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Te Kura ō Whakamoetakāpu

Mount Biggs Bulletin

Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Welcome to the 2024 school year! We have had a fantastic start to the year. My name is Kyle Harris and I am the acting principal for Term 1 while the BOT do their appointment process. We welcome Chris Gilbert to the Mount Biggs whānau. Chris is teaching in Room 4, Year 7-8s. Chris is also the deputy principal. We also welcome back Rowan Wilton. Rowan is teaching in Room 2, Year 3-4s.
A big thank you to all of the staff and tamariki for being so welcoming and helpful in the first week. You are all amazing. The teachers have been super busy organising their classes and getting exciting and engaging programmes up and running. It is great to see how engaged the children are when walking through.
A big welcome to all of our new tamariki and whānau to Mount Biggs. It is great to have you at our wonderful school. We look forward to getting to know you all this term.
The weather has been fantastic, meaning our children can get outside and enjoy the amazing grounds and facilities we have at Mount Biggs. The pool has been getting well used with class programmes. We will continue to have lunch time swims while the weather is so good.
Just a reminder that we have our Home and School working bee and picnic on Sunday, February 18. We would love to see you there. This is a fantastic way for everyone to get to know one another. More information will come out about this. The Home and School committee do an incredible job fundraising for the school and your support for their initiatives is really appreciated.
The Tough Kids challenge is coming up. This will be held on Friday, March 22. This is an amazing event with 800 children taking part from across the Manawatu region. Information about this event and registration will come home soon.

Ngā mihi,
Kyle Harris

School Reminders

- *Please ensure we have the most up to date contact information for your child*
- *Download the skool loop app*

School Dates

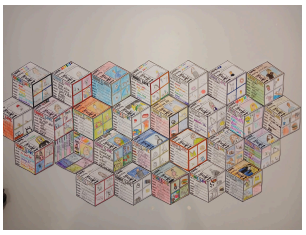
February
8th - Home & School Meeting
13th - BOT Meeting
18th - Working Bee & Community Picnic
26th-1st JNR Swim Sports TBA

March
1st - SNR Swimming Sports @ Makino
6th - Kainui JNR Swim Sports
20th - Kainui SNR Swim Sports

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Room 1







We have had an incredible start to our year. Last week, we explored our school values and what each one looks like. Akonga are consistently displaying mahitahi and manaakitanga as we settle into our classroom routines.

It is great that we are starting to get some work up on our walls. This week, we are going to be completing our goals for the term and create our first piece of art. We can't wait to show these to you.

On Monday, I activated our class Seesaw page. If you did not receive an email from Seesaw please let me know.

Room 2

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Room 2 has started the year by making the most of the hot weather and cooling down in the pool each day. We look forward to sharing our swimming talent in the Junior Swimming Sports later in the term.

We have started the year with our inquiry unit 'Ko wai au? Ko au tēnei!' Who am I? .. this is me! We enjoyed finding out about ourselves through numbers and getting to know our classmates a bit more.

We welcome the year 3's and Jack and Connor into Room 2. The year 4's have been amazing at making everyone feel welcome.

Room 3





Room 3 has had a great start to the school year with lots of mahitahi and manaakitangi being shown by the children. We welcome back Aria and two new friends, James and Jess.

We begin the year learning about ourselves through our inquiry 'Ko wai au? Ko au tēnei! Who am I? This is me!' We have completed our class waka and have been amazed by the high standards that Room 3 is striving for.

The children are enjoying our swimming sessions and are developing water confidence and their skills. We will be displaying these to the parents later in the term.

Room 4





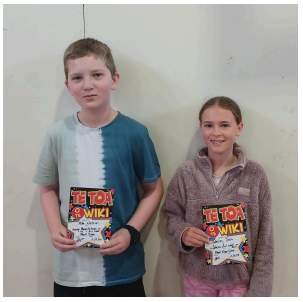
It has been a fantastic start to the year in Room 4. We have learnt about classroom culture and are starting to develop our own. The akonga have worked very well on their 'Hoodie', expressing their individuality and getting to know more about their classmates. We also made a leaf using the saying ' turning over a new leaf', to start the year with some goal setting.
We have been swimming almost every day, completed learning experiences designed to get to know each other and have started a class novel called 'Cirque du Freak'.

We have also started our Term 1 inquiry on Ko wai au? Ko au tēnei! We will be learning about ourselves, who we are and how we contribute to a community.

School Certificates

Term 1 Week 1

Room 1	*Room 2*
	

Room 3	Room 4
	

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