



Wednesday Newsletter

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16th October 2024 - Week 1 Term 4

Share and Care

Whole School: TBA



Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We would like to welcome everyone back from the term break. It is hard to believe that it is Term 4 already. It has been great to see the children back full of energy and enjoying being back at school. This will be a very busy and exciting term. There are a lot of activities and events planned, including Ag Day, Athletics Day, Kainui Athletics, and the showcase. We also have players from the Jets at the school over the next 6 weeks providing coaching to all classes. We are all looking forward to a great term ahead.

Mihi Whakatau: On Tuesday we held our mihi whakatau to welcome our new children and their families to Mount Biggs School. We had some existing families there too, who have had another child starting which is exciting. It was great to have so many of you here and to welcome you all to the Mount Biggs whānau. This is a wonderful school and community to be apart of.

Parking: Last term we had several issues with parking due to the field being closed. Hopefully, we will be able to open it soon to alleviate this. Until then we need your help to make this a lot safer and manageable for everyone. If you are using the pick-up zone, please move forward when someone leaves. We will endeavor to get the children out as quickly as we can. If you are parking along Mt Stewart - Halcombe Road, please make sure that we do not take up too much space. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

AG Day: This is next Thursday. A lot of communication has already gone out regarding this. Please keep an eye out for more notices closer to the event. Hopefully, the weather will improve a bit and the fields will dry out. This sounds like a fantastic day!! A massive thank you to Louise, Aimee, Nikki, and the Home and School team for their organisation.

Holiday Events: Over the holidays we had a group of children compete in the Inter-School Mountain Biking competition at Arapuke just outside of Palmerston North. All of the children competed incredibly well. We had 2 podium finishes. Laney S came 3rd in the under-13 girls race, a fantastic achievement as she is still 9 years old. Emmi W came 1st in the under-10 girls. A big thank you to Kate W for organising this event for the school and for organising training sessions for the children. We also had some children enter the relay race at the Feilding Rural Day held last Friday. The children had a great day. Thank you to Michelle O and the parents who organised and supported the children with this event.

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Skool Loop and School Docs: We use the Skool Loop app as a communication tool for so many things. This is a great way to keep up to date with news, events and notices, school interviews... You can download the app via the Apple App store or on your android device via the Google Play store. We are also a School Docs school. You can view the school policies and procedures via the School Docs website (link below). You can also give feedback on policies that are up for review.

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

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Ngā mihi,
Kyle Harris



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IMPORTANT NOTICES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- **Scholastic Book Club DUE Mon 21st Oct**

IN BRIEF

PUMPKIN GROWING COMPETITION (see below)

Entries will remain open for the Kids Pumpkin Growing Competition until Monday 21st October.

You still have time to enter.

Seeds will be delivered on Tuesday 22nd October, planting between Tuesday 22nd Oct - Wednesday 30th October.

Here is the link to enter:

<https://forms.gle/WeFJ27wJKm1AhetH9>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB (see below)

Book orders (both online & physical) are due back **NEXT Monday 21st Oct.**

See offer of books below...need to order online to get the offer

EPIC MUSIC NEXT WEEK

Epic Music will be doing lessons next Tuesday 22nd not Thursday due to Ag Day

CALENDAR DATES

Term 4 (14th October - 12th December)

October

14th - Welcome back to Term 4

17th - School Photos

22nd - Pet Diaries due in

22nd - BOT Meeting

23rd - Constructions & food items due in

24th - AG DAY

28th - Labour Day Holiday

29th - Teachers ONLY Day

November

13th - Year 7/8 Vaccinations TBC

19th - JNR Kainui Athletics

21st - SNR Kainui Athletics

28th - School Showcase

December

2nd - Year 8 Kainui Day TBC

3rd - BOT Meeting TBC

10th - Year 8 Leavers Dinner TBC

12th - Final Assembly & Picnic

Payments for school accounts & lunches

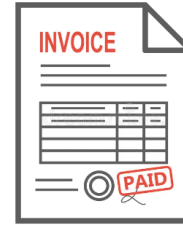
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Student Accounts

If you have any outstanding accounts please can these be paid by the end of November.

If you are unsure please ask,
Thank you Louise



Term 4 Lunches (Tuesday 15th Oct - Tuesday 3rd December)

8 x weeks (if paying online for the term please Reference T4 Lunch.Thank you)

Tuesday 15th Oct

Tuesday 22nd Oct

Wednesday 30th Oct

Tuesday 5th Nov

Tuesday 12th Nov

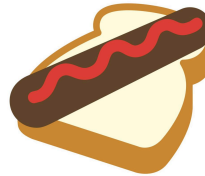
Wednesday 20th Nov

Tuesday 26th Nov - *Pizza Lunch*

Tuesday 3rd Dec

Sausages \$2 each

Baking \$2 each



Issue 7 is here - and it's a BIG one!

This is our BUMPER BOOK CLUB! More pages, more books and more gift ideas to inspire holiday reading.

We believe that books make the best gifts, so we're bringing back our **FREE BOOKS OFFER** for one last time this year. Every LOOP order over \$20 can choose a bonus title from the 'free book list'.

PLUS, every order on this Issue will receive a **\$5 promotional code** to spend on Issue 8.

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Ag Day 2024 Thursday 24th October

(A message from Home & School)

Ag Day Thurs 24th Oct

Our committee are busy preparing for Ag Day and need some help! It's going to be a great day with something for everyone – Man vs Cake silent auction, Pick-a-duck, sausage sizzle & baking, raffles and more....

Baking – our kids love a bikkie or slice on the day and we like to thank our judges with morning tea so if you're able to help with baking please bring this to the office by 3.15pm on Wednesday 23rd.

Grocery item – We're putting together a big hamper to raffle off. There's a big box in the office if you have an item or two to donate 🐾 Last day for donations, Tuesday 22nd by 3pm please.

Helpers – We're all busy sorting children and pets on the day but we need helpers to make it all happen. If you're keen to help with setting up, flipping sausages, tallying up points, writing certificates or being host to one of our judges we'd love to hear from you. Please contact me through our Facebook page or our email - homeandschool@mountbiggs.school.nz

Always grateful for your support!

Home & School Committee

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VS



MAN vs. CAKE silent auction 2024

- Who?** Any male in your household / family
(Dad, step-dad, uncle, granddad, cousin, brother, son....)
- Task?** To bake / decorate a cake to be auctioned off at AG Day
- When?** Cakes to be at school by 9am Thursday 24th October
- Why?** To support Mt Biggs Home and School committee in its pursuit to raise money to help buy resources for the school and our children (and it's a heap of fun!)
- Prize?** The cake that sells for the most money at auction wins the COVETED winner's apron!

The winner's circle

2017: Darryl Currie
2018: Doug Hogan
2019: Gareth Edwards
2020: Paul Brown
2022: Jason Whale
2023: Ted Keenan

The more cakes the more money we raise for our school!

Good luck and thanks in advance for your support!

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Ag Day Information (reminders)

- All Ag Day Trophies to be returned to the office by this Friday please.
- If you haven't already please pay your \$3 for each animal you enter
- **Tuesday 22nd Oct**
ALL Diaries into Louise by 9am (sorry no exceptions)
- **Wednesday 23rd Oct**
All Food Items & Constructions to be taken to hall (year groups, names will be on the tables in the hall)
Take your flowers, greenery, containers/vases or saucer (dinner plate size) for
Floral Art Arrangement or Sand Saucers- take your flowers, greenery, containers etc. to class. Students will make these up in class and take over to the hall.
NE- Yr2 Sand saucers (dinner plate size please)
Yr3-8 Floral Arrangements
- **Thursday 24th Oct (Rain, hail or shine)**
AG DAY I will send out a rough schedule this Friday of judging times (always subject to change)
Below is a reminder of the tethering areas, please DON'T walk around any other area of the school with your animal.
Hall Open The hall will be open from 9am for you to have a look at the 'hall exhibits'. PLEASE don't take any certificates down in the hall UNTIL after Ag Day has finished.
Once Ag Day has finished please take home ALL food items, construction and floral arrangements home.
You can leave the art on the walls (teachers will take down later).
Leave ALL diaries in the hall please - as they need to be sorted for Championship Day at Rongotea.

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- **Ag Day finishing time & unaccompanied students**

Ag Day normally finishes around 12.30pm, so children can go home or be picked up at this time.

If you can't pick up or organise your children to be picked up please can you let us know. Thank you

Students who don't have a parent (or guardian) attending Ag Day will need to come into classes (normal school time) to be supervised for the day.

Could you please let me know if you won't be attending on the day, so we know the children to be supervised. Thanks

- **Championship Day - Saturday 9th November Rongotea**

Championship Day online registration is now open.

Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/pnEHhL1N56nggPtbA>

Registration will close Friday 8th November 6pm.

Anyone entering a lamb or calf at our school Ag Day are also welcome to enter Championship Day.

If you have any questions regarding Ag Day, please don't hesitate to ask me. Thanks Louise

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|ANIMAL TETHERING AREAS 2024

All animals to be tied up unless being judged.

DOGS

- Tied up in front of school
- Judged in front of hall '**Hall Front**' ring
- SAFETY ISSUE No walking around school at any time with dogs



PONIES

- Behind tennis court area
- Tethered to float
- Judged by **soccer post area**
- SAFETY ISSUE No riding of horses/ponies in school grounds.



PETS

- On turf/tennis court
- Judged on **turf/tennis court**



CALVES

- Tethered along fence on rugby field opposite school entrance
- Judged in ring on **rugby field**



LAMBS-KIDS

- Tether along back fence
- Judged in 1st & 2nd rings



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Championship Day 2024

Saturday 9th November

**Te Kawau Memorial Grounds,
Wear St, Rongotea**

The inter-school Ag Day competition where children compete for points towards the Craig Cup and B&A Cup. Your school is already gaining points through your school Ag Day.

Participations and any placing at Championship Day contribute to the cup points.

Every child who enters a calf, lamb or goat at their school is eligible to come to this day.

No Cost
Register Online
Lamb, Calf & Kid Goat
Judging start 10am

4 Judging Rings:
Year 0-2 Year 3-4
Year 5-6 Year 7-8

Ice Cream Truck
Sausage Sizzle
Hot Drinks



Contact secretary@lambandcalf.co.nz for any questions

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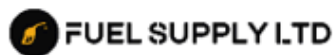
Tough Kids 2025

Friday 21st March 2025

**We would like to thank all our wonderful
NZSC Manawatu Tough Kid® Challenge
2025 Sponsors**



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Manawatu Oroua Boys & Girls Agricultural Club want to encourage the kids out into the garden by getting them to try and grow the most impressive Pumpkin they can! Last year the heaviest pumpkin was 195kg! Can anyone beat that this year?!

What you need to know to take part in the Kids Pumpkin Growing Competition:

1. To be eligible to enter, children Year 0—Year 8 must be in the Manawatu Oroua Catchment and attend a School registered with us in 2024.
2. Fill in the registration form, entries open Tuesday 17th September, close Thursday 10th October 2024. (find the link on Facebook, ask your school for the form link or email secretary@lambandcalf.co.nz)
3. Cost is \$3 per entry. **Paid directly to The Boys & Girls Ag Club.**
4. Each child registered and paid will receive 3 seeds.
5. Seeds will be distributed to the schools to hand out to the children by Thursday 17th October 2024.
6. Plant seeds 22nd October 2024 – 30th October 2024.
7. Bring your pumpkin to the weigh in at Rongotea Grounds 12pm Sunday 23rd March.
8. Winners will be selected from entries attended on the day. The pumpkin must be from a seed provided by us. Only 1 pumpkin per section.
9. Judges decision is final. No cash alternatives will be offered.
10. We reserve the right to withdraw the competition if necessary, no refunds.

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THE EGG PROJECT

This is such an EASY way to support the school

BASICALLY order & pay for your weekly eggs online through the EGG PROJECT...they are delivered to school (usually you can pick up Wednesday afternoon or Thursday)

Prices are the cheaper than supermarkets (plus eggs are fresher)

OUR school GETS \$1 for every dozen sold.



Thanks again to the families who have supported The Egg Project



THE EGG PROJECT
MT BIGGS SCHOOL

Order your eggs on the website below (and use your code) before midnight Tuesday and they will be delivered super fresh to collect on Thursday from the school office.

Free Range Dozen - \$9.50
Organic Dozen - \$11.50

We will give back \$1.00 per dozen to help fundraise as well!

YOUR CODE is SCH-007

SUPPORT LOCAL - EAT SUPER FRESH - SUPPORT COMMUNITY



www.theeggproject.co.nz



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Home & School Fundraiser

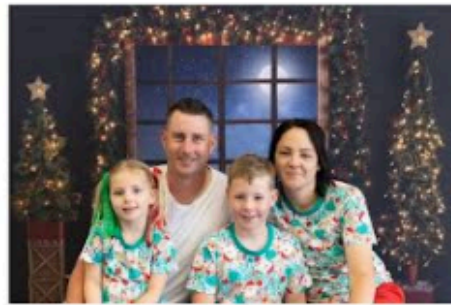
Mt Biggs Christmas Photo Fundraiser

Sunday 10th Nov 10am-2pm

\$30 per booking, includes one digital photo. Each booking is a 10min time slot during which you will be shot as a family, as well as individual photos of parents with children and sibling shots. Additional digital files will be available for purchase following the shoot \$20 per photo or \$100 for the entire digital gallery.

All booking fees will go to the Home & School Committee Fundraising.

Email threadandfilmnz@gmail.com to secure your spot today!



For more information on family photography & special
Mt Biggs School student prices contact Sarah
threadandfilmnz@gmail.com

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Community Notices



It's Yummy Sticker time....
Collect your yummy stickers from apples
and bring them into the office,
so we can get sports gear... Thank you



Futures All Abilities

Where: Feilding Golf Club

When: Tuesday 5th November
Tuesday 12th November
Tuesday 19th November
Tuesday 26th November
Tuesday 3rd December
Tuesday 10th December

Cost: Free

Keen to get on the golf course?

Futures All Abilities aims to create opportunities for people with an impairment to start, learn, and play golf in a way that is meaningful to them.

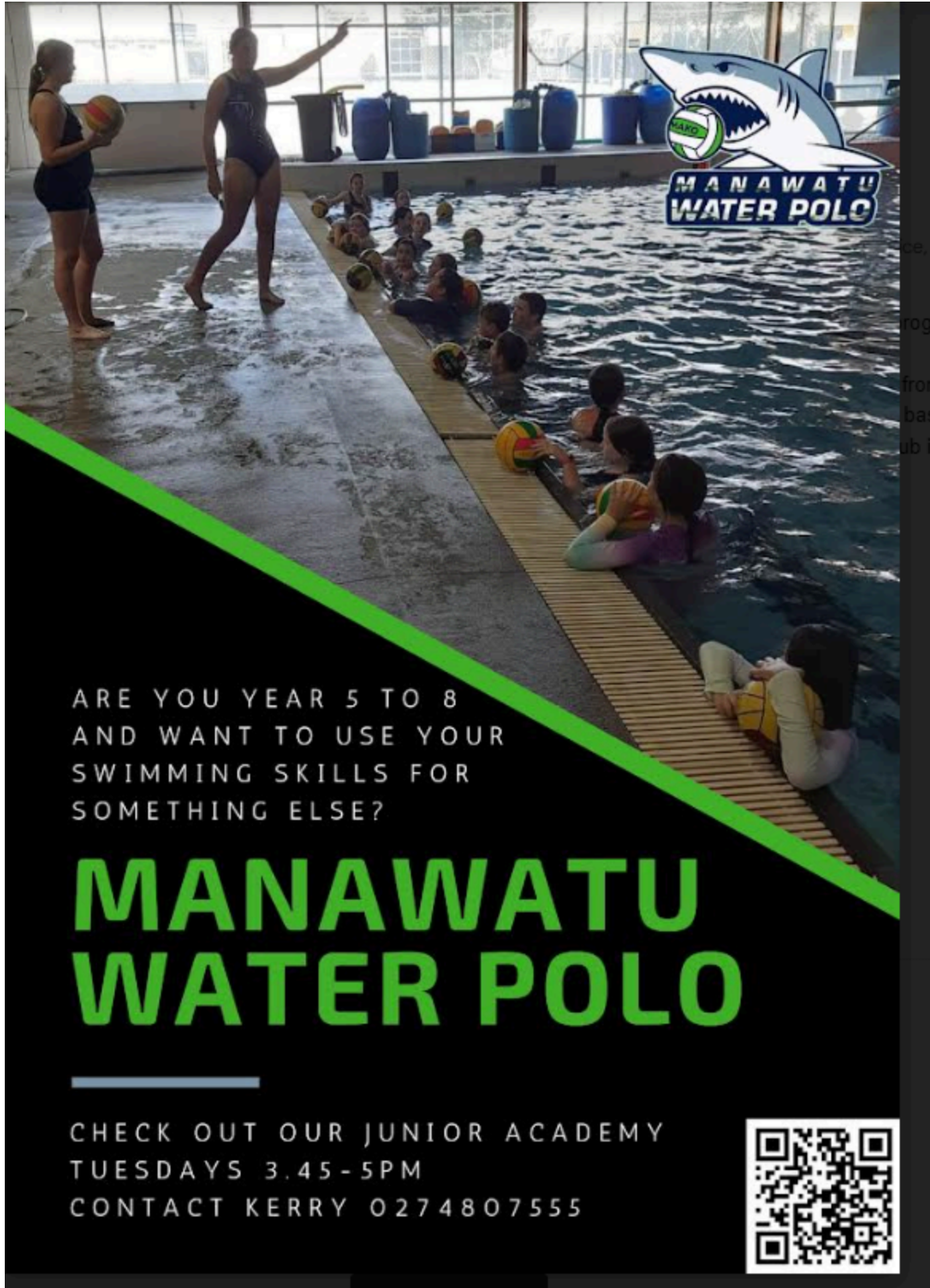
Futures All Abilities is about making golf accessible and is a great opportunity for youth (aged 8-18) to participate in golf.

All equipment will be available, spaces will be limited so please register early.

For more information or to register please contact: janette.smith@golfnz.org or 0276464046




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ARE YOU YEAR 5 TO 8
AND WANT TO USE YOUR
SWIMMING SKILLS FOR
SOMETHING ELSE?

MANAWATU WATER POLO

CHECK OUT OUR JUNIOR ACADEMY
TUESDAYS 3.45 - 5PM
CONTACT KERRY 0274807555



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Rise & Shine: Transforming your sleep habits

Thursday 31 October
10 am – 12 pm

Colyton Hall, 548 Taonui Rd

Morning Tea
provided
Gold coin Koha

Fun interactive learning session with Katherine Gillespie

Certified Mental Health Coach
GrowFortē Ltd

"I love learning about the wonders of the human body and mind. It's a joy to help others connect the dots, understanding how small changes in habits and perspectives can lead to significant shifts.

My rich life journey includes 18 years of dairy farming with my husband, Lance, during which we raised three children who are now thriving young adults. I am passionate about the power of coaching and group learning, believing that energy and healing come when we share stories and learn together."

Katherine Gillespie

Together we will...

- Explore the importance of sleep
- Understand the circadian rhythm
- Learn practical ways to improve sleep quality
- Build a picture of what good sleep looks like for you
- Gain insight in how sleep supports what is important to you
- Make a plan to begin improving your sleep

To register, please call, text or email
Manawatū Rural Support Services:

Jo - 027 422 3544

Aevryl - 021 082 34809 or 06 323 2429

mrssincrw1@gmail.com

027 296 5917

katherine@growforte.com

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RuralBus

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Launching 4 November



An on-demand service connecting
Manawatū's rural communities to Feilding.

Operates Monday-Friday

Return service from any address in

Manawatū District, to Feilding

Advance booking is essential.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO

or visit

WWW.RURALBUSMANAWATU.ORG.NZ



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