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Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

What a fantastic few weeks we've had at school!

Last week, Rooms 1 and 4 were invited to participate in a planting programme on the Thompson's farm. This involved planting native species around a pond and waterway. The children did an outstanding job and spent time learning about the importance of planting to improve water quality and support habitat corridors for a wide variety of animals. A real highlight was meeting some very special visitors—three rare native geckos! The children were lucky enough to get up close and personal with these taonga. It was a wonderful day for all involved and a lovely way to give back to a community that takes such good care of us.

Also, last week, a number of our students competed in the interschool cross-country held at the Ashhurst Domain. This was our first time attending the event, as it usually clashes with the Kainui Cross Country. Our tamariki did incredibly well, competing against children from a wide range of schools across the Manawatū. Around 480 students took part in the Year 5–6 races, and approximately 380 competed in the Year 7–8 events. We were very proud of the determination and sportsmanship our students showed.

This week, we've welcomed Vicki from the Zero Waste programme into our school. We're looking forward to hearing all about the amazing things our students have learnt from her.

Classes have also been preparing for our upcoming Matariki celebrations, which will take place next Thursday from 2.00–3.00 pm. The afternoon will begin with a kapa haka performance in the hall, followed by our traditional tree planting by the youngest and oldest students in the school. We'll finish with shared kai and kōrero (sausage sizzle provided). We warmly invite you to join us for this special occasion.

Reports will go home this Thursday. Parent-teacher conferences for Rooms 1, 2, and 4 will be held next week, and Room 3's conferences will take place in Week 1 of Term 3. Bookings can be made via Skool Loop.

Ngā mihi nui,
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| School Reminders | School Dates |
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| <p>Student Learning Conference Tuesday & Wednesday Week 9 Book on Skool Loop</p> | <p>June 20th - Matariki Holiday 24th - 25th - Student Learning Conferences 25th - Kainui Rippa Rugby 26th - Matariki Celebrations 2.00-3.00 27th - End of Term 2</p> <p>July 14th - Term 3 Begins 14th - Yr 7/8 Tech starts 18th - Teacher Only Day</p> |

Room 1



Room 1 have been lucky enough to have Vicky from Zero Waste this week. She has taught us all about which numbers can be recycled, where we can recycle soft plastics and what happens if we add non-recyclable products into our bins. Students were able to put all their learning into a competition. They sorted through a range of photos correctl identify what could be recycled and what couldn't.

Mānawatia a Matariki

We are excited to explore Matariki. We have focused on each star and the meaning behind each one. This has lead us to look at the different myths to do with Matariki. Room 1 have learnt how to use Canva and designed a star that relates back to the meaning.

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Room 2



With the chilly winter weather setting in, we've taken our PE sessions indoors and learned how to play marbles – a fun, skill-building game that's been a hit with everyone! We've also enjoyed sitting on our lovely new carpet while learning and playing new games together.



Recently, Vicky from Zero Waste visited our class for a series of sessions focused on recycling. She taught us practical ways we can help reduce the amount of plastic going into landfill. The students really engaged with the activities and came away with some great ideas to help make a difference at home and school.

Room 3



This week, we had a visit from Vicky at Zero Waste as part of our “Is That *Really* Rubbish?” unit—such a great way to get us thinking about our environment! Our tamariki are now pondering packaging with the wisdom of seasoned recyclers. Meanwhile, we’ve also snapped a few of our budding *Mathperts*—including some of our newest students—using Numicon to explore part-whole relationships. Although we’ve been rocking Numicon since before it was cool (ahem, mandatory), there are always favourite lessons we love to revisit, and new connections to uncover. And let’s not forget our ooey-gooey science moment—turning powder into gel! Students made predictions, observed the changes, and reflected on what actually happened—great scientific thinking in action! So, pretty cool stuff continues to happen in Room 3!

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Room 4



This week, Room 4 has been busy learning about the Matariki Stars and what they mean to us. We made stars and info cards that explain what each star represents.

We were very fortunate to have Ellen Joan Ford visit us and discuss leadership and share her experience with Belonging, Autonomy, and Purpose. The class enjoyed the session. We will look forward to having her here next term.

We also learnt about sustainable resources with Vicky from Zero Waste. We discussed renewable and nonrenewable resources, explored plastic and its use in the classroom, and discussed how to conserve natural resources.

School Certificates

Room 1



Room 3

Room 2



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