



Boulcott School

Term 2 Newsletter - Week 5



Principal's Message

Principal — May 20th, 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, Vaṅakkam, Mālō e lelei, Bonjour, Kia orana, Xin chào and

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What a busy and exciting couple of weeks we have had since our last newsletter!



Standing Together for Pink Shirt Day

On Friday last week, our school proudly celebrated Pink Shirt Day. This annual event, championed by the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand, encourages schools, workplaces, and communities to kōrero (speak up), stand together, and stop bullying. Our classes spent time talking about what this looks like in our classrooms and out on the playground. As you can see from the photo above, it was incredibly well-supported by a beautiful sea of pink!

A Special VIP Visit!



On Monday we had a visit from the Minister of Education, Erica Stanford, and our Prime Minister Christopher Luxon as well as one of our local MPs, Chris Bishop. They asked if we could host them to make a Pre-Budget press announcement about education. Our tamariki and Miss Weaver welcomed them proudly with a couple of waiata before they went and visited Room 16 to meet Miss Inglis and some of our Year 3/4 students. It was an incredibly special and memorable experience for our tamariki to host the country's leaders at our kura, showing them first-hand that their education and voices really matter.

If you are interested in watching the full press release where the Prime Minister compliments our school [see this link](#)

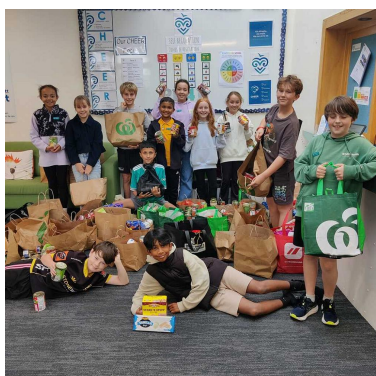
"Choose Your Challenge" A-Thon Success

Our A-thon day today was loads of fun! It was fantastic watching our children choose an activity to focus on for a whole block of time. Our wheels-enthusiasts happily zoomed around the bike track on their bikes and scooters, our avid bookworms read peacefully in the library with a huge range of books, and our mathematicians completely amazed us with their basic facts skills!



Well done, team! I am so incredibly proud of you all. Now is the time to collect your sponsorship money from friends and family. Please bring your cash donations into school or transfer it directly

Home & School Bank Account 12-3478-0056621-00 over the next week. Thanks so much for your generosity



Over 600 Items for the Food Bank!

I want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our recent food bank drive. I am thrilled to announce that we collected over 600 individual food items! Nicole from the Lower Hutt Food Bank was absolutely overwhelmed by our community's generosity. A massive congratulations to our student leaders for championing such a worthwhile cause. As a reward for their stellar House effort, students from Kākāpō House have spent this week and last week enjoying an extra 20 minutes of riding time on the bike track using our brand-new school bikes.



Student Leaders & Looking Ahead to "Jammies in June"

Speaking of our Student Leaders, they recently attended a Youth Leadership conference at the Lower Hutt Events Centre. They learned all about leadership, acts of service, and practical skills

like how to pitch and promote charitable ideas. While we can't support every worthy charity, the students have selected just a few special ones for this year.

Their next mission is supporting "**Jammies in June**" for the Wellington Free Ambulance. As the colder months set in, many vulnerable tamariki admitted to our regional hospitals don't have the warm winter essentials they need. A cosy pair of pyjamas can make a massive difference to a sick child unexpectedly spending time in hospital. We will send out more details about how you can support this very soon!

Bike Donations Needed (Balance Bikes)

Do you have a bike at home in really good condition that your child has outgrown? We are on the lookout for a few donations—particularly a couple of wooden balance bikes (like the ones pictured below). Please note that we can't accept bikes with training wheels, simply because they take up a bit too much room in our already packed bike shed!



Mid-Year Reporting Update

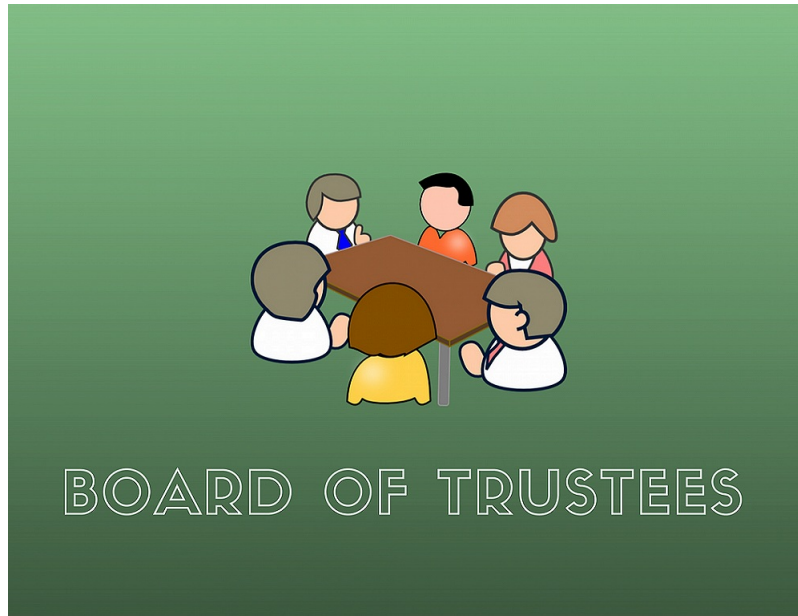
I want to give you a quick heads-up about our Mid-Year written reports. Usually, these are sent home on the last day of Term 2. However, due to the national changes in reporting this year and our transition over to the HERO platform, we have decided to share these reports with you in Week 1 of Term 3. The following week (Week 2), we will hold our second round of Parent-Teacher conferences. This will be a great opportunity to discuss the report, ask questions, and let teachers share specific assessment data and general updates on your child's progress.

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support of our school and our tamariki. It is appreciated more than you know.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ngā mihi nui,

Rachael and the team at Boulcott School



Board News

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Term 2

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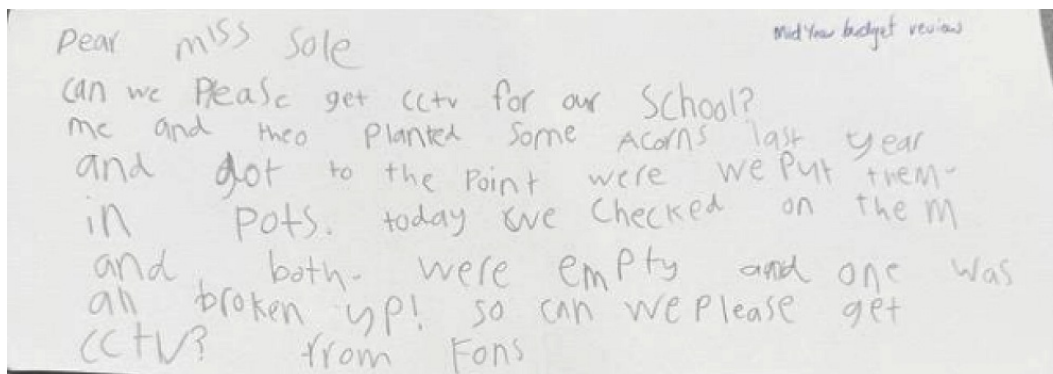
Balancing curriculum changes and teacher workload:

The Board met for its first Term 2 meeting on 11 May. We wanted to reassure parents and our school community that we are closely tracking how the various changes to the primary education curriculum, standards, progress checks and reporting are going. We are looking at ways that the Board can ensure the additional pressure on teachers and learning support staff

can be balanced as they continue their day-to-day duties. We heard from our Staff Representative, Emma Colling, that overall the changes are very positive for our students' learning and development, because this lifts us to similar levels as overseas schools.

Responsible use of school grounds after-hours

We received a letter from Fons in Room 13 (see picture).



His letter raised an important issue about responsible use of the school grounds after hours.

The community is welcome to use the playground equipment and field outside of school hours.

However, Fons' thoughtful letter and some recent incidents show we should remind people about some important rules:

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. The droppings are a health hazard.

No vehicles are permitted inside the gates without prior approval.

Please stay off the field if the sign is up, eg, following wet weather.

Please dispose of rubbish in bins (but take large amounts of rubbish with you so you don't overload our bins).

Stay safe when using the bike track.

Leave things as you find them, such as Fons' acorns and pot plants!

Children must be supervised by an adult when using the grounds outside of school hours to ensure their safety.

Please keep noise levels reasonable and respect the privacy of our neighbours whose properties border the school.

Boulcott School is a smoke-free, vape-free, and alcohol-free zone at all times, including weekends and holidays.

While we love seeing you active, please keep wheels off the wooden decks and away from classroom doors to prevent damage.



Cheer Awards - Term 2 Week 5

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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: Zahra, David

Room 2: Philip, Tia

Room 3: Ruwithi, Cherry

Room 4: Bashir, Nasha

Room 5: Lu, Oliver

Room 6: Aryan, Kylin

Room 7: Casti, Joy

Room 8: Aurianne, Harshvi

Room 9: Layla, Avery

Room 11: Sofia, Lucy

Room 12: Paige, Freya

Room 13: Nathaniel, Josiah

Room 15: Nora, Jayden

Room 16: Mia, Ollie R

Te Ara Piki: Tahu

Room 14 were away on a trip



PB4L

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Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Week 5

Confidence : Māiā

- Keep Trying - Have a go
- Be resilient

We will be learning:

- How to take risks in our learning

- The importance of showing resilience
- To have an “I can” mindset
- The power of ‘yet’



Spare Clothing

Boulcott School — May 21st, 2026

Due to our winter months approaching and some wet areas around the school from previous rain, we are having a few children falling over in muddy puddles. We would appreciate it if your child/ren has a spare set of clothing in their school bag.

A reminder if your child does get wet or has previously had clothes used from school, could you please make sure they washed and returned to school.

Thank you

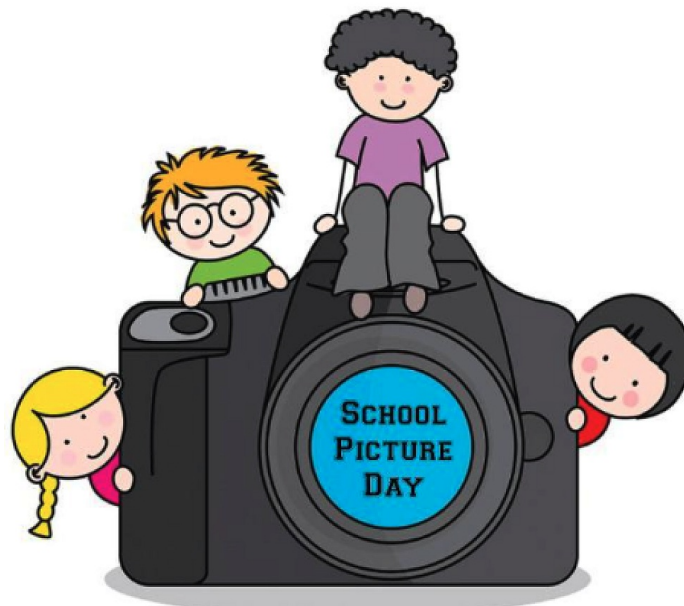


Winter Sickness

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Just a reminder that over the winter season there are lots of colds and flu resulting in increased sickness. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home, so bugs aren't passed around the classroom to other students.

Diarrhoea and Vomiting - A child should stay home from school for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have stopped. This is to prevent further spreading.



School Photos - Term 2

Boulcott School — May 20th, 2026

School Photos

This is the link to the Sue Allman People Google form to order this year's school photos:

[Boulcott School Photo Order Form](#)

Boulcott School photos are being taken on Wednesday 10, Thursday 11, Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 June.

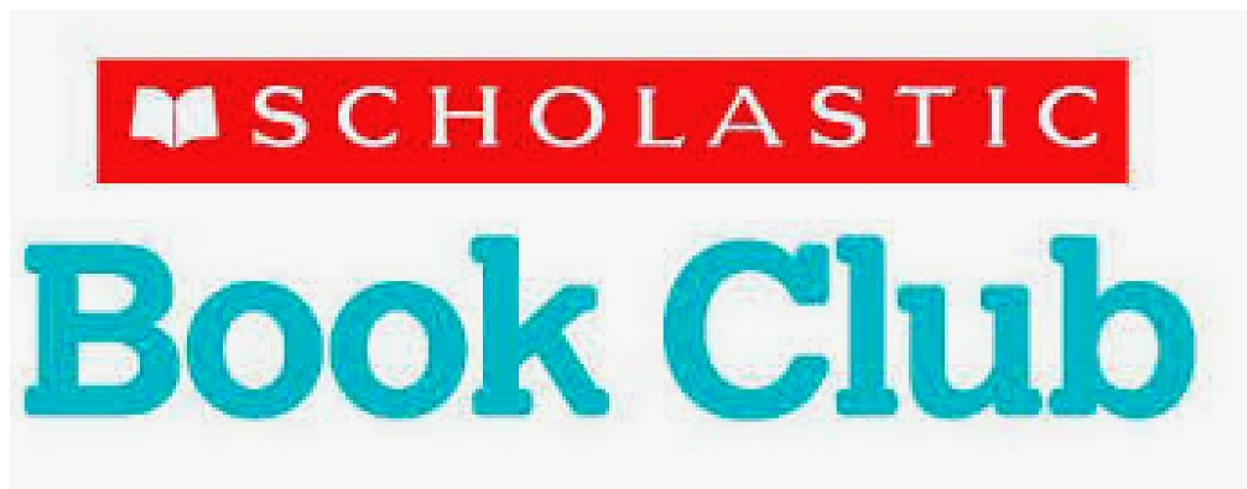
The closing date for orders is 1pm on Tuesday, 9 June.

Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for late orders received after this date.

Ngā mihi nui. Kia pai tō rā

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Scholastic Book Club

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HOW TO ORDER

Our next book club orders closes 11, June 2026

- Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue
- Download the LOOP app
- Register your details
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!

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Also available as an app:



Enrolments - Term 3 & 4

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In zone and out of zone enrolments

Our ballot closing date for Term 3 & 4 out of zone enrolments closes on **Monday, 25 May** and will be drawn on **Friday, 29 May**.

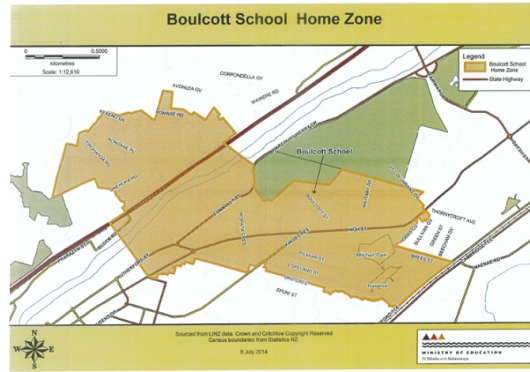
If you have a child turning 5 in 2026 we welcome you to complete an online enrolment form. This is important if you have a child who lives in zone and is turning 5 this year, as it helps us forecast our numbers throughout the year.

Please go to our website www.boulcott.school.nz and complete an enrolment form. This can be found by clicking on the 'Information Tab' and select 'enrolling at Boulcott School', scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the enrolment form.

Please see the zoning map below if you are unsure if you live in our school zone or out of zone.

Many thanks

Boulcott School Office



All students who live within the home zone described below and/or shown on the attached map shall be entitled to enrol at the school.

From the intersection of State Highway 2 and the Melling Bridge, the boundary is Melling Link to High Street, numbers 403 to 761 inclusive (odd side) and 412 to 734 inclusive (even side) are in zone.

From the intersection of High Street and Brunswick Street, the boundary is Brunswick Street, both sides, to Kings Crescent. Kings Crescent numbers 119 (odd side) and 140 (even side) and above are in zone. Amberley Grove addresses are not in zone.

From the intersection of Kings Crescent and Copeland Street, the boundary is Copeland Street, both sides, to Oxford Terrace. Oxford Terrace numbers 100 to 135 inclusive, to the intersection with Brees Street are in zone.

From the intersection of Oxford Terrace and Brees Street the boundary is the centre line of Brees Street (even numbered side is in zone, odd numbered side not in zone), to Mitchell Street. Mitchell Street addresses (both sides) are in zone. The boundary crosses High Street at numbers 734 (even side) and 761 (odd side) as being in zone and is then along St Columbans Grove (all addresses in zone) to the Golf Course.

The Golf Course/Reserve is the boundary, across the Hutt River and SH2 to include addresses on the Western Hills. The boundary is such that Pomare Road addresses and Matuhi Street addresses are in zone. Tinohanga Road addresses 137 (odd side) and 114 (even side) and below are in zone. Kekeiro Grove addresses are all in zone. Opurere Grove addresses are not in zone. Waireke Road addresses and streets off Waireke Road are not in zone.

From the intersection of Tinohanga Road and SH2, the zone boundary is SH2 south to its intersection with the Melling Bridge (the starting point).



Events and Important Dates

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Coming up!

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). Closing date for school photo orders.

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

Tuesday, 16 June - Interzone Cross Country. Harakeke Space trip.

Wednesday, 17 June - Harakeke Space trip. School photos with Sue Allman.

Thursday, 18 June - School photos with Sue Allman. Harakeke Space trip.

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.



Sports News

Margaret Presland — May 21st, 2026

Saints Basketball

Last week, we were lucky to have Sam Gold & Arthur Pilcher from the Mills Albert Saints basketball team to come and take students from Kahikatea & Kōwhai for a little training session. In the 45min session the students were put through their paces with some dribbling, passing and shooting drills and ending with a shooting game 'Golden Child'. It was great to learn from the players and get some tips that the students can now take into their own games.

Thank you to the Mills Albert Saints for coming to Boulcott School.



Saints
Basketball
Visit

Zone Cross Country

On Tuesday, 19 May we had 40 Year 4 - 6 students attend the Zone Cross Country at Petone Memorial/Sladden Park. The competition against other schools in our zone was tough and all our students should be incredibly proud of themselves and their performances.

Our students showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day, supporting not only their own teammates but also encouraging others around them. Their positive attitude and team spirit was great to see.

Thank you to the parents that helped manage the team throughout the day and cheer all our runners on. Your support and time was very much appreciated. Thank you also to Mrs Williams and Mrs Burridge for taking the team for the day.



Congratulations to the students who made the top 20 and will progress through to the Interzones on Tuesday, 16 June at McEwen Park.

Placing	Year 4 Girls	Placing	Year 4 Boys
3	Annabella M	17	River S C
16	Brooklyn S		
17	Cherry X		
21	Arabella H		
AWD	Abi K S		
Placing	Year 5 Girls	Placing	Year 5 Boys
1	Anya B	8	Hadley J

5	Annabelle C	14	Lenny F
10	Valentina A P	15	Noah E
15	Morgan T		
AWD	Lucia K S		
Placing	Year 6 Girls	Placing	Year 6 Boys
1	Amaris U	1	Cooper W
12	Amelie D N C	4	Michael R
14	Mandy Li	5	Julian E
16	Maddie I	21	Flynn S
		23	Zaiden B

Term 3 Sports Registrations

Keep an eye out for the following registrations that will be out next week via email.

- Basketball Year 1 - 6 Term 3
- Badminton Year 5 & 6 Term 3
- Water Polo Year 5 & 6 Term 3

Sports events coming up

- Interzone Cross Country

Tuesday, 16 June @ McEwen Park



Whānau Rōpū

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Thank You!

Whānau Hoodies - Thank you for all the orders, and a special thank you to those that donated as a koha!

The orders should be ready in approximately 2 weeks.

Save the date for our Matariki celebrations on Thursday, 2 July

Any questions, please get in touch: whanau_ropu@boulcott.school.nz

Whānau Rōpū



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

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.

As we explore Samuel's life further, we have touched on the life of Saul, who became the first King of Israel, before meeting David, where we learned that it's important to get to know a person before judging them. Last Friday, we looked into a GIANT problem and discussed times we might need to be brave! Our words for life continue to be:

"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 would 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

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!



Community Notices

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After School Help

We have a parent looking for after school care for a child attending Bouclott School. They live locally so would be in their home, please note you would need to be comfortable with a dog. This is from Monday to Thursday until 4:30pm.

Please let the office know if you maybe interested and we can pass on your contact details.



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