



# Wednesday Newsletter

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Kaitiakitanga-Manaakitanga-Mahi Tahi-Takakawe

## MT. BIGGS SCHOOL

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8th October 2025 -Week 1 Term 4

Share and Care

*Whole School: TBA*



**Kia ora koutou e te whānau,**

Welcome to Term 4

Welcome back to the final term of the year! We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved term break and managed to find some time to rest and recharge. The weather has certainly been unsettled to start the term, but hopefully we'll see more sunshine and warmer days as we head further into spring. A reminder that all children are required to wear sun hats this term while outside.

It's shaping up to be a busy term with lots of events and activities on the calendar. We'll keep our community updated through social media, the school app, and the newsletter. This term includes athletics days, inter-school competitions, Kainui events, and many other exciting opportunities for our tamariki.

### Mihi Whakatau

This week, we held our mihi whakatau to welcome new tamariki, parents, caregivers, and whānau to our school. It was wonderful to have you all with us and to officially welcome you to our Mount Biggs whānau.

### Playground and Property Updates

It's great to see our new swings being installed! Once the bark and playground edging are completed, we'll open these up for use. A huge thank you to our incredible Home and School, Board of Trustees, and community for making this possible. We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new Springfree trampoline, which will replace the senior trampoline. A big thank you to Home and School and the Cox family for their generous donation towards this new addition.

Our new fencing project is scheduled to begin the week of October 13. We'll keep you posted as more information becomes available. Please be aware that this work will cause some disruption around the school as the contractor removes old fencing and installs the new sections. We appreciate everyone's patience while this mahi is completed. Temporary security fencing will be installed around active work areas to ensure safety.

### Upcoming Events

Ag Day – Wednesday, October 22

We're really looking forward to this fantastic day celebrating our tamariki and their animals. It's always a highlight of the school year!

NZEI Strike Day – Thursday, October 23

Unfortunately, we will be closed for instruction on this day and will be unable to offer an alternative programme. Kelly Sport will be running a programme for our community — please see the flyer in the newsletter for details and cost.

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Teacher Only Day - Friday, October 24

On Friday, October 24, we have a teacher-only day for refreshed curriculum planning and professional development.

## Kelly Sport After-School Programme

Kelly Sport will continue their after-school programme on Mondays, as they did on Wednesdays last term. More information can be found in the flyer included in this newsletter.

Every two years, we consult our community on our Health Curriculum. Please take a moment to have your say by using the link in this newsletter. The link will also be emailed out to you via etap. Your feedback is important to us and will help shape our planning. Consultation closes on Friday, October 10.

[Health Survey link](#)

<https://forms.gle/TSXgjoMPnEXLFNB2A>

## Stay Connected!

For event updates and reminders, please keep an eye on:

✓ **Newsletter & Emails**

✓ **Skool Loop App**

✓ **School Facebook Page**

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/>

User Name: mountbiggs

Password: empowering

Thank you all for your continued support as we head into the final stretch of the term.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyle Harris,

Tumuaki/Principal – Mount Biggs School.

## ***Please note...***

- **AG Day Wednesday 22nd October**
- **Teacher Strike Day Thursday 23rd October**
- **Teachers Only Day Friday 24th October**
- **Labour Day Monday 27th October**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICES** - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING are **DUE BACK**

## IN BRIEF

### PROJECTED ENROLMENTS

We are working on our schools projected enrolments for the next few years and would like to hear from anyone who has preschool children at home that will be attending Mt Biggs School. Email me with Name and DOB please. Thankyou by Monday 13th Oct

### TOUCH RUGBY

Touch starts next week on Thursday 16th Oct. Your coaches/managers will be in touch regarding practice.

***Could you please let your coaches know if you can play on Thursday 23rd Oct (Strike Day)...we need to let touch know. Thanks***

***Cost of Touch is \$20 per player. Please pay ASAP***

## CALENDAR DATES

**Term 4 (6th Oct - 16th Dec) 11 weeks**

### October

6th - Term 4 starts

21st - Bring hall exhibits & floral to school

21st - Hall Judging

21st - BOT Meeting 5.45pm

22nd - AG Day

23rd - Teachers Strike Day

24th - Teacher ONLY Day

27th - Labour Day Holiday

31st - Mt Biggs School Athletics

### November

8th - Jump Jam Nationals (Saturday)

8th - Rongotea Champion Day (Saturday)

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

### December

Week 9 - Talent show

11th - Year 8 Leavers Dinner

16th End of Term 4 FINAL Assembly

## Payments for school accounts & lunches

**12 - 3143 - 0188518 - 00** Reference: Surname & Stationery etc



## Lunches Term 4

**10 x weeks (7th Oct-9th Dec)**

Sausages \$2 each / Baking \$2 each

You can pay online for the whole term. School bank account



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## Home & School Update

### Term 4 Meetings @ 6pm in the Staffroom

- Wednesday 16th October (Meeting)
- Wednesday 19th November (AGM & Meeting)

### AG Day is coming up and we need help with...

## Ag Day Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.

Pick-a-Duck – We've got 100 ducks floating in the pool to catch  
and win! If you have anything fun to donate for a prize please bring it  
to the office before Ag Day.

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](mailto:homeandschool@mountbiggs.school.nz)

Always grateful for your support!

Home & School Committee

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VS



## **MAN vs. CAKE silent auction 2025**

- 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 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Why?** To support Mt Biggs Home & School committee with our fundraising to purchase awesome gear for our kids  
(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  
2024: Ted Keenan

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

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## Leading up to AG Day 'Schedule'



### Friday 17th Oct (next week)

- **ALL Pet Diaries DUE into Louise by 9am** (sorry no exceptions as the judge needs them over the weekend)  
*You can bring them anytime next week if that is easier*

### Tuesday 21st Oct

- **ALL Constructions and Food Items** are to be brought to the Hall by 9am
- **Flowers, greenery, containers for floral arrangement etc...** to be brought to school (children will create their floral in class and take to the hall)
- *Hall is closed from 10am for judging and won't be open until 9am on Ag Day.*

### Wednesday 22nd Oct

- **AG Day** (I will send out a 'On the Day Schedule' once I have worked out the times etc...)
- **Hall Exhibitions - Hall will be open to view from 9am.** (Please don't remove any certificates until after Ag Day)  
***PLEASE NOTE: all Constructions, Food and Floral needs to be taken home the day of Ag Day, as the hall is being used the next day. Thank you.***

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## THE EGG FUNDRAISER 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 -you can either have a weekly order or a fortnightly order ...they are delivered to school (you can pick up Thursday morning)*  
*Prices are the cheaper than supermarkets (plus eggs are fresher)*  
*OUR school GETS \$1 for every dozen sold.*



These are cheaper than supermarket eggs by approx \$1-\$3 per carton (depending on size of egg)

Easy to sign up (go to webpage) [www.theeggproject.co.nz](http://www.theeggproject.co.nz) and sign up for either weekly or fortnightly deliveries (no deliveries over school hols)  
Our school code is SCH-007

*Get your family, friends, and neighbours to join*

*Need a Babysitter ?*  
*Alicia Transom is looking for baby sitting jobs.*



Ex pupil...very reliable and lovely with kids  
Phone Alicia on 022 0812089



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If you haven't voted yet... Gordon is one of our Mt Biggs Parents

**Re-elect McKellar ✓**

For Regional Council

**Gordon McKellar**

- Positive Progress
- Contribution to Economy
- Protecting Environment
- Openness & Accountability

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**Feilding Craft Market**  
**THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**Manfield, Feilding 9am - 4pm**



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Voting doesn't  
have a dress code  
– just a deadline.

Step<sup>up</sup> and **vote** before  
Saturday 11 October.



It's the final week of voting in the 2025 local elections, so if you  
haven't voted yet, now is the time to step up.

Grab your voting papers, make your choices, and drop them into one of the 20  
orange bins across the District before **12 noon this Saturday 11 October**.

Every vote counts and every step helps shape the future of your community.

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Once you've made your choices, it's easy to vote. Drop your completed papers into one of the 20 orange voting bins across the District. It's too late now to use the post so click on the button below to find an orange bin closest to you!

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MANAWATŪ GANG SHOW  
*Presents*

**Show  
TIME**

**15-18 October 2025**

**AT THE REGENT ON BROADWAY, PALMERSTON NORTH**

**DANCE | SONGS | COMEDY**  
A variety show for the whole family

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETING:**  
**WWW.PREMIER.TICKETEK.CO.NZ**

 **SCOUTS**  
New Zealand



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## Term 4 2025 Parentline Manawatu

There's lots going on this term (flyers below):

- *Triple P Discussion groups*
- for parents of teens
- for parents of 3 - 9 year olds

These are available in both Feilding (early in the term) and Palmerston North (later in the term)

- *Triple P General group* - 5 session programme on a Wednesday evening throughout November
- *Triple P Teen group* - 6 session programme on Monday mornings throughout November
- *Parenting through Separation* is also available over 2 weeknight evenings (once a month)
- *Counselling* for parents/caregivers; either individual or couple work - sorry we have a wait for this currently
- *AGM* - 6pm, 15th October. New members welcome - button at the bottom of this email to connect.

Nga mihi nui,

Raewyn & the Team at Parentline Manawatu

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## Triple P **TEEN** Discussion Groups

Take the guesswork out of parenting teenagers! These 2 hour sessions offer evidence based practical tips and strategies, to help families manage the ups and downs while they guide their teenagers towards adulthood. Come to just one or as many as you like and meet other parents in the same boat, you're not alone!

### Building Teenager's Survival Skills - 9.45am - 12 noon, Wednesday 8 October

Teenagers can often start to take part in risky activities and as parents, we may want to keep them safe by restricting their freedom. However, this often leads to conflict. Gain tips and strategies around how to encourage teenagers to look after their own wellbeing and safety while away from your supervision in this session!

### Reducing Family Conflict - 9.45am - 12 noon, Wednesday 15 October.

This workshop gives parents positive suggestions to help teach our teenagers how to get along with others in the family without constant fights and arguments. The group will look at reasons why teenagers are argumentative or aggressive and how to prevent problems and promote family harmony!

***Held at: Manawatu Community Hub Libraries,  
64 Stafford Street, Feilding***

***Registrations essential!***

***Phone Parentline Manawatu on (06) 355 1655 or 0800 432 6459***

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## *Triple P Discussion Groups*

Dealing with Disobedience - Thursday 16 October, 9.45am to 12 noon

This 2-hour Triple P group gives parents positive suggestions to help their children to accept limits and manage difficult behaviour like disobedience and defiance.

This is also the space for parents to have the opportunity to share some of their experiences of being a parent in difficult situations.

Managing Fighting & Aggression - Wednesday 22 October, 9.45am to 12 noon

All children have disagreements or arguments at times, this session will explore the reasons why children fight and discuss the skills children need to get along with others. We will focus on strategies to help you prevent problems by teaching your child to resolve problems and manage those times when they lose their cool and fight or become aggressive.

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## Small Changes, Big Differences

*he iti te koha, he nui te whakahoki*



## Triple P General

### Takes the guesswork out of parenting!

**Are you a parent/caregiver of a 3 to 10-year-old?**

Does every day seem like a battle with your child, with lots of shouting in the home, and it seems as if other parents don't have it as tough as you?

Or maybe you want to create the happiest home life you can, and want better routines and expectations set up to prevent and be prepared for future hassles.

**Group Triple P can support and teach you to:**

- manage your child's behaviour effectively
- become a prepared, positive and confident parent
- meet other parents in similar situations – you're not alone!
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

Come and find out why Triple P is one of the world's most effective parenting programmes! Learn practical tips & strategies, adapt them to suit your family's needs!

**Date:** Starts Wednesday 5 November 2025 (5 x Wednesday evenings)

**Time:** 6.30pm to 8:45pm

**Venue:** Hancock Community House, 77 King St, PN

**Fee:** \$5.00 per session suggested donation but do not let cost prevent you from attending

**For more info/to register, call us on:**

**08004FAMILY or (06)3551655**

[www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz](http://www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz)



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## Group Teen Triple P

**Takes the guesswork out of parenting teenagers!**

### Parenting a pre-teen/teen?

Has their behaviour become too much for you to handle? Are they rude and defiant, or maybe you're concerned about their social media use, drinking or mates? Does your family shout, or maybe no one bothers talking anymore. But you're worried. Where will it all end?

Or maybe it isn't bad, you just realise that things can change very quickly, and you're keen to know as much as possible about positive parenting so you're prepared if hassles arise.

### Group Teen Triple P can prepare you by supporting and teaching you to:

- reduce conflict
- keep your teenager safe
- take care of yourself
- build a better relationship with your teenager
- be realistic about parenting
- meet other parents in your situation – you're not alone!

**Come and find out why Triple P is one of the world's most effective parenting programmes! Learn practical tips & strategies, adapt them to suit your family's needs!**

**Date:** Starts Monday 3 November 2025 (6 session programme)

**Time:** 9.30am – 11:45am

**Venue:** Hancock Community House, 77-85 King Street, Palmerston North

**Fee:** \$5.00 per session suggested donation

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## Triple P Discussion Groups

Dealing with Disobedience - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 9.30am to 11.45am

This 2-hour Triple P group gives parents positive suggestions to help their children to accept limits and manage difficult behaviour like disobedience and defiance. This is also the space for parents to have the opportunity to share some of their experiences of being a parent in difficult situations.

Managing Fighting & Aggression - Tuesday 9 December, 9.30am to 11.45am

All children have disagreements or arguments at times; this session will explore the reasons why children fight and discuss the skills children need to get along with others. We will focus on strategies to help you prevent problems by teaching your child to resolve problems and manage those times when they lose their cool and fight or become aggressive.

*Held at: Parentline Manawatu office,  
Upstairs @ Hancock Community House  
77-85 King Street, Palmerston North*

*Registrations essential!*

*Phone Parentline Manawatu on (06) 355 1655 or 0800 432 6459*

*Or sign up on our website referral tab: <https://www.parentlinemanawatu.org.nz/referral-form>*



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Getting Teenagers to Cooperate - 9.30 to 11.45am, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Do you have a teenager that is rude and refuses to follow family rules? It is common for parents to find that as their child moves into their teen years, that they become less cooperative, which leads to conflicts in the family. So how do we prevent non-cooperation and encourage respect, politeness and working as a team?

Coping with Teenager's Emotions - 9.30 to 11.45am, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Teenagers can become highly emotional as they transition from child to adult. It can be upsetting for parents and make disagreements stressful for the family. This session takes some time to understand our teens' emotions and explore positive ways to help us and them better manage these emotions when it happens!

*Held upstairs at Hancock Community House, 77-85 King St, PN*

*Registrations essential! These sessions are Free of charge.*

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## Parentline Manawatu Inc. AGM

6pm Wednesday 15th October 2025

F7, Parentline Rooms

Hancock Community House,  
77-85 King Street, PN

### Agenda:

- Minutes of 2024 AGM
- Annual report (including Financial statements)
- Conflicts of Interest
- Election of Officers
- Subscription/membership fees
- Certificates of Appreciation
- General Business

Food & refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP for venue & catering purposes

phone Parentline 06 355 1655

or email [admin@parentlinemanawatu.org.nz](mailto:admin@parentlinemanawatu.org.nz)

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**BHARTIYA SAMAJ**  
Charitable Trust  
Lower Hutt Island

**Rise**  
TOGETHER NZ

bring

## MANAWATŪ

The Festival Of Lights

# 11<sup>th</sup> OCT

5pm to 10.30pm

OPEN AIR **DJ DANCE & LASER SHOW** from **8**

At  
Feilding Civic Centre

For more info, scan



       

      

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