Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It was another busy week with the Junior Kainui Swimming Sports and Fluro Golf Day.

We had a large number of children head to Newbury School for the junior swimming sports. The children were amazing and gave their best effort in every event. As always, they were outstanding ambassadors for Mount Biggs School. A huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers who volunteered to provide transport and came along to support. We truly appreciate your help. Special thanks to Lou, Colleen, Rowan, and Chris for their organisation and for looking after the children on the day. We are looking forward to the next Kainui event!

We also had eight children participate in the Fluro Golf Day held at Rangitira Golf Club. This was our first time attending this event, and the children had a fantastic day. One team finished 2nd equal, and another won a prize for the best team name. Thank you to Becky and Alex for providing transport and for supporting the children throughout the day.

This week is Tough Kid Challenge Week—one of the biggest weeks in our school calendar! A huge amount of effort goes into making this a fun and memorable day for our students and the visiting schools. We will be hosting **21 schools and 800 children**, all enjoying the exciting activities and challenges. A massive thank you to our amazing volunteers who make this event possible, and to our incredibly generous sponsors for their ongoing support. We couldn't do it without you!

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyle Harris

School Reminders	School Dates
Share & Care Thursday 10th April	March 21st - Tough Kids 24th - Penhay Swimming Cup Snr School 26th - Kainui Snr Swimming Sports @ Makino 27th - Home & School Meeting @ 6pm Staffroom April 1st-4th - Rm 1 & 4 Camp in Taupo 7th - Interschool Athletics 9th - Kainui Jnr Tabloid Sports @ Mt Biggs 10th - Care & Share Whole School 10th - School Disco 5-7pm 11th - Term 1 finishes 28th - Term 2 starts

Room 1











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Miss G

Room 1 had the best time with Miss G. They enjoyed writing poems about themselves and drawing self portraits. Everyone demonstrated our school values and were very welcoming to her.

Interschool Tri

Well done to those students from Room 1 who participated in the Interschool Tri 2 weeks ago.

Room 2









We had a wonderful time at the swimming sports at Makino Pool. We shared the junior pool with Room 3 for both our competitive and fun races. The races started with two lengths freestyle followed quickly by backstroke and breaststroke. There was a lot of competition and some very fast swimming. The concept of a relay proved rather challenging and we know we have something to work on for next year.

Our harakeke sessions with Kristi are continuing every Monday. The students are always checking the timetable to see who is next. Last year we enjoyed watering our plants and seeing them grow. We now have some classroom plants to look after.

Room 3







Whole School Swimming Sports

Our first-ever whole school swimming sports was a huge success! It was fantastic to see everyone come together for such an exciting day. We were especially proud of how many of our junior students gave everything a go, no matter their confidence level. The encouragement and support from classmates made for an awesome atmosphere. Whether it was racing, floating, or just having fun in the water, everyone contributed to a great event. We're already looking forward to doing it all again next year!



Structured Literacy PLD

Our recent

structured literacy PLD was incredibly reaffirming, reinforcing that we're on the right track. Having taught with a structured literacy approach for years, it was great to validate our practices. As always, we kept our teacher hats on and walked away with new tips and tricks to tweak or supplement our lessons. It was also a great reminder of strategies we used to use and could bring back into the mix. We love continuously improving our teaching to give our students the best!

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Room 4











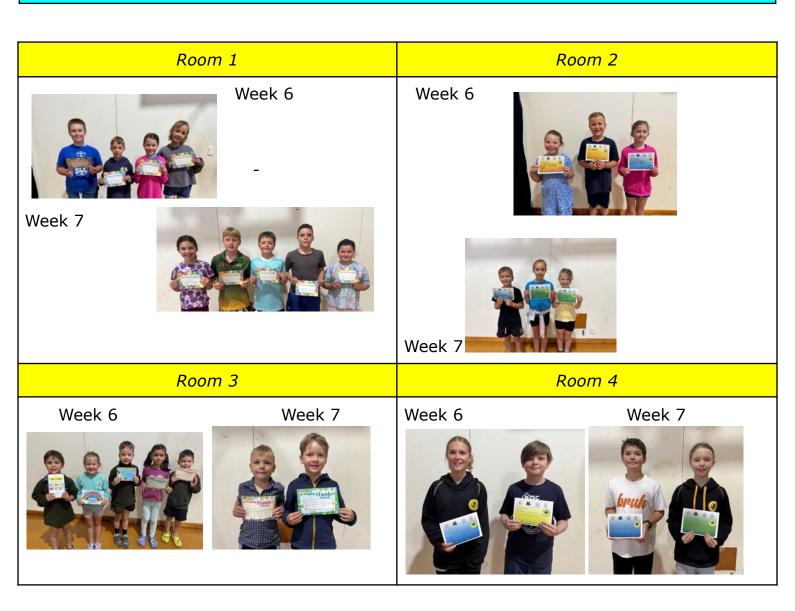
The past few weeks have been full of excitement in Room 4! We recently participated in our whole-school swimming sports, and everyone did an incredible job. It was great to see Room 4 applying everything they've learned from Christina in their races. A huge thank you to all the parents who came out to support us at the Makino—it made the event even more special!

In class, we've started exploring our brand-new LEGO sets, and the enthusiasm is great! Everyone is eager to build and program their creative ideas.

A big congratulations to all who took part in the interschool triathlon—your effort and sportsmanship were truly inspiring!



School Certificates



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