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Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

What a great week we have had at Mount Biggs this week. Last week we celebrated our wonderful support staff at Mount Biggs. We are very fortunate to have such amazing people in our school who go the extra mile to help make our school a fantastic place for all of the children, parents and caregivers, whānau, teachers and the community. The classes made cards for our support staff and we had a morning tea as well. I want to say a big thank you to our learning support team, Viv, Kelly, and Danni who work so closely in class with all the children. We are lucky to have Clem who works hard to keep our school safe and looking fabulous. We are incredibly fortunate to have Louise in the office who looks after all of us and makes all of our lives so much easier with her amazing organisation. She always has a smile for everyone and is a wealth of knowledge. We appreciate everything that these amazing people do for all of us, thank you!

It was fantastic to go on the Mt Lees trip with Rooms 1 and 4 and be a part of the work they did with Rowena from Enviro Schools. Mt Lees is a stunning reserve and such a great resource to have right on our doorstep. The children were incredible and learnt a great deal about this environment. I am looking forward to Part 2.

Rooms 1 and 4 also had a working bee in the wilderness area and around the school on Friday afternoon. They did a great job putting mulch on the new tracks Clem has cut and cleaning up some of the other areas of the school. Thanks for your help too Kristi, this was really appreciated.

On Wednesday our Year 8s went to the National Young Leader Day in Palmerston North. It sounds like the speakers were very inspiring and some great lessons were taken away from the day. I am sure we will see this in action in our school soon.

On Thursday we also had 30 plus people from the Kāhui Ako visit our school to hear Claire present about one of the Kāhui achievement objectives around communication. It was impressive to hear all of the great things we do. They also did a tour of the classrooms and school. It was great to hear such amazing feedback from the group on what a wonderful school we have. This is truly a team effort from our great children, the school team and our great supportive community.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyle Harris

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School Reminders

*Teacher Only Day
Friday 31st May*

School Dates

May

23rd - School Cross Country

28th - Rm 1 & 4 Mt Lees Trip

31st - TEACHERS ONLY DAY

June

3rd -KINGS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

5th - Kainui Cross Country

7th - FAHS to talk to Year 8s

18th BOT Meeting

19th - FAHS Open Day

19th - Tree Planting

Room 1



We have had an amazing couple of weeks exploring Mt Lees and our wilderness area.

At Mt Lees, we explored our surroundings rather than just walking past. Throughout the day, we completed a range of rotations. These were the web of life, meet a tree, a scavenger hunt and the Creation Story.

It was great to finally make use of the Te Araroa path from school to Mt Lees. We can't wait for our next visit next week.

On Friday, Room 1 and 4 started moving the mulch along the path that Clem has created around the pond. It was great to see everyone get involved. Some students focused on the wilderness area, while others tidied up the turf and all the leaves.

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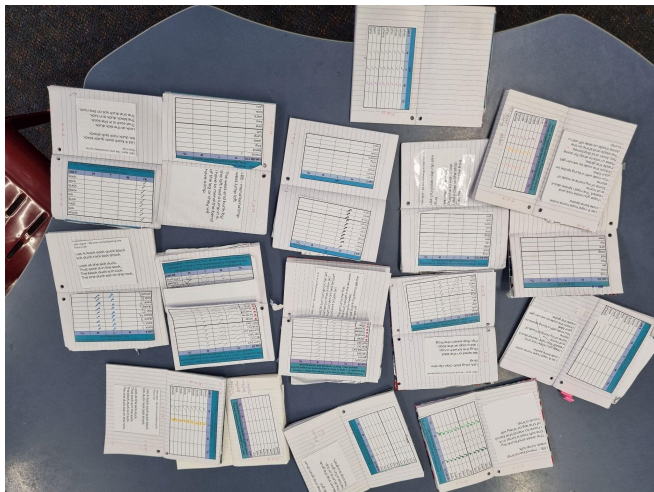
Room 2



We have had a great time with our 'quick fire' writing sessions at the start of literacy each day. The students have enjoyed finishing sentences, adding adjectives and sharing their writing with their classmates. We have a writing wall set up. Come in and check out ... our love (or dislike) of rollercoasters, what happened when we got stuck in a traffic jam or find out what the three little bears were actually reading.

Wet lunchtimes have arrived and Room 2 has been making good use of our games cupboard. Great to see so many different activities on the go.

Room 3



Room 3 rocks spelling! Most kids practice their spelling daily, and it shows in their recent spelling inventory. We even took a cool photo of one group showcasing their dedication!

Our class loves to brag to other teachers about how our parents know that spelling is key—if you can spell it, you can read it, but it doesn't always work the other way around. So we make sure to prioritise spelling and writing over reading and reading is their to reinforce our spelling.

With lots of opportunities for structured writing, including handwriting and spelling, our skills keep getting better and more independent. We have a massive range of skills being learned in our class and they love

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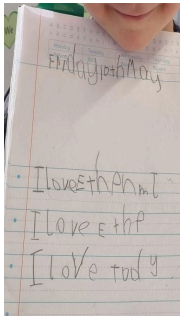
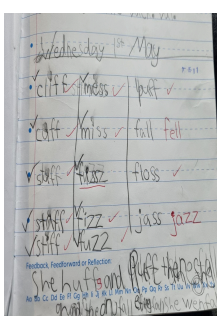
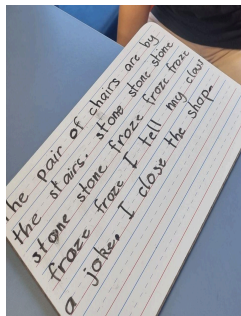
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every milestone they hit. Way to go, Room 3!

Room 4



The past two weeks have been very productive in Room 4.

Our Science unit has begun and the class have been learning about forests, exploring Mt Lees reserve and our own wilderness area.

The first trip to Mt Lees was great. The akonga got a chance to explore the trails with a focus of just slowing down and experiencing what is in the forests. Next they completed rotations that involved the ecosystem/web of life, the creation story, getting to know a tree and a scavenger hunt. It was a really successful day. We head back to Mt Lees in a couple weeks to go further in our inquiry.

We also spent an afternoon tidying up the wilderness area. Room 4 students really stepped up and took charge of distributing mulch and tidying up the leaves and bark around the school.

We also created some repeating patterns with origami paper for our Problem Solving on Friday.

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School Certificates

Room 1

Week 2



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