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Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

What a fantastic week we've had at Mount Biggs School! Our annual Lamb, Calf & Pet Day was an incredible celebration of hard work, care, and community spirit. It was wonderful to see so many of our tamariki proudly showing their animals and their creative classroom work.

A huge thank you to everyone who made the day such a success — our judges, hosts, stewards, and the Hall Committee for their role in judging the art, creations, and constructions. Thank you to our amazing Home and School team and volunteers for all the organisation, the BBQ, the Pick-a-Duck competition, and the bake sale. Your time and effort are so appreciated. A big thank you also to everyone who donated baking, your generosity helped make the day even more special.

A special mention to Aimee F for her work in organising and setting up the animal rings, and to Louise Lindsay for her outstanding organisation and leadership throughout the event.

To our tamariki – you were outstanding! The care, time, and commitment you have shown to your animals and classroom creations were impressive to see. We are very proud of you all.

A huge thank you also to our staff for their incredible efforts leading up to and on the day. From preparing displays to supporting students and helping with logistics, your teamwork and dedication made everything run smoothly.

To our parents and whānau – thank you for your support, encouragement, and time in helping your children prepare. Lamb, Calf & Pet Day is such a special Mount Biggs tradition, and it's your involvement that makes it truly shine.

We are very close to having our new swings ready to go! We have now purchased the timber to create the border, and once we have the pegs (which were out of stock), we'll complete the edging and add the bark. As soon as this is done, our tamariki will be able to enjoy their new swings. Thank you for your patience, we're nearly there!

Our summer sports season is now well underway! It's fantastic to see so many students involved in touch and other summer activities. Each team has been provided with a Mount Biggs Player of the Day certificate to hand out at their games (thank you, Mr Gilbert). If you let the office know who receives these each week, we'll make sure to celebrate their achievements in our school newsletter.

We are excited that work on our new fencing is beginning this week! This project will make a big difference to our school environment. While it may cause some disruption, we ask everyone to please be patient and understanding during this time. The end result will be fantastic!

Our brand-new trampoline is up and bouncing! A huge thank you to Home and School and the Cox family for making this possible, and to our awesome staff for putting it together last Friday after our Teacher Only Day, a real team effort led by Colleen.

We're looking forward to Athletics Day this Friday and are hoping for some great weather! This year's event is a standards-based competition, meaning students will aim to meet the achievement standards for their year level in each event.

Results from Athletics Day will also help determine our teams for Kainui Athletics:

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- Junior Kainui: Students must meet the standard in three events to be eligible.
- Senior Kainui: Selection will be based on top performances across events. They must meet the Kainui standard in that event.

We can't wait to see our tamariki give it their best, show great sportsmanship, and support one another throughout the day.

As we head into the warmer months, we'd like to remind everyone about our school dress code.

- Clothing should be sun-smart, with shoulders covered, and appropriate for school-based activities.
- Any messages or images on clothing must be suitable for a primary school setting.
- Hair must be tied up or kept short to help prevent the spread of head lice and avoid catching on play equipment.
- Footwear should be appropriate for school activities, and earrings must be small and safe — ones that won't catch or tear.
- If staff believe clothing is unsuitable, they will first speak with the child and may follow up with a call home.
- School sun hats are required in Term 1 and Term 4. Each child will have their own hat to wear during outdoor activities.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful school environment for all.

Term dates for 2026

Term	Start	Finish	Public Holidays
Term 1	Feb 3	April 2	Waitangi Day - Feb 6 Easter Friday - April 3 (last day of Term)
Term 2	April 20	July 3	ANZAC Day holiday – Monday, April 27 King's Birthday – June 1 Matariki - July 10 - in Term Break
Term 3	July 20	Sept 25	
Term 4	Oct 12	Dec 15	Labour Day - Oct 27

Maths Curriculum Teacher Only Days - Dates to be confirmed by the Ministry of Education

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyle Harris.
Principal.

School Reminders	School Dates
Whole School Athletics This Friday At Timona Park	October 31st - Mt Biggs School Athletics

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November

8th- Jump Jam Nationals

8th - Rongotea Champion Day

11th - School Photos

13th Kainui Senior Athletics (Yr 5-8)

14th - Market Day

18th - Kainui Junior Athletics (Yr1-4)

25th - BOT Meeting @ 5.45pm

26th - Year 8 Kainui Day Out

27th - Striders

Room 1



Battle of the Bands

Molly, Emmi, Violet and Mckenzie participated in Battle of the Bands. This is an awesome accomplishment for them. They have worked hard, along with other band members to get to where they are. Awesome work girls!

Ag Day

Over many weeks, we have worked tirelessly on our ag day art. It was finally time to hang it up and present it. All of Room 1 put in a huge amount of effort in their art, construction, floral arrangement and food creation. The stress for parents is finally over for another year.

It is great to see all the hard work put in with horses, lambs, calves and pets come together for Ag day.

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Room 2



We had a lot of fun last Wednesday at Ag Day. A lot of time and effort was put into our two art pieces and there were some well deserved 1st places.

The bad weather didn't deter us from creating beautiful flower displays inside. The classroom smelt amazing and there were enough flowers left over to make a stunning class display.

Whether they had a pet or not, all the students got out and about checking out all the animals. There were chickens, kittens, lambs, calves and some very well-behaved dogs.

The 'Pick a duck' competition proved very popular - especially for those who won a prize. We are now busy writing a report about the day.

Room 3



Ag Day Fun at Mount Biggs School 🐏 🐄 🐶

What a wonderful Ag Day we had at Mount Biggs! The school was full of excitement (and a few animal sounds!) as students proudly brought along their pets—everything from sheep and calves to even a couple of horses. It was fantastic to see the care and effort our tamariki put into preparing their animals and sharing them with everyone.

Inside the hall, the walls were bursting with creativity. The art, craft, and construction displays showed just how talented and imaginative our students are—every piece was a standout!

It was a busy and chaotic week leading up to Ag Day, but absolutely worth it. The smiles said it all. Now we're rolling straight into another full week, getting ready for our **Whole School Athletics Day this Friday**—we can't wait to see everyone giving it their best out on the field!

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Room 4



Room 4 had a very successful Ag Day! Their hard work and effort definitely paid off, resulting in highly creative work. Well done!

We've also had great turnouts for Athletics practice, with lots of enthusiastic involvement from the class. Keep up the excellent participation!

Technology is now in the final rotation. It's been great to see the work and learning that has been done. Thanks for sharing!

The next big focus is Athletics and Market Day. Room 4 have decided on their idea and are planning their product, designing the advertising in preparation for Market Day in Week 6.

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School Certificates

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Week 2



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