



Wednesday Newsletter

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

MT. BIGGS SCHOOL

707 Sandon Rd, RD9, Feilding

Phone 06 329 3646

office@mountbiggs.school.nz

26th February 2025 - Week 5 Term 1

Share and Care

Whole School: TBA



Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already nearing the halfway point of Term 1! Time is flying by, and there have been so many wonderful moments to celebrate and exciting opportunities for our tamariki. It's been fantastic visiting classrooms and seeing the children settled into their routines and engaging in learning. A massive thank you to our entire team — your hard work and dedication make Mount Biggs School such a fantastic place to be.

Exciting Activities & Community Support

- 🏊 Swimming:
Swimming is in full swing, and we're incredibly lucky to have Christina back this year to provide swim coaching. Christina is an experienced instructor who generously gives her time to help our tamariki build confidence and skills in the water — we are truly grateful for her support.
A huge thank you to Home and School for purchasing the lane ropes, which have been a fantastic addition to our swimming sessions!
- 🎵 Kapa Haka:
We're thrilled to have Milana back to lead Kapa Haka this year. After a strong start in 2024, we're excited to see the group's progress and continued growth under her expert guidance.
- 🏌️ Golf Lessons:
Some children have been lucky enough to learn golf with Reuben from Feilding Golf Club, who is working to promote junior golf in schools. We hope more students will get a chance to participate throughout the year. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered for transport — your help makes these opportunities possible!






Celebrating Success – Friday Ruruku

This term, teachers have been notifying parents and caregivers when their child is receiving a certificate during Friday morning Ruruku. It's been fantastic having the community back at these assemblies to celebrate the efforts and successes of our children.

A special shout-out to Chris for designing the new Mount Biggs certificate — it looks amazing! 🎉

Wednesday Newsletter

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

-  Interschool Triathlon – Next week in Palmerston North
-  Whole School Swimming Sports – At Makino Pool
-  GRIP Leadership Day – For senior students
-  Tough Kid Challenge – Friday, March 21 (a huge day for the school!)
-  Whole School Triathlon – Date to be confirmed — we'll keep you posted!

Teacher Only Day – Friday, March 14

A reminder that Friday, March 14 is a Teacher Only Day. Our teaching team, including release teachers, will be attending a structured literacy course with Liz Kane as part of our commitment to ongoing professional development.

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 for your continued support — we are looking forward to the rest of the term and all the exciting opportunities it brings for our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kyle Harris

Tumuaki/Principal – Mount Biggs School

Wednesday Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

-

IN BRIEF

CALENDAR DATES

Term 1 (30th January - 11th April)

January

30th - Welcome back to Term 1 2025

February

4th - School Lunches start

6th - Waitangi Day Holiday

9th - Golf Fundraiser

11th - BOT meeting

13th - EPIC Music starts

13th - Home & School Meeting @ 3pm Staffroom

13th - Meet the Teachers BBQ

20th - Guitar Lessons start

28th - GLOW Dress Up Day

March

5th - Year 8 Kainui Day POSTPONED

5th - Interschool Triathlon Years 5-8

7th - Whole school swimming sports @ Makino

12th - Kainui Jnr Swimming sports @ Newbury

14th - **Teachers ONLY Day**

19th - Year 7 & 8 GRIP Leadership Event

21st - Tough Kids

24th - Penhay Swimming Cup Snr School

26th - Kainui Snr Swimming Sports @ Makino

27th - Home & School Meeting @ 6pm Staffroom

April

1st-4th - Rm 1 & 4 Camp in Taupo

7th - Interschool Athletics

9th - Kainui Jnr Tabloid Sports @ Mt Biggs

10th - Care & Share Whole School

10th - School Disco 5-7pm

11th - Term 1 finishes

28th - Term 2 starts

Payments for school accounts & lunches

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

Wednesday Newsletter



GLOW UP -

Rare Disorder Dress Up Day

THIS Friday 28th February 2025

**Wear your most brightest fluorescent clothes (or accessories)
to support Rare Disorder month.**

In Aotearoa, more than 300,000 people live with one or more of the 7,000 known rare disorders. Half of those affected are children. That's the equivalent of 1-2 students in every classroom.



Wednesday Newsletter

COMMUNITY NOTICES



E Tipu: The New Zealand Future Food and Fibre Summit 2025, May 26-28th in Palmerston North

E Tipu The New Zealand Future Food and Fibre Summit 2025 will be an opportunity to join a vibrant, immersive experience to help answer some of the most critical, sometimes uncomfortable questions about how we can grow together as a sector for the future.

Using a bold new format to inspire and empower its delegates, E Tipu 2025 promises an incredible programme that will feature keynote speakers, panels and practical, in-depth workshops focused on topical issues and questions, giving you an action plan to add

to your toolkit.

As a farmer, you understand the critical need for change and adaptation in the agricultural sector and coming to E Tipu 2025 will allow you to both contribute to and learn from the transformative discussions that will take place. The summit isn't just

about hearing from experts; it's about connecting with your peers, sharing ideas, and finding tangible solutions to the challenges we all face.

Come and join us in this exciting journey toward a sustainable and resilient future for food and fibre production in New Zealand and beyond.

E Tipu 2025 is more than a conference. It's a collaborative platform that encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and practical action.

As a farmer, attending E Tipu will allow you to:

Wednesday Newsletter

Build your toolkit for the future: The summit will provide the tools and insights you need to take actionable steps toward creating a more resilient and sustainable farming operation. From new practices in regenerative agriculture to innovations in digital

- farming, E Tipu is the place to discover the future of the food and fibre sector.
- **Collaborate and network:** E Tipu is designed to foster connections. It's an opportunity to meet like-minded professionals, farmers, and industry leaders to share ideas, experiences, and forge valuable partnerships.
- **Be at the forefront of industry innovation:** Learn from experts and visionaries about the latest trends, cutting-edge technologies, and practical solutions that can improve productivity, sustainability, and profitability on your farm.

Special Deals Just for Farmers

We know that farmers are the backbone of New Zealand's food and fibre sector, and we want to ensure you are part of this pivotal event. That's why we're offering

special discounted tickets for farmers—tickets are limited at this exclusive rate of \$485 (ex GST). These tickets are limited, so make sure to secure your spot today!

For those that miss out on the special price Farmer only tickets, we also have limited early-bird tickets on offer for \$795 (ex GST) so don't miss out!

Head to etipu.co.nz

to register and take advantage of these incredible offers before they're gone.

Meet some of our speakers, panellists and supporters from the rural sector:

Samuel Whitelock, farmer and former All Black, will join us for dinner on May 27th to share and reflect on the highs and lows of both his rugby career and farming life, offering a candid discussion on the challenges he has faced and continues to tackle

on the farm. He'll also share his vision for the future of New Zealand farming, exploring how we can build a resilient, sustainable sector in the face of ongoing change. Samuel's session will be followed by a 25-minute Q&A, providing an opportunity for attendees

to engage directly with him.

Joining Samuel will be **Matt** and **Jana Hocken** dairy farmers from the Manawatū who have successfully implemented lean farm practices to grow the value on their farm.

We are also excited to hear from **Lucie Douma** and **Daniel Eb**, two Nuffield scholars, who will bring fresh, global perspectives to the table.

Wednesday Newsletter

Liam Lenaghan, founder of GO.FARM Australia, will also be speaking. With over 20 years of experience in transforming underutilised land into highly productive and sustainable farming systems, Liam will share his insights into the future of agricultural

investment and how to drive change in the sector.

A special **panel of four future farmers**, including **George Dodson**, FMG Young Farmer of the Year 2024, will discuss how our young farmers hope to grow into the future.

Lastly, we'll hear from four **Chief Executives of Economic Development Agencies** from around New Zealand:

Chami Abeysinghe (Great South), **Nigel Davenport** (Venture Timaru),

Michelle Bauer (Venture Taranaki), and **Vaughan Cooper** (Northland Inc). They will discuss the critical role of regional economic development in driving innovation and growth in the food and fibre sector.

With limited special offers and incredible discounts. Make sure to get in quick to secure your ticket for New Zealand's cornerstone event for the food and fibre industry.

If you have any questions, please contact selina@foodhq.com

Selina Brightwell | Financial Operations & Projects Officer
FoodHQ | 21 Dairy Farm Road | Palmerston North 4440 | New Zealand
Mobile: +64 022 0614634 | Email: selina@foodhq.com
www.foodhq.com

Wednesday Newsletter

FEILDING'S BIG WEEKEND

Kids 'n Country

COMES TO FEILDING!

Gumboot Tossing - Pedal Tractors - Tug o War
Sack Races - Heartland Animals & much more

1 March 2025 | 10am-1pm
Manchester Square - Feilding

Free BBQ BROUGHT TO YOU BY TEAM **BAYLEYS**



**SATURDAY
1 MARCH**



Bought to you by →



HAVE-A-GO DAY

**SUNDAY
2 MARCH**

Come along and have a go at a range of different sports at the ultimate showcase of sports and activities in the Manawatū.

Free BBQ
Brought to you by



TIME: **10am to 1pm**
DATE: **Sunday 2 March 2025**
VENUE: **Manfeild Oval,
South Street,
Feilding**

In collaboration with:



SHOWCASING 20
EXCITING
CLUBS &
ACTIVITIES!

Find out more > SPORTMANAWATU.ORG.NZ/NEWS-EVENTS



For more details about
Feilding's Big Weekend →

feilding.co.nz

