



Wednesday Newsletter

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Kaitiakitanga-Manaakitanga-Mahi Tahī-Takakawe

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30th October 2024 - Week 3 Term 4

Share and Care

Whole School: TBA



Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

There has been so much happening this term already, with a lot more to come. Next week, Friday, November 8, we have our whole school athletics day at Timona Park in Feilding. This is a little different this year but we are looking forward to having the whole school together for this event. Chris has sent out some information with more to follow next week. If you can help out on the day, please let Chris know. The classes have been training hard in preparation for next week.

On Tuesday we had our second mandated teacher only day. The teachers unpacked the science of learning which is a priority for the Ministry of Education as they focus on structured approaches in literacy and mathematics. Mount Biggs is in a great place with both of these. We already use Numicon for maths in the junior school, which is one of the MoE approved approaches to maths. We are also using the Code and Structured Literacy already as we were one of the pilot schools for Liz Kane many years ago.

Ag Day:

It was fantastic to be a part of the annual Mount Biggs Ag Day. This is a big day and one of those great traditions we have. There was even a nice comment on the Facebook page from an ex-pupil who attended the school in the 70s. A big congratulations to all of the children who entered animals. You have shown a great deal of commitment and organisation preparing your animals for the judging. The same can also be said for all of the work that was put into creations, food, and artwork. We would like to thank Louise L and the Home and School team for all of the organisation. Thank you to all of the community who were able to come and enjoy the day and support the children. Finally a big thank you to the Judges, Stewards, and Hosts for supporting this event. We appreciate you giving up your time.

Summer Sport:

The summer sports season is underway with summer football and touch starting last week. It is really great to see that so many children have signed up to play. A big thank you to all of the parents, caregivers, and staff who are coaching and managing teams. We appreciate you giving up your time to make this possible for our children.

NZAISMS 2025

We are investigating taking a team to the NZAISMS games tournament in 2025. This is a Year 7-8 competition held at Mount Maunganui every year in early September. This event attracts well over 10,000 Year 7-8 athletes from NZ and the Pacific region. They compete in sports ranging from football and netball to yachting, hip-hop, and rock climbing. One of the biggest challenges is finding accommodation due to the high demand. We are reaching out to our community to see if anyone has

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connections in the Mount or Tauranga who currently do or could rent out their house for this, something many of the locals do. We will possibly need a couple of places depending on the number of children we take. We would like to contact them to get an indication of the cost and to potentially book if possible. Please email, principal@mountbiggs.school.nz

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

IMPORTANT NOTICES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

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IN BRIEF

AG DAY BAKING CONTAINERS A big thanks to everyone who supplied baking for Ag Day (I tried a few pieces yum) If you still have your containers to pick up, they are in my office on the chairs

EGGS Don't forget to collect your eggs

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

1st - Gumboot Friday

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

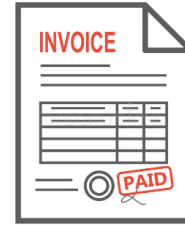
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Student Accounts

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

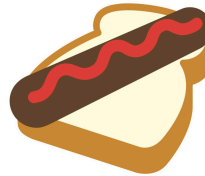
Wednesday 20th Nov

Tuesday 26th Nov - *Pizza Lunch*

Tuesday 3rd Dec

Sausages \$2 each

Baking \$2 each



Parent Help Needed for Whole School Athletics Friday 8th November 2024



The whole school is travelling to Timona Park (Feilding) by bus & car to compete in our school Athletics. (normally we do this at school over two days... which is a big ask on parents and students)

We need parents to help run each activity... long jump, high jump, shot put, running, discus etc..
Timona Park has all the equipment available, we just need to put it out and pack it up.

If you can help please let Chris or myself know.

Thanks Louise

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Gumboot Friday **This Friday 1st November**

Gumboot Friday, founded by mental health advocate Mike King, is a free counselling service for any young person in New Zealand aged 25 and under.

An overworked, underfunded, and under resourced public mental health service has led to excruciatingly long wait times for young people needing immediate help. Our free counselling platform provides a bridge to rangatahi in need by breaking down the barriers of cost and wait times.

By supporting Gumboot Friday, you're making a real difference, helping us keep up with the rising demand and ensuring every young Kiwi gets the mental health support they deserve.

Wear your Gumboots & show support

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Just a reminder that **ANYONE** who entered a lamb or calf into our Ag Day last week can also enter into the Championship Day at Rongotea on **Saturday 9th November 2024**



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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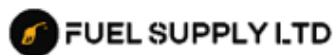
Tough Kids 2025

Friday 21st March 2025

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



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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



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Home & School Fundraiser

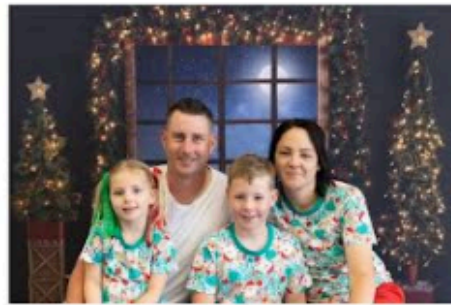
Mt Biggs Christmas Photo Fundraiser

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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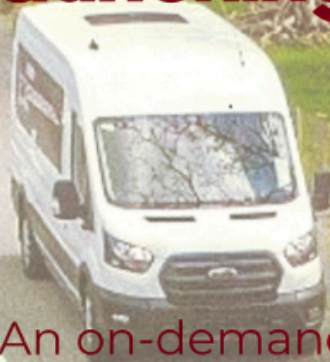
Community Notices



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

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