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Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We have had another busy week at Mount Biggs School. Some of our children were involved in the inter-school triathlon held in Palmerston North on Wednesday. The children that were fantastic. I had reports from a number of other schools about how friendly and polite our children were. It is great to hear that they are using our school values of Manaakitanga - Respect and Takakawe - Strive to do their best. The results can be found on the [Webscorer website](#). Three of our Year 5 children placed in the top 10. Emmi W was 4th, Laney S was 6th and Declan C was 8th. Georgiana S placed 14th in her event. All of the children who entered can be really proud of their efforts and achievements. It is great to see you taking up this opportunity. If anyone has photos, we would love to have a copy.

A big congratulations to Max J in Room 4 who has a part in the up and coming musical Frozen Junior being put on by the Manawātū Youth Theatre. Well done Max, what a great achievement. The show is on in the July school holidays at the Globe Theatre.

This Friday we have the annual Tough Kids Challenge. There will be 800 plus children from schools across the region taking part in this. A big thank you to the Home and School organising committee, all of the volunteers and people who are providing us with equipment, donations, and of course allowing us to hold this event on their property or for parking. We really appreciate your help and generosity. This is Mr Gilberts and my first Tough Kids event and we are really looking forward to it. Good luck to all the children who have entered.

Our senior children have their first Kainui Cluster event this Wednesday, senior swimming sports. This is being held at the Lido in Palmerston North. We wish them well too.

On Tuesday NZEI, the teachers union, are holding paid union meetings across the country. Our teachers will be attending the meeting on Tuesday afternoon. If you are able to pick your child up from 12.30pm that would be appreciated. However, the school will remain open. Thank you for your support.



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School Reminders	School Dates
<p><i>Easter Holidays - School Closed</i> <i>Friday 29th March - Tuesday 2nd April</i></p> <p><i>School reopens Wednesday 3rd April</i></p>	<p><i>March</i> <i>20th - Kainui SNR Swim Sports</i> <i>21st - Lunch THURSDAY</i> <i>22nd - Tough Kids</i> <i>26th - Lunch TUESDAY</i> <i>27th-28th - Whole School Camp</i> <i>29th-2nd - EASTER Holidays</i></p> <p><i>April</i> <i>12th - Last day Term 1</i></p>

Room 1



This term, we have been focusing on recount writing. This is where students write about something they have done.

Every 2 weeks, we have been having a learning experience. This allows us all to participate in the same experience and brainstorm our writing together.

Our experience last week was to use all our senses while eating chocolate and marshmallows. This was an amazing way to start our day and the writing is even better! Students are able to share ideas to build on their own writing.

We have also started our buddy class time with Room 3. This is a great chance to demonstrate leadership and help our young students thrive in their learning.

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Room 2



We had a great time last Thursday afternoon checking out all the work that has been done in the Wilderness area. It was a gorgeous day and it was nice to get away from the sun and enjoy being under the trees. There was a lot of running and exploring and quite a lot of interest in the bubbles coming from the dam.

This week we have been learning about where New Zealand is on the globe and what countries are near us. We have also learnt about where the major cities are in New Zealand, if we need to cross water to get to them and if anyone in the class has been there.

Room 3



Exciting updates from Room 3!

In the past weeks, Room 3 has welcome a few new children through our innovative cohort system. It's heartening to witness everyone beginning their journey from the same point, fostering a cohesive learning environment without any gaps. With this approach, we've tailored our literacy and numeracy circles to suit the needs of our new learners, ensuring a smooth transition into the classroom.

The impact of our parent hui evenings is evident, with early parent involvement, even before their tamariki start school, has lead to a noticeable boost in students' readiness and understanding of learning concepts.

We welcome back our Room 1 buddy readers. The enthusiasm of our Room 3 tamariki in sharing their learning with their buddies has been remarkable. It's heartwarming to see the bonds formed between students across different classes.

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Room 4



Another two weeks have gone by and Room 4 have been hard at work and learning about Who they are, how to write effective recounts and how to draw bar and line graphs.

We also had a great experience with coding a robot called Rocky. The class went through the tutorial lessons and are now ready to start coding some challenges. We have some amazing coders in the class.

Lastly we ate some marshmallows and sour patch lollies to create a different experience that we can write about. The class really enjoyed eating the treats and they are now going to plan and write about what they saw, tasted and experienced

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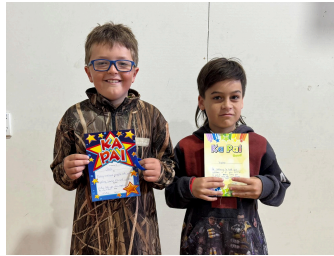
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School Certificates

Room 1



Week 6



Week 7

Room 2



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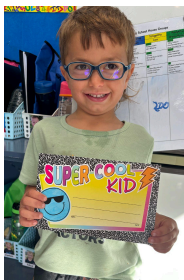


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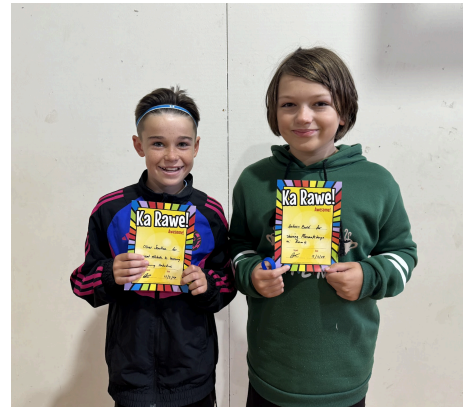


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