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Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We hope that you all had a nice King's Birthday weekend with an extra day for the teacher only day. Winter is now officially here. We have been very lucky with the weather over autumn but it is definitely getting colder and we have had a few more wet days. There have been a lot of children away with illness and Covid cases seem to be on the rise again. Hopefully we have seen the worst of it and we can get everyone back to school.

On Monday last week a group of children, the Mount Biggs Zombies, went to the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge held at Massey University. They had a great day taking part in this event in cold and wet conditions. A big thank you to Rebecca Cox for organising this and to the parents and caregivers who helped with transport and looking after the children on the day. The team looked amazing dressed up as zombies.

Rooms 1 and 4 went to Mt Lees for their second teaching session. They delved deeper into the forest looking at the flora and fauna. It looked like a great day was had by all with lots of learning and fun. A big thank you to Lauren and Andy Short who provided a sausage sizzle for the children and adults who attended. Also thank you to the parents and caregivers who helped on the day.

I had the pleasure of teaching in Room 2 last week. We had a lot of fun with a STEM challenge, creating air powered cars. I was really impressed at how our children applied all of our school values during this session as they tried to make their car work. Thank you for making me very welcome in your class Room 2. I am looking forward to the next time.

On Friday we went to Kathryn Berkett's workshop on trauma informed practice and building resilience. She also presented to parents and whānau on Thursday night. This was a great day and we learnt a great deal about brain development and stress responses both for children and us as adults. There were many things that stood out for us and we will unpack these further as a team so that we can be even more responsive to the needs of our children. The following link will take you to her website and some of her resources <https://www.engagetraining.co.nz/online-resources>

Term 2 is turning out to be a really busy term with school events, Kainui Cluster events and EOTC events. We have conferences coming up in week 10 and mid year reports coming home. We also have Share and Care this term as well as Matariki. We have decided to combine the Share and Care and Matariki celebrations on the same day which will be Friday, June 21, Week 8. This will involve a performance by our kapa haka and whole school waiata starting at 1.45pm followed by, Share and Care in classrooms at 2.00pm, with tree planting at 2.30pm and shared kai at 2.40pm.

Ngā mihi,
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School Reminders	School Dates
<p>Matariki Celebration Friday 21st June More information to come</p> <p>Parent Teacher Interviews Book through Skool Loop or ring Louise Wednesday 3rd July 1pm-7pm (note school finishes at 12.30pm) Thursday 4th July 3.30pm-6pm (school finishes at normal time of 3pm)</p>	<p>June</p> <p>7th - FAHS to talk to Year 8s 18th BOT Meeting 19th - FAHS Open Day 19th - Tree Planting 21st - Matariki Celebration/Share & Care 26th - Kainui Rippa Rugby 28th - MATARIKI HOLIDAY</p> <p>July</p> <p>3rd -Kainui Year 8 Day 3rd - Interviews 4th - Interviews</p>

Room 1



We have had an amazing couple of weeks in Room 1. This term is flying by.

It was great to see so many akonga participate in our school cross country. They represented their houses well and demonstrated great leadership for our younger tamariki.

Last Tuesday, we went on our second trip to Mt Lees Reserve. Akonga were diving deeper into the make up of the reserve. This included learning our manu(birds), rakau(trees), bugs and the story of the piwakawaka. Being able to make the most of the walking track has been a real asset to connect our kura and Mt Lees. We have been able to take this knowledge and learn more about our wilderness area.

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Room 2



A lot of fun was had at the Cross Country last Thursday! We are so lucky to have an amazing cross country track right next to school. It was a challenging course for all students but a great event in which we could push ourselves and see what we are capable of.

Now that cross country is over we are into small ball skills. We started doing relays and are focusing on thinking smarter to best utilise our skills and time.



For a brain break during literacy we are enjoying running an obstacle course with the outdoor play equipment.

Room 3



Room 3 got to show off all their energy at our cross country recently. The children had lots of fun running up and down the hills and especially enjoyed the hot chocolate and baking they had at the end! It was great to see their resilience and them supporting and encouraging others.

Our latest inquiry has had the children learning about how foods help our bodies and the best foods to eat to stay healthy. This will move into learning about the economic world relating to the cost of food and the living world. The children will get to explore growing and making food which we look forward to later in the term.

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Room 4



Halfway through the term and Room 4 has been busy. The Cross Country was a great day of running with the year 7 and 8s really putting in the effort to run the whole course. The extra training paid off. Well done to all those who competed and got a place in our Kainui Cross Country.

We completed our second Mt Lees trip where the akonga learnt about birds, bugs and trees. It was another fantastic trip with Room 4 really stepping up as leaders of the school. We are now focusing on our own wilderness area, putting in to practise the different areas of learning we have experienced. The next step is to look at what action we can take with this special environment we have.

Intermediate technology has been going very well. Room 4 are starting to share what they have made and their creativity and passion is amazing. Another week and we will be into the second rotation for tech. Kia kaha!

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School Certificates

Room 1

Week 4



Week 5



Room 2

Week 4



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