



# Wednesday Newsletter

Care-Respect-Cooperate-Strive  
Kaitiakitanga-Manaakitanga-Mahi Tahi-Takakawe

## MT. BIGGS SCHOOL

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14th May 2025 - Week 3 Term 2

Share and Care

*Whole School: TBA*



**Kia ora koutou e te whānau,**

What an amazing Week 2 we've had! With winter sports now well and truly underway and an epic visit from the House of Bricks team, the term is off to a great start.

### House of Bricks Visit

On Thursday, we welcomed the team from House of Bricks to Mount Biggs School for a full day of LEGO fun. The entire school took part in a range of exciting, hands-on activities that encouraged creativity, teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience. The buzz around the school was incredible! A massive thank you to our Home and School committee for making this special day possible—we are so grateful for your continued support.

### Cross Country – This Friday

Our annual school cross-country is set for this Friday (weather permitting). Children can come dressed in their house colours to show their team spirit. The first race will begin at 1.00 pm, and we'd love to see as many whānau as possible coming along to cheer the children on.

A big thank you to Kallum and Ailie, and Dave and Fiona, for allowing us to run the event across your properties.

We're also grateful to our wonderful Home and School team and community volunteers for providing baking and Milo after the races. Your help and generosity are always appreciated!

### Community Kindness – Tree Replacements

Unfortunately, last Friday night some of our newly planted trees were stolen from the front of the school. However, the response from our community has been amazing. Thanks to Kylie Frost sharing our story on More FM, we were offered replacement trees by Pioneer Nurseries. Today, Gareth and Sarah from More FM visited us and helped plant the new trees with support from Hudson, Wolfie, and Harry.

A massive thank you to Gareth and Sara, and to Dave and Jo at Pioneer Nurseries, for your generosity and support—it means a lot to us.

### New Curriculum Parent Portal

The Ministry of Education has launched a new Parent Portal to help explain recent curriculum changes and updates in education. You can access it at the link below or search *MoE Parent Portal* online:

[education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal](https://education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal)

### Attendance Matters

The Ministry of Education is focusing closely on student attendance. We report our daily attendance, and it's great to see our

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school tracking well against national targets. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our tamariki are at school and ready to learn each day.


## Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

 Regular Attendance

**86%**

Compared to 77% in Term 1, 2024

 Irregular Absence 8%

Compared to 20% in Term 1, 2024






 Moderate Absence 5%

Compared to 2% in Term 1, 2024

 Chronic Absence 0%

Compared to 1% in Term 1, 2024

What were the main reasons given for absence this term?

1.  (M) Illness / Medical Absence 54%
2.  (E) Accepted (but unjustified) 17%
3.  (G) Holiday 14%
4.  (J) Explained and Approved 8%
5.  (?) Unknown (Temporary) 7%




How many students were on time to class?

**96%** of students were on time to class

Definition of lateness depends on school attendance policy.

## 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

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyle Harris

Tumuaki/Principal – Mount Biggs School

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

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## IN BRIEF

### **BOT ELECTIONS** Early September

2025 is BOT Election year. More information will be sent out next month. We will be looking for new BOT members so please have a think if you might be interested.

### **SHOWCASE 2024 LINK**

A link to watch last year's showcase was sent out via skool loop last week or you can scan in the office.

## **CALENDAR DATES**

*Term 2 (28th April - 27th June) 9 weeks*

### **April**

*28th - Term 2 starts*

### **May**

*7th - Year 8 Kainui Bowlarama Fun Day*

*8th - House of Bricks visit*

*15th - Pink Shirt Day*

*16th - School Cross Country*

*26th - Book Character Day*

### **June**

*2nd - Kings Birthday Public Holiday*

*4th - Kainui Cross Country*

*6th - FAHS to visit year 8's*

*10th - Planting Thompson's Farm*

*12th - Home & School Meeting*

*20th - Matariki Public Holiday*

*25th - Kainui Rippa*

*27th - End of Term 2*

**Payments for school accounts & lunches**

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



## **PINK SHIRT DAY** **Tomorrow** **Thursday 15th May**

**Wear pink & bring a gold coin donation.**  
*Pink Shirt Day is an anti-bullying campaign that encourages people to celebrate diversity, promote kindness, and stand up against bullying*

*Big thank you to Laken who made the Pink Shirt posters*

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## Mt Biggs School Cross Country



**This Friday 16th May @ 1pm**

### Order of Running

Running Order	Year Group	Distance	Lead Runner	Tailend Charlie
1	Year 5	No runner		
2	Year 6	No runner		
3	Year 3	1.2km	High School	High School
4	Year 4	1.2km	High School	High School
5	Year 1	800m	High School	High School
6	Year 2	800m	High School	High School
7	Year 7 and 8	No runner		

**Held next door on the Brown's farm**  
**Students to wear their HOUSE colours**

Ruapehu: Green

Tongariro: Yellow

Ngāuruhoe: Blue

Taranaki: Red



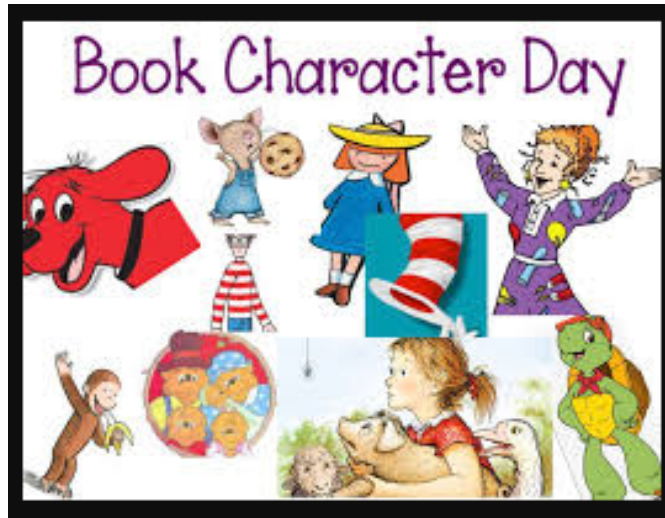
**Home & School are kindly supplying  
Milo & Baking for the students  
after they finish their race...**



***Thank you to the parents who have supplied baking. Much appreciated***



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## BOOK Character Day

Monday 26th May



Have fun & be part of the story...come dressed as your favourite book character



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## Term 2 Sports

### Netball



#### **Our Year 3/4 Netball Team**

Freya, Eva, Scarlett, Madeline, Lexie, Laken, Dixie, Maggie & Alice

***These guys have had a great start to the season, they are playing well and giving it their all... well done team.***

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## THIS IS ANOTHER BIG PUSH FOR 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*

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### INDOOR BOWLS Winter Season



**Starts Monday 14th April 2025  
Mt Biggs School Hall @ 7.15pm**

*Everyone is welcome, including beginners. No cost the first night.  
Come along and have a go...great fun*

*For more information contact Rod on 06 3293916*



**FAHS**  
Feilding High School

Churcher Street  
Feilding 4702, New Zealand

**Feilding High School  
OPEN DAY**

**Wednesday 25th June 2025**



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## Futures All Abilities

**Where:** Feilding Golf Club

**When:** Tuesday 20th May  
Tuesday 27th May  
Tuesday 3rd June  
Tuesday 10th June

**Cost:** Free

**Time:** 3.45pm -4.45pm

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 of 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](mailto:janette.smith@golfnz.org) or  
0276464046

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## Pickleball

*the fastest growing craze in the world*

Held at the Feilding Civic Centre

Contact with Feilding Civic Centre or Laurie on 0224790057

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis.

It's played on a badminton-sized court using paddles and a perforated, hollow plastic ball (also called a wiffle ball) over a net. The game can be played in singles or doubles, and it's known for being fun, social, and easy to learn.

A promotional poster for a Pickleball Competition. The background is a solid orange color. At the top, the text "Turners Sports" is written in a light, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "PICKLEBALL" and "COMPETITION" are stacked in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the text, there is a large, yellow, perforated plastic ball (a wiffle ball) with several holes. Below the main title, there are three horizontal blue bars with white text. The first bar says "EVERY SATURDAY" and "FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO OCTOBER 2025". The second bar says "BEGINNERS: 5PM – 6PM" and "ESTABLISHED PLAYERS: 6PM – 8PM". The third bar says "Contact Laurie 022 479 0057".

Turners Sports

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## Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge 2025

Palmerston North 23rd or 24th June

*Note: We need a parent to coordinate this, as we do have students who want to compete. Volunteers please. Thank you.*

### 2025 Series – Key Event Days:

VENUE	LOCATION	DATE OF EVENT	SPREADSHEET DUE BY	ENTRIES CLOSE
Tauranga	Baypark, 81 Truman Lane, Mount Maunganui, 3152	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April – 9am	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May – 9am
Wellington	Camp Wainui, 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata, Wellington, 5373	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May, Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – 9am	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – 9am
Hamilton	Ngāruawāhia Christian Youth Camp, 148 Waingarō Road, Ngāruawāhia 3720	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 9am	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – 9am
Palmerston North	Massey University Recreation Centre via Albany Drive, Palmerston North, 4410	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June, Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June – 9am	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June – 9am
Hawkes Bay	Clifton Station, 475 Clifton Road, Te Awanga, Cape Kidnappers, 4180	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June – 9am	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – 9am
Auckland (Pukekohe)	Pukekohe Showgrounds, 58 Station Road, Pukekohe 2120	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – 9am	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 9am
Auckland (Kumeu)	Kumeu Showgrounds, Gate 2, Access Road, Kumeu, 0810	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – 9am	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 9am
Rotorua	Lakes Ranch, 79 Lake Rotokawau Road, Ōwhata, Rotorua 3074	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August – 9am	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August – 9am