



Boulcott School

# Term 2 Newsletter - Week 1



## Principal's Message

Principal — April 22nd, 2026

Term 2

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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## Welcome Back to Term 2!

I hope you all had a restful and refreshing break with your tamariki. It is wonderful to see the school gates open again and feel the energy back on the playground. We are diving straight into what is sure to be an incredibly eventful and exciting term. As usual, our calendar is brimming with opportunities for our students to shine!

Over the coming weeks, we have a lot to look forward to, including:

- **The Official Opening of our new Bike Track** this coming **Friday, 24 April** at midday. Chris Bishop who helped arrange funding for this track will be coming along. Everyone welcome!
- **ANZAC Day Observance** Reminder: Next Monday, 27 April is a public holiday and school will be closed.
- **"Choose Your Challenge" A-thon-** Our major school fundraiser for Term 2 - happening early this term. Look out for further information coming soon.
- **HuttFest** preparation with our performance on Tuesday, 23 June 6pm @ Walter Nash stadium.
- **Matariki Celebrations** - Early morning - Thursday, 2 July (TBC)
- The rollout of our **new student reports** for parents - ready for the end of this term.

## Behind the Scenes

While the school was quiet, it was certainly not empty! I want to extend a huge thank you to the many staff members who were in over the holidays, prepping classrooms and ensuring everything was ready for a smooth Day 1.

A special "shout out" must go to **Dean Scahill**, our school Property Manager/ Caretaker, who has been a absolute busy beaver overseeing property improvements. If you head into the school hall, please check out the new autex—it looks fantastic! Dean has also supported the installation of new autex in Rooms 5, 6, 9, and 15, put in much-needed shelving for Harakeke, and tackled the endless list of "extra" jobs we all seem to find for him. We are so lucky to have him looking after our place.



# Leadership Planning

Our Leadership Team spent a very productive full day together last Thursday. We worked through the "nitty-gritty" of the term ahead to ensure our systems, learning programs, and events are well-coordinated. It was a great chance to align our goals and ensure we are providing the best possible support for our teachers and students as we head into this busy season.

## Fuel Response Plan

The Government has introduced a National Fuel Plan, which is available online here: [New Zealand's Fuel Response Plan \[PDF, 206 KB\]](#)

There are four phases in this plan, and New Zealand is at Phase 1, "Watchful". This means the fuel market is operating effectively and fuel is available nationwide.

Onsite learning and attendance remain our top priority – as they will at any phase in the plan. Your child therefore needs to continue to attend school regularly.

We are planning for Phase 2 and will keep you updated if anything should need to change for our school operations.

The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is the lead agency for New Zealand's response. You will find more information on their website here:

[Middle East conflict and New Zealand's fuel stocks – Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment](#)

The Ministry of Education is also supporting schools with their planning and has added information here:

[About our fuel supply response – Ministry of Education](#)

Ngā mihi nui,

Rachael and the team at Boulcott

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# BOULCOTT SCHOOL - A RELATIONAL AND INCLUSIVE KURA

Boulcott School — April 22nd, 2026

## Restorative Conversation

Kia ora e te whānau,

At Boulcott School we believe in Restorative Philosophy and Practices; building, maintaining and repairing relationships throughout our whole kura.

This means we implement relational practices as a foundation of all we do, using preventative and pro-active strategies, along with explicit teaching and coaching of pro-social skills with our tamariki.

Our focus is on 'catching tamariki' doing the *right* thing - shining a light on the positives and using incentives and rewards (e.g. our CHEER values token system) to celebrate positive choices - gradually building to intrinsic motivation - children doing the right thing and showing the CHEER values as part of their 'being' - and part of the day to day life in our kura.

We also believe that non-punitive consequences for inappropriate, or at times challenging behaviour need to be in place, so that our children understand the cause and affect of their behaviours and that how we treat others has impact. Harm of any kind needs to be addressed and repaired to maintain functional relationships with others.

Kaiako are trained in restorative processes, as well as how to form an individual plan to support tamariki who require more scaffolding to build positive, pro-social skills.

Please see below the processes we follow for inappropriate or challenging behaviours - and the chart which shows the framework for restorative chats or mediation with our tamariki to help them explore harm, and explore solutions for healing, and choosing actions which can make things right - with adult support.

Please also be aware that we have many neurodiverse students at Boulcott School - some of whom may have an individual plan around building pro-social skills and interactions. Often external agencies are involved to support the intensive planning around the needs of these tamariki. As an inclusive school, we recognise that some tamariki require a tailored, individualised plan in terms of how staff prevent and respond to various behaviours they may present with at school.







# Bike helmets

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Kia ora whānau,

Our Tamariki are really enjoying the new Bike Track. We are however finding it is taking a long time each lunch break for adults and buddies to check that helmets are adjusted properly to fit well for safety.

Can you please help us out by checking that your child's helmet is organised at home, so they can pop proper-fitting helmets on and get moving on the track safely.

Thanks for your support with this - Boulcott School Bike Track team



# Events and Important Dates

Boulcott School — April 23rd, 2026

Coming up!

**Friday, 24 April** - Bike track official opening at 12pm

Whānau Rōpū meeting at 3:15pm in Room 11

**Monday, 27 April** - **School closed** Anzac Day observed

**Tuesday 28 April** - Swimming Years 2 - 6 continues until Friday 1 May

**Wednesday, 29 April** - Assembly 2:10pm in the hall - Room 5 hosting.

**Friday, 1 May** - Home and School Pizza Friday starts at 3pm.

**Wednesday, 5 May** - Home and School meeting in the staffroom at 7:30pm.

**Monday, 11 May** - Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom at 6pm.

**Wednesday, 13 May** - Assembly 2:10pm in the hall - Room 2 hosting.

**Wednesday, 13 May** - Kōwhai trip to Whirinaki Whare Taonga

**Thursday, 14 May** - Kōwhai trip to Whirinaki Whare Taonga

**Friday, 15 May** - Pink Shirt Day

**Tuesday, 19 May** - Zone Cross Country (Sladden Park) starting at 11:40am.

**Monday, 25 May** - Closing date for Term 3 & 4 out of zone ballot applications.

**Wednesday, 27 May** - Assembly 2:10pm in the hall - Room 12 hosting.

**Friday, 29 May** - Ballot - Term 3 & 4 out of zone enrolments.

**Monday, 1 June** - King's Birthday - **School closed.**

**Tuesday, 2 June** - Cohort 4 starts.

**Friday, 5 June** - Kōwhai trip to St Oran's performance

**Monday 8 June** - **Teacher Only Day**, this is a ministry mandated professional development day

for teachers.

**Tuesday, 9 June** - Assembly 2:10pm in the hall - Room 8 hosting. (Please note the change of day).

**Wednesday, 10 June & Thursday, 11 June** - School photos with Sue Allman.

**Tuesday, 16 June** - Interzone Cross Country. **Tuesday, 16 & Wednesday, 17 June** - Harakeke Space trip.

**Wednesday, 17 June & Thursday, 18 June** - School photos with Sue Allman.

**Tuesday, 23 June** - HuttFest performance.

**Wednesday, 24 June** - Assembly 2:10pm in the hall - Student Leaders hosting.

**Thursday, 2 July** - Matariki

**Friday, 3 July** - Term 2 finishes at 3pm.

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# Whānau Rōpū

Boulcott School — April 23rd, 2026

## Whānau Rōpū Information

Whānau Rōpū:

Our first hui for 2026 is scheduled for **this Friday, 24 April at 3:15pm** in Room 11 (Brigit Scahill's classroom, by the staff carpark) at Boulcott School. We would like to invite all whānau Māori to attend. Tamariki welcome.

Our main kaupapa will be the planning for the term ahead, with our big events being HuttFest (Tuesday, 23 June) and Matariki (Thursday, 2 July).

For those who are new to the kura/school, each year the Whānau Rōpū, with the help of the Home and School Committee and staff, host a Matariki celebration before school. It provides an opportunity for our kids to play leading roles in the ceremony, showcase our culture and show manaakitanga to the wider school whānau, as afterwards we put on breakfast for everyone.

It takes a lot of planning and effort so if you are keen to help out in the lead up, and/or on the day, please come along to the hui. Equally if you can't make it but want to help, please let us

know, so we can keep you in mind for specific jobs.

Kaua e whakamā (don't be shy), come along! New whānau are encouraged to come to see what it's all about!

Any questions, please get in touch: [whanau\\_ropu@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:whanau_ropu@boulcott.school.nz)

Whānau Rōpū

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# Home and School Committee

Boulcott School — April 23rd, 2026

Term 2

**Pizza Friday is back for Term 2!**

Pizza Friday will run for eight weeks from Friday, 1 May, to Friday, 19 June.

**Please order your clipcard through Kindo -**  
[https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/shop/kindo/boulcott\\_home\\_and\\_school](https://shop.kindo.co.nz/app/shop/kindo/boulcott_home_and_school)

Orders close at the end of the day on **Wednesday, 29 April** and cards will be delivered to your child's classroom on Thursday.

Any questions, email [homeschool@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:homeschool@boulcott.school.nz)

Ngā mihi, Home and School Committee





# Sports News

Margaret Presland — April 23rd, 2026

## Term 2 Sports

Term 2 sport is getting ready to start. We have a large number of teams across the school including

- 6 basketball teams Year 1 - 6 - starting Thursday 30 April, Friday 1 May, Monday 4 May.
- 4 badminton teams Year 5 & 6 - starting on Tuesday, 5 May.
- 2 netball teams Year 5 & 6 - starting on Monday, 4 May
- 1 Water Polo team Year 5 & 6 - started on Wednesday, 22 April.

A massive shout out to the parents who have put their hand up to help coach and/or manage the teams. We are truly appreciative of the time, support and energy that you are giving to these teams throughout the season and we really couldn't do this without you. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

## Sport Zone Information

Our Zone system has undergone a change and shake up including new names for our zones. We are now operating under 2 zones throughout the Hutt Valley (previously 4 zones) and these zones are not geographically based as it previously had been. Instead they are a combination of schools that takes into account the number of students in each school and if they have Year 7 & 8 students. Boulcott School is in the Wairua Zone.

## Zone Cross Country

Information will be coming out early next week with information about the Wairua Zone Cross Country.

This is taking place on Tuesday 19 May (ppt) Thursday, 21 May. This will be at Sladden/Petone Memorial Park and our event will be from 11:40am - 2:00pm.

Please look out for this email, as we will be looking for some parent helpers to help out throughout the day and there will be a cost to help towards the bus.

If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [sports@boulcott.school.nz](mailto:sports@boulcott.school.nz)

## Sports throughout the Term

We are lucky enough to have 2 different sporting opportunities happening throughout the term.

- Saints Basketball are coming in on Thursday, 7 May. They will work with 2 groups, Kowhai and Kahikatea.
- Maori Traditional Games - we have the team from Kokiri Marae coming in to work with the Kahikatea and Kowhai syndicate around some traditional Maori games.

Both of these will be great opportunities for students to learn new skills and work with outside agencies.

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## Yummy Stickers

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Thank you for collecting Yummy stickers!!

## YUMMY Fruit Stickers

We are all go again for the Yummy Sticker Sports Gear promotion this year!!

Our team have been madly picking apples from our orchards (dodging many weather events), so you will find lots of Yummy apples instore now



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!



## Our School Garden

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Our families are enjoying fresh vegetables from our garden. Samuel enjoyed stuffing this marrow with mince and vegetables, it was delicious!



## School Parking & Speed Limit change

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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**



# School Term Calendar Dates - 2026

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Term Dates and Public Holidays

## Term Dates - 2026

**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

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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.

During Term 1, we had a look at the Bible as a whole book and explored the Easter story.

This term, we will travel through the Old Testament timeline from Samuel to Solomon, where tamariki will be encouraged to make great life choices in their everyday lives.

Our words for life are some of Mrs Cody's favourites.

"God does not look at the things people look at.

People look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart."

Samuel 16:7 (NIV)



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

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## sKids Before and After School Care

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### Term 2 @ sKids

*Explore our Term 2 programme at sKids!*

*We have a **jam-packed programme** of activities this term including creative recycled play , Mother's Day crafts , Global Games week, dance and movement , and finishing off the term with the **Great sKids Bake Off**.*

*Plus, two more exciting new programmes launching at our Stay and Play sessions on Wednesdays!*

*From **6 May**, Move Masters bring energy, confidence and skill-building together as we explore active play , sport foundations and movement challenges. We'll build strength , coordination and resilience through fun drills, teamwork games and creative motion activities.*

*Then, from **10 June**, Taste Trek is a hands-on learning experience through planting, cooking and tasting activities. Children will learn about food groups, where food comes from, seasonal produce , healthy choices and how it supports wellbeing.*

*And of course... we're celebrating our birthday all year round!*

*To celebrate **30 years of sKids**, sites will enjoy themed celebrations including talent shows , art projects , dress-up days , cultural events and sports challenges .*

*There will also be opportunities to share photos, videos and stories nationwide*

*Check out the sKids website for more details!*

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<b>What's on this term</b> 	<b>20th - 24th April</b> <b>EARTH HEROES</b> Kids turn everyday household items into nature-inspired art projects, learning how creativity can help protect the planet.	<b>27th April - 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>WINTER IS COMING</b> A story made of crafts, building, and seasonal fun, celebrating all things autumn.	<b>4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> A week's creative week where children make heart-belt gifts and enjoy activities that celebrate the love and appreciation they have for their mums.	<b>11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>GLOBAL GAMES</b> A fun cultural celebration where kids explore traditional games from around the world, building teamwork, respect, and global awareness.	<b>18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <b>WORLD TURTLE DAY</b> A fun awareness week where kids learn about turtles, conservation, and nature through games and crafts.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>PUZZLE MASTERS</b> A week-long week of teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving activities celebrating International Puzzle Day.	<b>5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>DANCE &amp; MOVEMENT</b> A fun exploration filled with dance, music, and creative activities designed to get kids moving and creating.	<b>8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>OCEAN EXPLORERS</b> A fun, hands-on week where kids explore marine life through creative crafts, sensory play, and ocean-themed games.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>GLOW &amp; GO</b> A bright and exciting week where kids explore light, colour, and glowing creations through hands-on science-meets-art activities.	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>ART ATTACK</b> A creative global art adventure where kids explore cultural art styles and showcase their masterpieces in a vibrant end-of-week gallery.	<b>29<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> <b>BAKE OFF</b> A delicious week where children explore baking through mixing, measuring, decorating, and hands-on kitchen fun.

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Wednesday

**Taste TREK**

Launching 6 May!

<b>Wednesday 6 May</b> <b>Food Groups</b> Learn all about the 5 food groups and how they help our bodies grow!	<b>Wednesday 13 May</b> <b>Plant to Plate</b> Discover where food begins in the garden to journey from seed to harvest.
<b>Wednesday 20 May</b> <b>Taste the Seasons</b> Learn why food tastes different in each season and how it affects taste and nutrition.	<b>Wednesday 27 May</b> <b>skids to Home</b> Make something fresh, tasty and made with love to take home and share with your family.

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Wednesday

**MOVE masters**

TERM 2 PROGRAMME

<b>Wednesday 6 May</b> <b>Power Play</b> Kids build fundamental movement skills through exciting games and fast-paced activities.	<b>Wednesday 13 May</b> <b>Motion Squad</b> Kids get up and moving! It's all about using, making, and creating fun ways to stay healthy and active.	<b>Wednesday 20 May</b> <b>Skill Sprint</b> Put your skills and teamwork to the test in a week-long challenge using fun and engaging movements.
<b>Wednesday 27 May</b> <b>Action Academy</b> Kids try new movements, techniques, skills and fun challenges through guided action, practice and play.	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <b>Move &amp; Groove</b> High-paced fun, music, and rhythmic challenges that encourage moving, thinking and connecting.	<b>Launching 6 May!</b> <b>Book Now!</b> <a href="http://skids.co.nz">skids.co.nz</a>

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# Community Notices

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**LEARN MUSIC IN-SCHOOL!!!** DID YOU KNOW YOUR KIDS CAN LEARN MUSIC HERE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY !?!

**LEARN:** Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Keyboard – or try them all in our Intro to Music class (Y1–2)\*\*

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**Goodtime**  
MUSIC ACADEMY

## *St Bernard's College Open Day*

*St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 23 May 2026 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college.*

For further information please see our website: [www.sbc.school.nz](http://www.sbc.school.nz)

or contact the office at:

183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250

Email: [office@sbcschool.nz](mailto:office@sbcschool.nz)

St Bernard's College  
Te Kura Tuarua o Hato Pererara



A Year 7-13  
Catholic College  
for Boys



Open Day  
Saturday 23 May 2026 10:00am - 2:00pm

Enrolments for 2027 close 4 July 2026  
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office@sbc.school.nz www.sbc.school.nz



- **Dates:** Saturday, 25th & Sunday, 26th of April
- **Locations:** Upper Hutt (Trentham School), Petone (McEwan Park), Johnsonville, Paremata School, and Brooklyn (Vogelmorn Green (TBC), Miramar Central School *NEW*)
- **Time:** From 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM at all venues (TBC)

Please share this exciting opportunity with your families! They can register for our Football Program at: <https://www.LittleDribblersFC.com>



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