



Wednesday Newsletter

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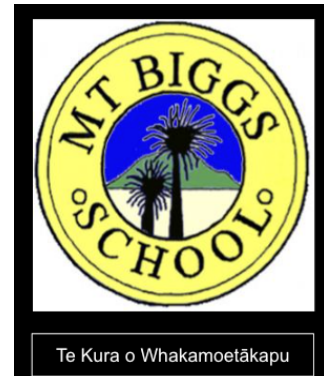
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12 March 2025 - Week 7 Term 1

Share and Care

Whole School: Thursday 10th April 2025



Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We are now officially in autumn, and the change in weather is definitely noticeable — though we're still enjoying some very hot days, which is great! We're hoping for more fine weather for the Tough Kid Challenge next Friday. The Home and School Tough Kid organising committee has been working hard to get everything ready, and we extend a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and expertise to help. We're looking forward to a fantastic day on the Worboys farm.

Last Friday, we held our first-ever whole-school swimming sports, and it was a huge success. The children were amazing, giving their best effort in every event and enthusiastically cheering each other on. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and caregivers who stepped in to help with timing and other tasks — your support and community spirit mean so much to us.

A big thank you also goes to all the staff for their organisation and effort in making the event a fantastic experience for everyone. We learned a lot from this first event, and Chris and the team are already planning improvements for next year's swimming sports.

This week, we have several children representing the school at various events. The Kainui junior school swimming sports take place today, Wednesday, and some of our students will participate in the Fluro Golf Day tomorrow. We look forward to hearing all about their experiences and achievements.

You may have received an email from the school regarding the removal of the hedge. It was great to have Ange T, our presiding member, speak to the children at assembly about this. We've already received some amazing ideas from our students and the community — please keep them coming through the link below:

Hedge Idea Link: <https://forms.gle/LG8r4CFxza8xeNwS9>

This week, four teachers and two release teachers are attending the Ministry of Education-allocated professional development for structured literacy with Liz Kane. It's wonderful to continue learning from Liz, who started her structured literacy journey by using our school as a pilot many years ago.

Just a reminder — this Friday is a teacher-only day.

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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

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IMPORTANT NOTICES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- Kainui Senior Swim notices DUE back 21 March

IN BRIEF

TEACHERS ONLY DAY This Friday 14th March

Just reminding teachers only day is this Friday

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Due back Tue 18th March

Order forms went home yesterday, please can we have them back by Tuesday 18th March (next week)

KAINUI SENIOR SWIMMING Wednesday 26th March

Notices went out today with the students competing in the Kainui Senior Swimming. **These are DUE back next week 21 March 2025**

LOUISE AWAY

I'm away next week Monday and Thursday, so if you need to see me pop in Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

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**

18th - BOT Meeting @ 5.45pm Staffroom

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 .

Teachers ONLY Day this Friday 21st March. Please don't send children to school.

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2025 Mt Biggs School Donations

Per student \$120 full year or \$30 per term
(family of 3 or more \$100 per student full year)

Did you know you can claim back a portion of your school donations through the IRD?

“Donations: *If you have receipts, you can claim a tax credit for donations of \$5 or more. A donation is a gift of money, including payments made by bank transfers, credit card or cheques, made voluntarily to a school/kindergarten or a donee organisation, where there is no identifiable direct benefit to the donor, or the donor's family. It does not include a gift that is testamentary or made by way of a full or partial debt forgiveness. Go to ird.govt.nz/donations for a list of approved donee organisations.”*

You will need a receipt from the school, addressed to you, school logo and signed by either Louise or Kyle.

If you would like a receipt please see Louise

Tough Kids 2025

This is happening next week on Friday 21st March.
Rain or Shine (unless it's a safety issue)

All Teachers will have a list of students competing, plus the students who have ordered lunches &/or t-shirts for the day.

I have emailed out the information on the course track, spectators, parking and the price list for food & drink.

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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.

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

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.

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

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

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The Big Little Sponsorship 2025

Eden Park is excited to share the details of the annual campaign hosted by our Icon Partner, AA Insurance.



Nominate your school for the chance to win one of four **\$10,000 sports grants**. You can spend it on whatever you need, like new equipment, sports uniforms or coaching sessions.

We know how important sport is to Kiwi kids. It teaches fair play, teamwork, builds confidence and keeps them active, but getting the little ones match ready can be expensive. That's why this year we've made Big Little bigger than ever, so even more schools can play a little freer with a game changing sports grant.

In partnership with Eden Park, the Big Little Sponsorship encourages communities to nominate local primary schools for the prize, giving a boost to grassroots sport in the process. Running since 2018, the Big Little Sponsorship has seen \$98,000 in sports grants awarded to primary schools across Aotearoa.

Your primary school could be our next big winner, so nominate them today to help them play a little freer!

Nominate now