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3rd June 2026 - Term 2 Week 7

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As we move through another busy and productive term, it has been fantastic to see the incredible learning happening across our kura. Our tamariki have been working hard in their classrooms, showing perseverance, creativity, and a positive attitude towards their learning. At the same time, our staff have been putting a huge amount of effort into creating engaging learning experiences and opportunities for our children both inside and outside the classroom. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team who are committed to providing the very best for our students.

A reminder that the Home and School Quiz Night is coming up on Friday, 27 June. This is always a fantastic evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and plenty of fun. It is a wonderful opportunity to get together with other members of our school community while supporting our kura. We encourage you to gather a team and join us for what promises to be another great night out.

Last Friday, we came together for our Whole School Assembly. It was wonderful to celebrate the many successes and achievements of our tamariki and to share some of the fantastic learning that has been taking place throughout the term.

A big thank you to Room 2 and Room 4 for sharing their learning and entertaining us. Room 2's poi performance was a real treat and showcased the hard work they have put into their learning. Room 4 shared their persuasive writing, and we had a lot of fun listening to the argument they presented. The topic of pineapple on pizza certainly divided the audience! It was fantastic to see the confidence, creativity, and effort our students put into presenting their learning.

Assemblies are always a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school, celebrate success, and showcase the many amazing things happening at Mount Biggs School.

Last week, a group of our students proudly represented Mount Biggs School at the Kainui Cross Country. We were incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, and sportsmanship shown by all of our runners. Cross country is a challenging event that requires courage and perseverance, and our tamariki gave their very best throughout the day. Thank you to the whānau who supported and encouraged our students, and congratulations to everyone who represented our kura so positively.

Registrations are now open for the ICAS Assessments for students in Years 3–8. ICAS provides students with an opportunity to challenge themselves in a range of academic areas and gain valuable feedback about their learning. Participation is completely optional, and there is a cost associated with each subject entered. Families in Rooms 1, 2, and 4 should have received an email with further information. To make registration easier, we are using the ICAS Parent Payment Portal this year. Please see the information included in this newsletter for further details.

It is exciting to see the next stage of our outdoor learning area taking shape. The shade sail poles are now being installed, and the shade sails will soon be going up. Once this work is completed, we look forward to seeing the finishing touches added by

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Mr Tate. This project is helping to create another fantastic space for our children to learn, play, and connect with the environment.

Winter sports are now in full swing, and it has been wonderful to see so many of our tamariki participating and representing our school. A huge thank you goes to all of our coaches, managers, and volunteers who generously give up their time to make these opportunities possible. We truly appreciate the support of our community and could not offer these experiences without you.

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 look forward to another exciting few weeks of learning, sport, and community events.

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

WATCH YOUR SPEEDS & DRIVING:

We have had a couple of complaints about parent drivers, speeding down Sandon Road and dangerous passing. Please drive safely and watch out for our precious children.

CALENDAR DATES

Term 2 (20 April - 3 July)
11 weeks
(date/event changes)

April
20th - Start of Term 2
27th - ANZAC Day Holiday
29th - Kainui Tabloid Sports (Jnr) @ school

May
8th - Rooms 1&4 Grocery Shop Visit
15th - Pink Shirt Day
19th - House of Bricks @ school
21st - School Cross Country
22nd - Kainui Year 8 Bowlarama
28th - Kainui Cross Country

June
5th - Inter School cross Country
18th - Room 3 Library Trip
24th - Kainui Rippa
25th - Ki-o-rahi Tournament (Yrs 4-6)
26th - Ki-o-rahi Tournament (Yrs 7-8)
27th - QUIZ Night

July
3rd - End of term 2

August (term 3)
29th - Jump Jam

Payments for school accounts & lunches

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Last check there were only 2 tables left…..



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Netball & Basketball Teams....

RESULTS. ***Please send in all results for Netball and Basketball. Thanks***



Netball:

All netball teams have started season games

FSMN - (No games Kings Birthday Weekend)

Year 5/6 GREEN Team

Coaches report

23rd May

First game of the season and all the players put everything into the game, lots of great plays down the court as a team with our two shooters of the day showing their accuracy and everyone applying what they had practiced during the week.

Win against Colyton Pulse 14-5 to us

Year 5/6 YELLOW Team

23rd May

Year 3/4 RED Team

23rd May

MONDAY NIGHT - Monday 4 May

Intermediate Year 7/8

25th May



Basketball:

Year 3/4 Team

21st May

28th May

Year 7/8 Team

22nd May

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ICAS - *New Way of Registering & Paying*

ICAS Assessments 2026

Mount Biggs School is once again offering students the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Assessments. ICAS is an online academic competition that assesses higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, and Digital Technologies.

Participation is optional and open to students in Years 3–8. Students who participate will receive a certificate and an individual results report, with top performers eligible for awards.

To register your child:

- Visit the ICAS Parent Payment Portal (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
- Use our school access code: **KAR944**
- Select the subjects you would like your child to enter and complete payment online.
- Registrations close on **Friday, 17 July**.

Cost:

- English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies: **$22.95 per subject**
- Writing: **$28.75**

Assessment Dates:

- Digital Technologies: 3–7 August
- Writing: 3–7 August
- English: 10–14 August
- Science: 17–21 August
- Mathematics: 24–28 August

Further information and registration details have been emailed to families in Rooms 1, 2, and 4.

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RAILX 2026 MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

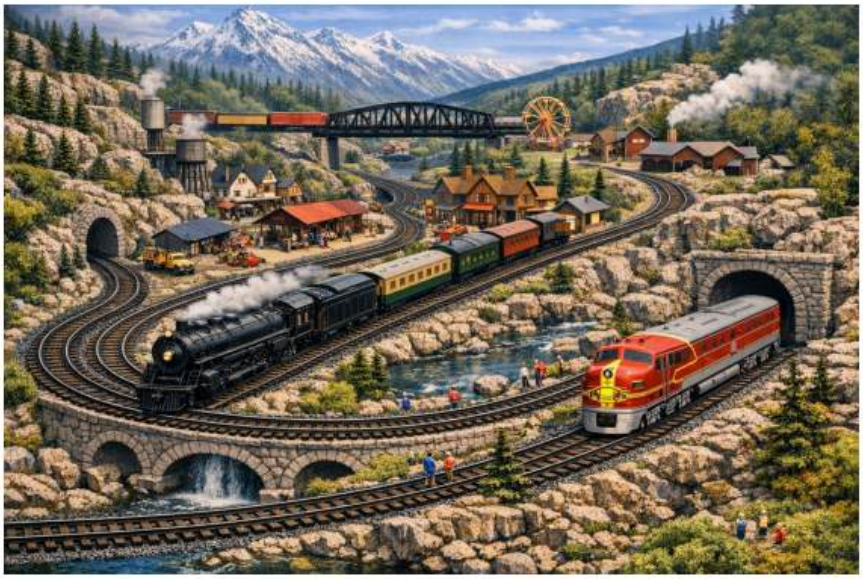
Saturday 4th & 5Th July 2026

Barber Hall, Waldegrave Street

Palmerston North

10.00am to 4.00pm Daily

& Radio Control Truck Display in Bell Hall!



Over Twenty Train Layouts, huge Radio-controlled truck display, working Meccano and Lego exhibits, modelling demonstrations and a wide range of trade stands.

Adults $10.00, Children (4 -14 years) $5.00,

Family Pass (2 adults & up to 4 children) $30.00.

EFTPOS OR CASH ONLY.

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Markets Coming Up in Our Area (June-July)



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NZ's Largest Indoor Craft Market



Feilding Craft Market

Manfeild Stadium – Feilding

June 5th & 6th 2026

9am – 4pm

Spot prizes of $50 Vouchers

Entry: $5 adults – under 15 free

Bring this in for $2 off entry price

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