning journey.

Learning posts combined with curriculum information and goal-setting will form an online report designed to build year on year so that over time you will have access to written posts, images, video, work samples, and helpful resources all in one place.

For information about Hero including how to log in, go to [Hero](#)



Sports News

Margaret Presland — March 5th, 2026

Boulcott School Cross Country

When: Tuesday, 31 March (ppt) Thursday, 2 April

Where: Around Boulcott School

We will be running our annual school cross country in Week 9 of Term 1. Students will start practicing for this during Syndicate fitness.

Our Year 3 - 6 students will have the opportunity to run a competitive race to try and qualify for the Zone Cross Country or a fun non competitive race.

Distances:

All Year 1 - 2 will complete a lap in and around the school.

Year 3 - 4 students will run approximately 1km.

Year 5 & 6 students will run approximately 2km.

Non competitive races for Year 3 - 6 will run a lap in and around the school.

More detailed information and a call for parent helpers for the day will be sent out soon.

Zone Cross Country will take place on Tuesday, 19 May (ppt) Thursday, 21 May at Sladden Park in Petone.

Girls Only Futsal

We still have a few more spaces for Year 3 & 4 girls who would like to play in the girls only futsal tournament on Thursday, 19 March. If your child hasn't registered and would like to please email Margaret Presland at sports@boulcott.school.nz

Team and parent helper information was sent out this week. Parent helpers please complete the necessary forms as soon as possible.

Sports registrations for Term 2.

An email was sent out this week with registrations for the following sports:

Basketball Year 1 - 6

The students will play at Walter Nash on:

- Monday Year 3/4
- Thursday Year 5/6
- Friday Year 1/2

Google form: <https://forms.gle/fjZmZaF87BPLKaED6>

Please complete the form by **Monday, 16 March**.

Note: We are only able to enter 2 teams per competition days so the teams may become quite large.

Netball Year 5/6

Students will play at Taita Courts on a Monday afternoon from 4pm. The season lasts for Term 2 and Term 3.

Please register your child using the following sporty form:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/276997>

Weetbix Tryathlon

Good luck to all our students participating the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday, 15 March.

The packs sent to school were sent home with students last week.

Have fun, enjoy the experience and I look forward to hearing what students thought of it.

Give it a go Football - Girls Only



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 3 we learnt about how sheep know their shepherd's voice - and played a game of trying to guide someone around the room with only our voice!



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



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!



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

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



Community Notices

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Boulcott students performing at Avalon Park Saturday, 7 March

Pipes in the park Scottish Highland event at Avalon Park on Saturday, 7 March from 10am onwards. Bagpipes, Highland dancing, drumming, stalls and more!!

Belle and Annabella will be in the Highland Dance display at 12:15pm. Free event, all welcome.

To celebrate **Children's Day**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wellington is running a community Colouring Competition for tamariki across our region over the next couple of weeks — and we would love your support in sharing this with your school families.

The competition launches on **Saturday, 28 February**, with entries closing on **Sunday, 15 March**.

Children simply:

1. Download the colouring page
2. Get creative
3. Email a photo of their completed artwork to Wellington@bbbs.nz

There is a \$20 voucher prize in each age category:

- *Under 6 years*

- 6–12 years
- Over 12 years

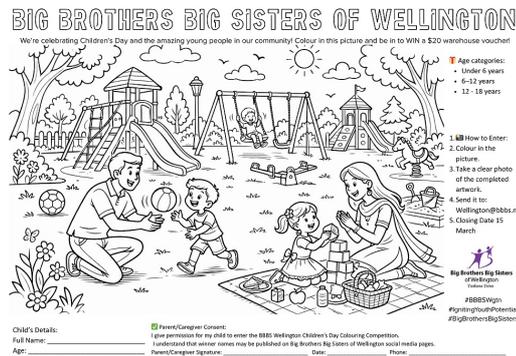
Winners will be drawn by our local Police Officers and announced on our social media pages.

This initiative is a simple and fun way to celebrate Children's Day while also raising awareness about the power of positive role models and mentoring in young people's lives.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could:

- Share this in your school newsletter
- Post on your parent portal
- Or distribute via email to families

Thank you for supporting mentoring in our community.



3 tips to support your tamariki in the early weeks back at school

The early weeks of term can be tiring as tamariki adjust back into learning, routines and friendships. These small ideas can help afternoons feel calmer.

- 1 Prepare for an after-school reset**
 Tamariki use lots of emotional energy at school. Reducing your questions, providing some kai and quiet downtime can help them recharge...and answer your questions!
- 2 Reconnect before routines begin**
 A few minutes of connection after school - chatting, sitting together, or listening to how the day went - helps tamariki feel settled after managing a busy learning environment. Connection first often leads to smoother afternoons and evenings.
- 3 Keep afternoons predictable**
 Consistent after-school routines help tamariki feel secure while they adjust back into the rhythm of the school term. Knowing what happens next can reduce stress and make evenings calmer for everyone.

real parents

STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB

FOOTBALL SEASON 2026 - REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Join one of Lower Hutt's most community-focused football clubs this winter.

FOOTBALL FOR ALL

- Why families choose Stop Out
 - Managed team sizes - more game time
 - Focus on development over results
 - Inclusive, family-friendly culture
 - Players supported - not just a number
 - Qualified First Aid & Games Review 2025
 - Free exchange - equipment availability
 - Support available

REGISTRATION DAY
 Stop Out Clubrooms, Hutt Park
 Saturday, 14 March
 10am - 12pm
 Book Exchange running on the day

Come be part of our Stop Out whānau
 #FootballForAll #stopoutsportsclub #LowerHutt

Scan to Register

The Jackson Street Programme (JSP) is hosting a "Search for Liam the Leprechaun" (similar to a Scavenger Hunt) from today until 20 March.

It's a **FREE** event for children 5 years and over. We've attached information and the form they will need to search for Liam





Boulcott School wishes to thank all our sponsors

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For your continued support of our school community

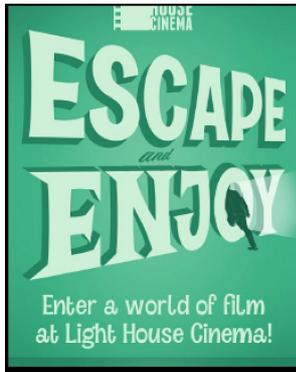
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Ages 5-16

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