



Wednesday Newsletter

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Kaitiakitanga-Manaakitanga-Mahi Tahī-Takakawe

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31st January 2024 - Term 1 Week 1

Share and Care

TBA



Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to Term 1, 2024. We hope that all of you had a great Christmas, New Year and some time to relax over the school holiday period.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kyle Harris and I am the acting principal for Term 1 while the BOT goes through the process of appointing a new principal. I have been the deputy principal at Ashhurst School for the past 7 years and in education for approximately 19 years. I am looking forward to being a part of the Mount Biggs whānau this term. All of the tamariki, parents and caregivers, whānau and staff have been incredibly welcoming and very helpful. If you are at school please say hi or if you are around and want to call in and say hello, please do. I look forward to meeting more of you during the term.

We are well and truly into the swing of things. Mount Biggs School's amazing staff spent all of last week preparing the school, the classroom spaces, and planning exciting learning programmes for the start of the year. We were definitely ready to hit the ground running.

We had a lovely mihi whakatau on Monday morning to welcome our new tamariki, whānau and kaiako to Mount Biggs School. Thank you to all of the staff and tamariki for their organisation with this.

We welcome Chris Gilbert to the Mount Biggs team this year. Chris is teaching in Room 4, Year 7-8, and is the deputy principal. We welcome back Rowan Wilton who is teaching in Room 2, Year 3-4. We also welcome back Lauren Short who will be doing classroom release. Finally a big congratulations to Colleen Bennett-Bezuidenhout who has been appointed to the SENCO role.

We have a very busy term ahead with many events coming up including the Home and School working bee and community picnic on February 18, Tough Kids Challenge on March 22, and the whole school camp in Week 9, to name a few. Please keep an eye on the website, newsletter, and the Skool Loop app for information throughout the year. If you haven't signed up for the app, search Skool Loop in your phone's app store and download the app, then search for Mount Biggs School.

We are looking forward to working with you in 2024.

Ngā Mihi,

Kyle Harris

Tumuaki/Principal

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IMPORTANT NOTICES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

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IN BRIEF

WAITANGI DAY Tuesday 6th February

There **IS** school on Monday 5th February....only Tuesday is the holiday.

SUNHATS

Sunhats are compulsory this term. Anyone without a school buck hat, please see Louise.

Louise will organise the hats to be named over the next few weeks.

Cost of new hats \$30

SUNSCREEN

Please sunscreen your children before they come to school. We do have sunscreen at school to reapply after swimming etc...

You can send your own sunscreen to be used for sensitive skins etc.. children just keep in their bags

CALENDAR DATES

Term 1 (29th January - 12th April)

January

29th - School starts

February

6th - Waitangi Day Holiday

7th - Lunches start for term

8th - Home & School Meeting

13th - BOT Meeting

18th - Working Bee & Community Picnic

26th-1st JNR Swim Sports TBA

March

1st - SNR Swimming Sports @ Makino

6th - Kainui JNR Swim Sports

20th - Kainui SNR Swim Sports

20th - BOT Meeting

22nd - Tough Kids

24th - Home & School Meeting

27th-28th - Whole School Camp

29th-3rd - EASTER Holidays

April

12th - Last day Term 1

Mt Biggs School bank account number

(for all online payments)

12 - 3143 - 0188518 - 00

Please put "Name & Item" as reference eg.
Lindsay Stationery

School Accounts



Hi

I will be sending out invoices in week 3 of this term for stationery, school donations, lunches, new sun hats, camp and anything else that might pop up.

If you have already paid thank you...your invoice will show these payments.

All payments can be paid directly into the school account - thank you

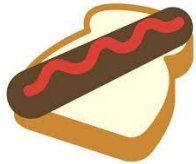
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Wednesday Lunches

School lunches will be starting **NEXT WEEK**
(Wednesday 7th Feb...day after Waitangi Day)



Sausage \$2 each
Baking \$2 each



There are 10 weeks of lunches in term 1.
(1 x sausage and 1 x baking for 10 weeks = \$40)

Please can you let Louise know by Monday if your child is having lunches this term and what they would like.

Thanks Louise

Newsletters & Bulletins

School Newsletters (notices, community events etc..) will be sent out via email on the **odd** weeks (eg weeks 1, 3, 5 etc) and the **Mt Biggs Bulletin** (classroom activities) will go out on the **even** weeks (eg. weeks 2, 4, 6 etc...)

Our preferred method of sending is via email, as we are an environmental school and it saves paper **BUT** if any parent would prefer a hard copy *please let Louise know.*

Thank you.

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Senior Swimming Sports

**Friday 1st March @ Makino Pool, Feilding
12noon - 2.30pm**

More details to come.

- Kainui Senior Swimming Sports 20th March

Junior Swimming Sports

Date yet TBA @ school pool

- Kainui Junior Swim Sports 6th March

Whole School Camp

Highland Home, Pohangina



Wed 27th - Thur 28th March

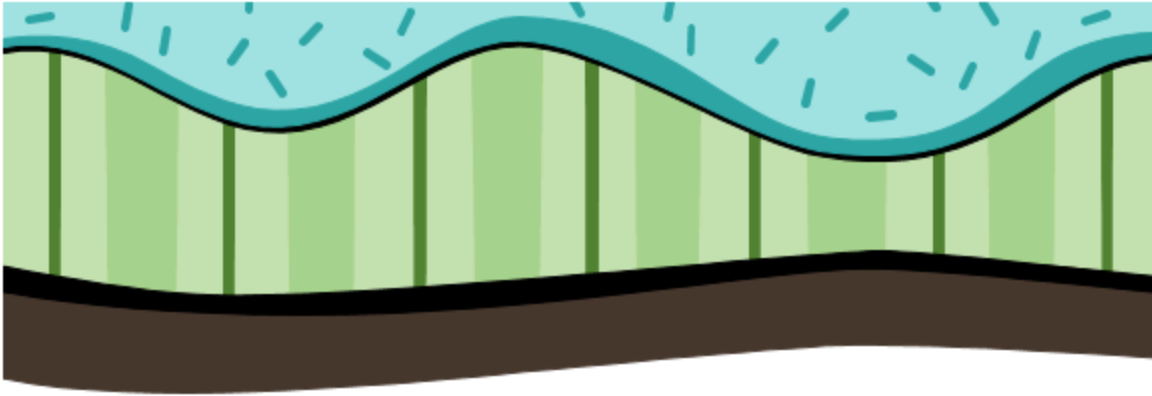
Years 3-8 (1 x night) \$60

Years 1-2 (day trip on 27th) \$10

More information to come

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Home & School Updates



Home and School Update Term 1, 2024

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be a busy Term 1!

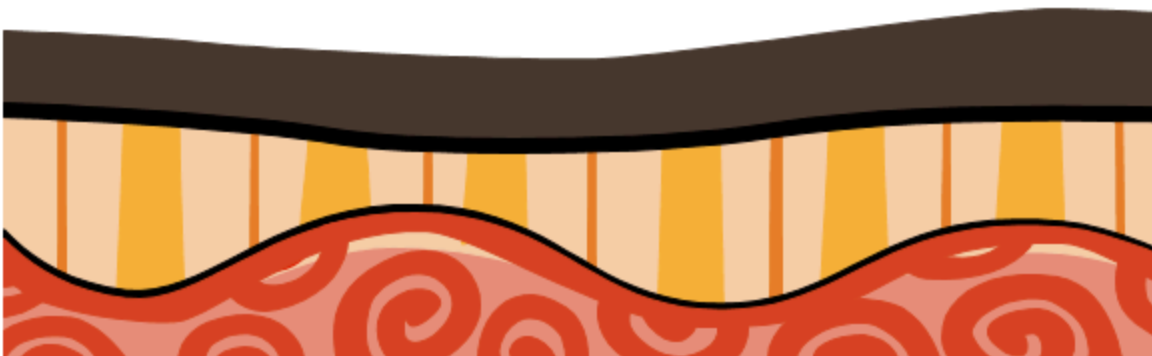
This term we are kicking off with our Community Picnic and Working Bee, Sunday 18th Feb to welcome our new families and get stuck into the school grounds before winter. More details to come!

For fundraising this term, we have the amazing NZSC Manawatu Tough Kids happening Friday 22nd March, and we'll keep the 'Purchase a Plaque' fundraiser open until the end of term.

Let's support the amphitheater project by grabbing a plaque - link in with another family and get Creative with the 24 letters if you like!

Forms can be found and returned to the office.

Meetings this term are 8th Feb 3pm and 14th March 6.30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome!



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PURCHASE A PLAQUE FUNDRAISER!

Help us fundraise to create an amazing multi-purpose outdoor amphitheater by buying a custom-made engraved plaque! We will display your family or business name and logo proudly on our sponsorship wall for years to come.

Options:

- \$500 **Business – Displaying your business name and / or logo.**
(Up to 25 characters engraved on a kwila plaque 1200 x 140mm)
- \$200 **Individual / Family – Displaying individual or family names.**
(Up to 25 characters engraved on a kwila plaque 600 x 140mm)
- \$?? **Would you like to help pay for a plaque for another family that may not be able to contribute the full amount?**

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE BACK TO ORDER!



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PURCHASE A PLAQUE ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

PLAQUE OPTIONS (PLEASE TICK, IF PURCHASING MULTIPLE PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH)

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\$500 Business Plaque

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\$200 Family Plaque

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\$?? Donation to another family (you choose amount)

DETAILS (PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!)

- Wording on Plaque: (max 25 characters) _____
- Would you like a logo as well? (business plaque only, please circle) YES NO
If yes, please email logo to: homeandschool@mountbiggs.school.nz
- Please pay into the Home and School account: **03-0626-0620703-00** and use "Plaque" as the reference.
- Please return this form to the school office or scan it to the above email.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

