



Boulcott School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 7



Principal's Message

Principal — March 19th, 2026

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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Enjoying the Sun & Prepping for Cross-Country

It has been wonderful to see the sun making an appearance over the last couple of weeks! This

clear weather has been a boost for our ākonga, allowing them to make the most of our new bike track and kick off training for the upcoming **Cross-Country competition**.

Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, 31 March (Week 9)**. We have scheduled Thursday, 2 April as our "save day" should the weather turn.

Our 2026 Student Leaders

One of the absolute highlights of my week is Wednesday morning, when I meet with our 2026 Student Leaders (pictured below). Seeing their energy and hearing their ideas is truly inspiring. We have been discussing the weight of their roles as role models and **kaitiaki** (guardians) of our school culture.

At our last whole-school assembly, we were proud to present these students with their leadership badges. Our leadership team consists of:

- **8 House Captains:** Leading school spirit and House events.
- **4 Student Councillors:** Acting as ambassadors for Boulcott School, including leading our monthly school tours for prospective parents.

We are incredibly proud of this group and the heart they bring to their roles.



Professional Growth: 'Lead at Speed'

Last week, our Deputy Principals (Jo and Jodi) and I had the privilege of attending the **Wellington Regional Primary Principals Conference** at Te Papa. It was a fantastic opportunity to network with over 200 leaders from across the region and engage with experts in the education sector.



The theme of the conference was **'Lead at Speed'**, focusing on how school leaders can confidently navigate the fast pace of change in modern education. In a world where we make

daily decisions that impact students, staff, and whānau, the conference explored how to lead with clarity, agility, and purpose without losing momentum or burning out.

We were inspired by a range of powerful speakers, including:

- Dame Farah Palmer (Former Black Fern & NZR Board member)
- Kenny Bhosale (Leadership coach and founder of The Bridge)
- Brooke Roberts (Co-founder of Sharesies)
- Janelle Riki-Waaka (Director of Riki Consultancy)
- David Letele (Founder of Butterbean Motivation)

The insights we gained will help us continue to drive progress at Boulcott, ensuring that **learning remains at the centre** of everything we do.

I hope that you and your whānau have a wonderful week ahead.

Nāku noa, nā

Rachael and the team at Boulcott School



Cheer Awards - Term 1 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: William, Juhi

Room 2: Ronan, Orson

Room 3: Jacob, Amyrah

Room 4: Kason, Morgan

Room 5: Artem, Cooper

Room 6: Olivia, Deep

Room 7: Isabel, Dayla

Room 8: Jordan, Max

Room 11: Scarlett, Tahu

Room 12: Jocelyn, Kaylee

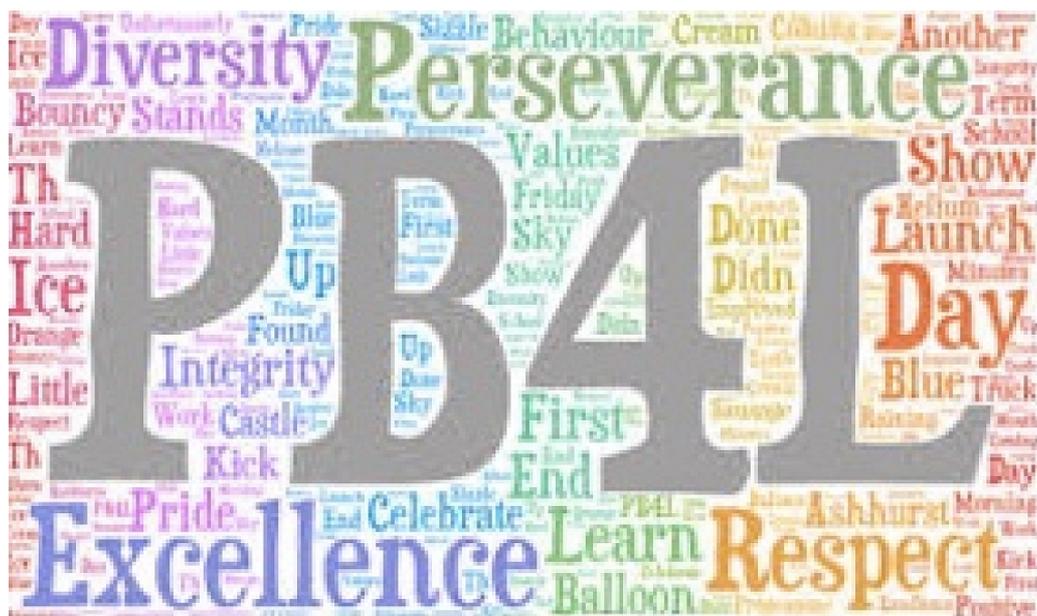
Room 13: Zyne, Mila

Room 14: Vihaan, Pengpeng

Room 15: Logan K, Octavia

Room 16: Tilak, Ayushi

Te Ara Piki: Jasper



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Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

- Week 7

Confidence : Maia

- Be brave when solving problems

Big Ideas:

- I can be a problem solver
- I can deal with conflict in a positive way

What can I do?



Events and Important Dates

Boulcott School — March 16th, 2026

Coming up!

Term 1 :

Monday, 23 March - Board of Trustees meeting at 6pm in the staffroom

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)

Monday 20 April - Term 2 starts, cohort 3 starts



Boulcott Broadcasters

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Term 1 - Colour Run

THE COLOUR RUN 2026

On Friday, 6 March we had a colour run. The Harakeke Syndicate ran first, then Kōwhai, and then the Kahikatea Syndicate did it for ourselves! We all ran through hanging pool noodles, a sprinkler, elastics to climb through, water gun alley and tires to jump through. We crawled under rope nets, jumped over hurdles, ran through ladders and jumped on a big mat! And there was bright and colourful powder everywhere!

There was party music on, people were screaming and laughing, and there was colourful powder flying everywhere in the wind. The student leaders squirted the children who were running in the water gun alley and held down the gazebo that had pool noodles hanging on it. They also gave a high five to the little kids as they ran through. We enjoyed the colour run because we got to see everyone get messy, colourful and wet. There was colour everywhere - in people's hair, on their clothes, on the ground and on their shoes. It was so much fun, we had an awesome time.

We had so much fun and we loved the colour in everyone's hair and on their clothes. We are so sad that it is the Year 6's last Boulcott Colour Run. We all loved getting coloured and wet. We had a wonderful day with everyone and we were all soaking wet and the parents were all amazed at all the colour and water on us. The kids weren't the only ones who were having fun, the adults were too. They were cheering on their kids, talking, laughing and taking photos.

The colour run was inspired by Holi, which is the Hindu festival of colours. They use colours to celebrate that spring is near after the winter. They celebrate with lots of bright colours and

wearing bright and colourful clothing. People paint each other and throw coloured powder. They get all covered in colour. Red stands for love, orange represents courage and sacrifice, yellow stands for peace and happiness, green represents Spring and new beginnings, blue stands for calm and courage, and purple represents peace and wisdom. Finally, pink symbolises joy, playfulness and friendship.

Overall we had a fantastic day! Thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the event. A special big thanks to Mrs Henry and everyone who helped her organise the event. Thank you to all the parents that helped on the course or came to support us and cheer us on.

By Olive and Florence - Boulcott Broadcasters



Home and School Committee

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Orders close Sunday 22 March



Sports News

Margaret Presland — March 19th, 2026

Boulcott School Cross Country

This will be run on Tuesday, 31 March (ppt Thursday, 2 April). This will be run around school with:

- Year 1/2 - running 1 lap
- Year 3/4 - running 2 laps (approximately 1 km)
- Year 5/6 - running 4 laps (approximately 2 km).

Students can chose to compete in a non competitive or competitive race.

Year 4 - 6 students who hope to go through to zone races will need to complete the competitive race and finish in the top 8 to go through.

Our event will run between 11am - 1pm. Starting with our Year 6 students working down towards our Year 3.

We are hoping to have the non competitive race at approximately 12:20pm and then have the

Year 2 and Year 1 race after that.

An email has been sent out to families asking for parents to come and help out around the track. If you are able to help out please complete the google form or email Margaret on sports@boulcott.school.nz

Google form: <https://forms.gle/CVaTtCApP45Wezuw9>

Girls Only Futsal

What a fantastic day 34 girls had at Walter Nash today. There were some great soccer skills on show and plenty of laughs and smiles, making it a very enjoyable day.

Thank you so much to our parent helpers who helped with transport and supervision of the students throughout the day. We really appreciate your support and we couldn't go to days like this without your support. **THANK YOU!**

Look out for some photos in our next newsletter.

Year 5/6 Netball

If any Year 5 & 6 students are interested in playing netball in Term 2 & 3 on a Monday afternoon at Taita Courts, please complete the sporty form below. Registrations close on Friday, 27 March.

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

Year 5 & 6 Water Polo

If any Year 5 & 6 students are interested in playing water polo in Term 2 on a Wednesday afternoon at Te Ngaengae pool please complete the google form. Registrations close Monday, 30 March.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/TwVtjX4ob8x7RUiu9>

Year 1 - 6 Basketball

Team information will be out in the next few weeks, once we have confirmation of the number teams we can enter into the competition.

Year 5 & 6 Badminton Term 2

We will be taking registrations shortly for any Year 5 & 6 studentd who would like to play Badminton on a Tuesday afternoon in Term 2. Games are played at Naenae Badminton Hall. Watch out for the email in your inbox shortly.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Congratulations to our students who competed in the Weetbix Tryathlon over the weekend. By all accounts it was a fantastic morning out, amongst a large number of participants.



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

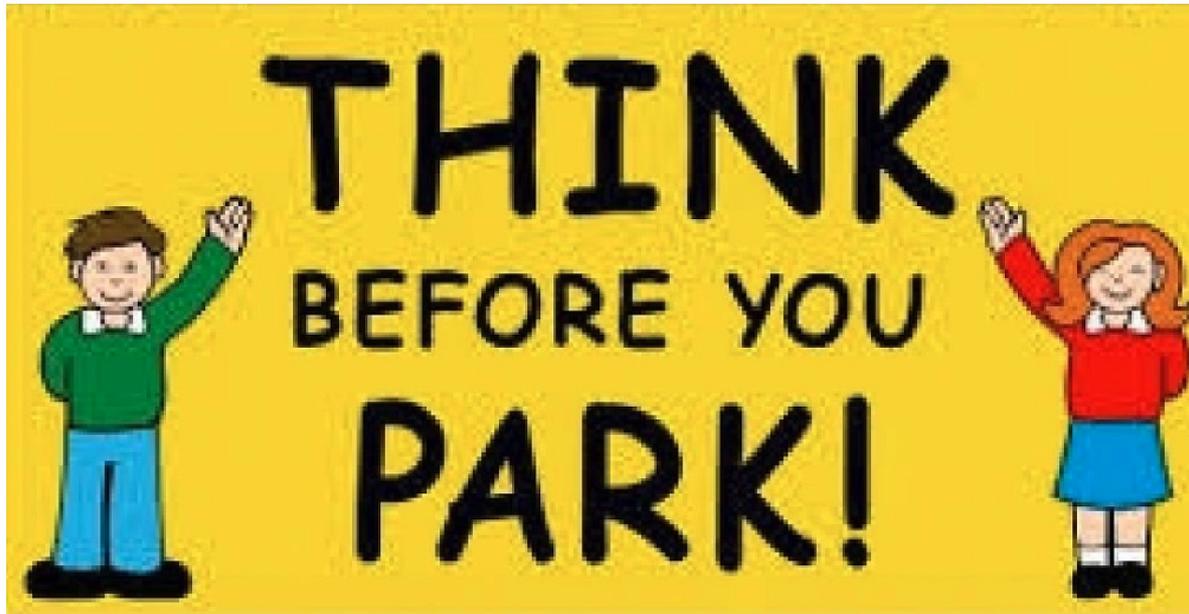
Term 2: Monday, 20 April - Friday, 3 July

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



School Parking & Speed Limit changing

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Term 2 speed limit change

- Variable speed limits will be installed outside school gates and entrances for 150m in each direction from the school gate or access point.
- Speeds will be reduced to 30km/h during peak school travel times (before and after school), and 50km/h at all other times.

When children arrive or leave school each day, make sure your driving behaviour is helping to keep them safe.

- Please park legally and safely at all times
- If needed please park further away and walk with your child to and from school
- Staff car park is only for staff vehicles

Please do not park on nearby personal or business property



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](#)



School Lunches for 2026

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

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LAUNCHPAD

Champions

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.

We are looking into Easter till the end of term, and learning that it is

"# more than chocolate."

Of course, we love to play games as well, sometimes to reinforce a lesson or value, and sometimes just to have fun together!



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.

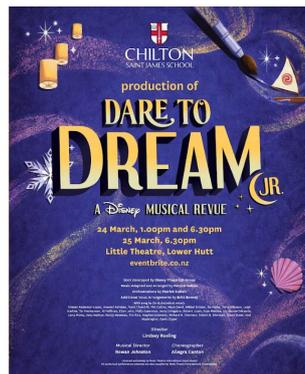
Sticker collection sheets - you can print them from the Yummy Fruit website:
<https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

So let's get munching!



Community Notices

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Helping tamariki feel confident and connected at school

At school, tamariki are learning how to navigate friendships, big feelings and new experiences. Here are three ways you support this learning at home.

- 1 Pause before stepping in**
Why this helps:
When tamariki work through small challenges themselves, they build confidence and resilience.
- 2 Name feelings, then move forward**
Try:
"I can see that felt hard. What could you try next?"
Why this helps:
Acknowledging emotions helps tamariki regulate, and reaching for what they can do grows their problem solving skills.
- 3 Trust their learning process**
Why this helps:
Not every friendship challenge or frustration needs adult support. Working things through helps tamariki develop independence and social capability.

@realparentsnz **real parents**



Hutt United Hockey Club welcomes new & returning players - Come play hockey!

Hutt United Hockey Club (HUHC) welcomes all new and returning Juniors players.

For a taster, come to our Muster on Tues 31 March: 5-6pm for Yr 1/2 & 2/4; and 6-7pm for Yr 5/6 & 7/8, at Fraser Park. All welcome!

Hockey is great for kids! Coordination, balance, teamwork, mental strength and fitness. To sign up for the full season [REGISTER HERE](https://www.huttunitedhockeyclub.co.nz/junior-club) before 4 April.

For all details visit our website: <https://www.huttunitedhockeyclub.co.nz/junior-club>.

For any questions contact juniorclubcaptain@huttunitedhockeyclub.co.nz.

See you on the turf!

A flyer for "THE CIRCUS HUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME". It features a red and white logo of a circus tent. The text describes the program as a variety of circus-themed activities for children aged 5+, including aerial arts, juggling, and acrobatics. It lists benefits like building confidence and making friends. A "HOW TO BOOK" section provides contact information for info@thecircushub.org.nz and www.circus.org.nz. A "What parents need to know" section details fees, times, and what to bring. A small photo shows children performing a circus act.

A flyer for "Matt Fiddes" karate classes at "Hutt Central School - Epuni!". The background is a fiery, orange and red abstract design. A young boy in a white karate gi is shown in a dynamic pose. The text includes "OPENING SOON! Thursdays!" and lists classes: "Mighty Mats at 3.45pm" and "Juniors, families, and adults at 4.35pm". It offers a "2 week free trial" and provides contact information: "msscien@mattfiddes.co.nz" and "021 080 946 34".

OSCAR HOUSE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

School Years 0-8
7th - 17th APRIL

Enrol Now for Early Bird Fees!

ACTIVITIES

Trips to: TE WAIANGAIA POOL - AVALON PARK EVENT CINEMA - BOWLING & LASER STRIKE

Sports, Games & Cool Crafts

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VENUE: Pretoria St - Lower Hutt
Access Via Eastern Hutt School

THE LEARNING CONNEXION
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KIDS AUTUMN HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMME

WEEK 1: Tues 7th to Fri 10th April
WEEK 2: Mon 13th to Fri 17th April

BOOK DAY BY DAY!

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KIDS AUTUMN HOLIDAY ART PROGRAMME

WEEK 1: Tues 7th to Fri 10th April
WEEK 2: Mon 13th to Fri 17th April

YR5: 9am to 3pm
YR6: \$65.00 per day
BOOK EARLY DAY OVER AT WWW.TLC.AC.NZ
AGE: 5 to 13 year olds

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	<p>NO CLASS</p> <p>It's break time, time isn't too busy classes, surely this technology. Fast feet to check out the other classes however!</p>	<p>CAMERA & KALIDOSCOPE</p> <p>Design a field for your design project camera with a focus on landscape. You'll learn how light travels while exploring the science behind reflection and refraction!</p>	<p>GRAFFITI ART</p> <p>We create graffiti art and words of urban culture graffiti inspired artwork by creating & experimenting with stencils, lettering, symbols & other visual colour ideas.</p>	<p>PINCH POT CLAY ANIMALS</p> <p>Stroll, pinch, and build! You'll learn how to shape & build clay like a pro then transforming the pots you create into fun & adorable animal creations!</p>	<p>HÄGRI WEAVING</p> <p>Discover the art of weaving! This tradition is rooted in strong traditions, weaving techniques while exploring ideas of connection, pattern & tradition.</p>
WEEK TWO	<p>STAINED GLASS ART</p> <p>Create a glowing stained glass effect! No glass cutting here! Design & paint your own stained glass panel with stencils & glass paint like a real stained glass artist!</p>	<p>PRINTMAKING ON TOTE BAGS</p> <p>Turn a plain tote bag into a work of art! Create color, pattern, and texture using screen printing techniques that's perfect for totes, tote bags, gear of fabric treasures.</p>	<p>PASIFIKA TAPA DESIGN</p> <p>Celebrate Pacific inspired design, building your own design world! A hands-on lesson that explores their motor skills while honoring the Pacific arts & crafts.</p>	<p>COMIC BOOK ZINES</p> <p>Calling all storytellers & illustrators! Create all your own characters, or make a story genre & publish your ideas. Fine your very own mini comic book zine!</p>	<p>MECHANICAL HAND</p> <p>Build your own moving mechanical hand! Using old string & simple mechanisms, you'll create your own mechanical hand that bends & grabs just like a real hand!</p>

WELLINGTON PHOENIX FC

EXPERIENCE CAMP

WELLINGTON | 7 - 10 APRIL | 9AM - 3PM

FRASER PARK

AGE GROUPS: 2012-2016
2 OR 4-DAY CAMP OPTION

REGISTER TODAY

We are excited to announce we are hosting a Wellington Phoenix Experience Camp at Fraser Park from the 7th-10th April between 9am-3pm for players born between 2012-2016.

The Wellington Phoenix Experience Camp is an intensive football programme designed to help young players develop their skills through engaging, professionally delivered training

sessions led by Wellington Phoenix Academy staff.

Across the camp, players will take part in a variety of sessions focused on the Wellington Phoenix principles, helping them improve their technique, confidence and understanding of the game in a fun and supportive environment.

Our camps give players a genuine insight into the Wellington Phoenix Academy environment, allowing them to:

- Experience coaching led by Wellington Phoenix Academy staff.
- Learn the training principles used by elite players.
- Build new friendships with other young footballers.
- Develop their confidence and love of the game.

This camp also offers flexibility, as we provide an option to attend the camp for either 2 or 4 days.

For further information including how to register please visit:
<https://wellingtonphoenixacademy.com/experience-camp-wellington/>



Egg-scuse me!? Did someone say The BIG Easter Weekend at Nga Manu?

From Friday 3rd – Monday 6th April, Nga Manu turns into four days of whānau fun!

What's on?

- Annual Easter Rock Hunt
- Face painting
- Sausage sizzle
- Easter Hub activities and games

There are over \$3,000 of prizes to be found, and heaps of Easter Eggs to be won.

Come and enjoy nature, explore the reserve and be part of the fun activities!

No need to book – just turn up for fun and games and **egg-stra** special Easter fun.

[The BIG Easter Weekend @ Nga Manu](#)

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- Primary Years (5-10)
- Teenage Years (12-18)

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- The importance of love and connection
- Different parenting styles
- Understanding your child's big emotions
- Working through common challenges
- Easing discipline and creating boundaries
- Family rituals and fun
- And plenty more tools and insights!

Parent Help is running a Primary Years Toolbox parenting course - in-person & online, starting May 4th.
Register your spot today! Call 04 802 5767 or email info@parenthelp.org.nz



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