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Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It has been a very busy few weeks at school as we head towards the end of the term and the end of the year. It was fantastic to see so many parents, caregivers, and children come along to help spread the bark on the playground. Thank you to Bevan and Becky for organising this. We truly appreciate your support. The playground looks amazing, and the swings and basket swing have already become favourites among the children.

This week, we held our annual talent show. It was wonderful to see our tamariki share their talents and show such bravery performing on stage in front of their peers and community. We were entertained, impressed, and incredibly proud of every single performer. A huge thank you to Nikki H, Danni H, and Alex A for being our guest judges; we didn't envy the difficult decisions you had to make. You were fantastic.

Today we had the Radical Run inflatable at school, provided by the Kainui Cluster. The children had a brilliant time challenging themselves and each other through the obstacles. There was no shortage of laughter, excitement, and friendly competition.

Around the school, the fencing project is progressing well. The contractors have been working extremely hard and are close to finishing. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding through the disruptions. We are nearly there, and it is looking excellent.

This Thursday, we have our Year 8 Leavers Celebration — a special opportunity to acknowledge our Year 7–8 students as they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their learning journey. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with them and their whānau.

School finishes for the year next Tuesday. We have a fun day planned for Monday, with Kelly Sports bringing in inflatables. Thank you so much to Craig and Keri for organising this. On Tuesday, we will hold our final assembly, and we hope you can join us to celebrate the year.

I want to express my thanks to our amazing community and tamariki for your support throughout 2025. We have shared many successes and achievements that we can all be proud of. We have also experienced heartbreak and deep sadness. August, Hugo, and Goldie are always in our thoughts and hearts. Our aroha continues to be with Chelsey and her whānau.

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We wish everyone a very Meri Kirihimete and a safe, happy holiday season. Take care, and we look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyle Harris

<i>School Reminders</i>	<i>School Dates</i>
<p><i>Prizegiving</i> <i>Tuesday 16th December</i> <i>10 am start</i> <i>Children need to be seated by 9.45 am</i></p> <p><i>Approx 12.30 pm - School finishes</i></p>	<p><i>16th December - Last day of school</i></p> <p><i>3rd February - Term 1 begins</i> <i>6th February - Waitangi Day</i></p>

Room 1



What a year!

This year has flown by with amazing events we ticked off. Camp, Kind Hearts, Kainui events, sporting events, golf fundraiser, food fear factor, matariki, Vestas, Tough Kids, meeting geckos, Ki o rahi, ngā taonga takaro. House of bricks, Battle of the bands, life education, Plant to Plate and many more. It has been a great year watching friendships grow and lots of learning happening.

Over the last few weeks, we have had lots of fun learning chords on the ukulele and coding with the Lego Spikes. We even got an inflatable obstacle course!

Have an amazing Christmas break!

Room 2

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We have had a busy last few weeks of the year. The ice-cream trucks were a huge hit, and the goal was to eat the ice-cream before it melted. The bouncy castle was so much fun, and we followed it with a cool-off in the pool.

In maths, we have been learning about symmetry and exploring which items around our school have symmetrical features. For whole-class reading, we have been learning about NASA and how Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon. We also used our imaginations to make rockets out of recycled cereal boxes.

For music, we have been learning to play the glockenspiel. We have almost mastered *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*, but *Jingle Bells* has proved to be a bit more challenging.

Room 3



How is it nearly the end of 2025 already?

This year has flown by in Room 3, and what a year of fun and learning it has been!

The last few weeks have been packed with excitement and smiles. We've splashed our way through plenty of pool sessions, enjoyed cool treats from the ice cream truck, showcased amazing skills in our talent show, and bounced to our hearts' content on the bouncy castle.

What a fantastic way to wrap up an unforgettable year!

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Room 4



Lexi - I'm excited to go to High School

Addie - Goodbye, remember me!

Paddy - I can't think of anything right now

Ollie - I am looking forward to High School

Esther - It's been great here, and I'm looking forward to High School

We celebrated the past few weeks' accomplishments with a bouncy castle that was a huge hit! We also had an insightful and motivating leadership talk by Ellen Jan Ford, the third session of the year. Thanks so much for offering your time in Room 4.

The Year 8s had an amazing time at the Esplanade and Lido, getting to know the other Year 8s from our Kainui. They were all amazing.

Also this week, we capped off our activities by making videos and photos about the school, cards and posters for friends and family.

Have an amazing holiday!



Noah - I'm sad I am going to have to leave Mount Biggs School

Lucas - This past week has been amazing. I wish I could repeat this year with all my friends

Laylah - My time at Mount Biggs has been great!

James - It's been a great few years. It's going to be sad to leave

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School Certificates

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Week 9 and 10

Room 2

Week 9 and 10



Room 3



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