Wednesday Newsletter

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17th June 2026 - Term 2 Week 9

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As we move towards the end of another busy and successful term, it has been wonderful to see the learning and progress happening across our kura. Our tamariki have been working hard in class and producing some fantastic mahi. We have been very fortunate with the weather, which has meant children have still been able to get outside, be active, and enjoy all that our school grounds have to offer.

One of the highlights of my week is visiting classrooms and seeing the amazing learning taking place. Every classroom is buzzing with engagement, creativity, and hard work. We are fortunate to have a very talented and dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide great learning opportunities for our children. Combined with our amazing tamariki, who strive to give their best each day, it creates a positive and vibrant learning environment that we can all be proud of.

It was fantastic to see our senior students head out on their first William Pike Challenge adventure, completing the Fern Walk in the beautiful Pohangina Valley. The students embraced the challenge, enjoyed exploring the outdoors, and demonstrated many of the values that make Mount Biggs students so special. The William Pike Challenge provides excellent opportunities for students to build resilience, confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills while experiencing adventures outside the classroom. We are excited that they will be heading out on their second walk this Friday and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

We have also seen some exciting progress in our outdoor learning area. Last week, the shade sails were installed, marking another significant milestone in the development of this space. There is still a little more tidying up, landscaping, and planting to complete, but it is already easy to see what a fantastic area it will become for both learning and play. It will provide a wonderful environment for our tamariki and teachers to enjoy for many years to come.

Our teachers have also been working hard preparing mid-year reports. This year, families will notice some significant changes as we move to the new Ministry of Education reporting requirements and formats. These changes are designed to provide clearer information about student achievement, progress, and next learning steps. We will be sending out further information this week to help explain these changes and what they mean for you and your child.

We have the first of our two Ministry of Education allocated staff-only days next term. This will be on Friday, August 21, Term 3.

As always, I enjoy connecting with members of our school community. If you have any questions, ideas, or simply want to have a chat, please feel free to call in and see me. Building strong partnerships between home and school is incredibly important, and I always appreciate the opportunity to hear from our whānau.

Stay Connected!
For event updates and reminders, please keep an eye on:

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✅ **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 of our kura.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kyle Harris,
Tumuaki/Principal – Mount Biggs School.

IMPORTANT NOTICES - PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING are *DUE BACK*

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IN BRIEF
Teacher Only Days coming up:
Term 3: *Friday 21st August*
Term 4: *Friday 16th October*

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

June
5th - Inter School cross Country
18th - Room 3 Library Trip
19th - Room 4 Gorge Walk
24th - Kainui Rippa
25th - Ki-o-rahi Tournament (Yrs 4-6)
26th - Ki-o-rahi Tournament (Yrs 7-8)
27th - QUIZ Night
30th - Matariki Kapa Haka @ Civic Centre

July
3rd - Matariki Celebration/Final assembly
3rd - End of term 2
20th - Term 3 starts
20th - Technology for Rm 4

August (term 3)
21st - Teacher Only Day
29th - Jump Jam

Payments for school accounts & lunches

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Tuesday Lunches - Rest of term 2



- **Tuesday 23rd June** (Next week) Week 10
  Pizza & Ice Block Lunch
  - *Forms went home this week…please can I have forms back by THIS FRIDAY 19th June*



- **Wednesday 1st July** Week 11
  - *Normal sausage & baking BUT on the <u>Wednesday</u> not Tuesday as Kapa Haka Group will be away performing*



Matariki Celebration
Final Assembly
Friday 3rd July 2026
Start 2.10pm

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Home & School Raffles



Home & School are putting together a couple of rattles to be drawn on the Quiz night (Saturday 27th June)

We would love to make these prizes absolutely fantastic, so we need your help…



We are asking for families to donate any items towards the raffle… think grocery items, books, toys, games or vouchers (anything along these lines)

So far in raffles we have;
Eggs, lamb legs, half hams on the bone, wine, dinner set, glasses, petrol vouchers, picnic basket, drink bottle, karcher window cleaner

Raffle tickets ARE on sale in the office now (and during the quiz night)

$5 each or 3 for $10

correct change if possible please

And you don't need to be present at the quiz night to win!

Only 2 tables left for Quiz Night. Get in quick and BOOK this week. $150 per table.

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Netball & Basketball Teams....



Netball:

FSMN -

Year 5/6 GREEN Team

6th June

Senior Green had a good game today considering the slippery conditions with many of our players incorporating the skills that were worked on during practice this week.



Win vs Te Kawau Aqua 11-6 to us

Player of the day went to Molly for her driving outside of the circle and putting into play what was worked on at practice.

Macy & Alex acknowledged for their non stop enthusiasm and determination throughout the game.

13th June

Mt Biggs Green had another fabulous game on Saturday, winning their early morning game **Won against LSS 18 - 1.**

Highlights of the game were all players putting in more energy and effort to the entire length of the game.

Great job to Harley Quinn, for applying the defence learnings in practice to the game. Alex for her quick thinking and moving on court and Molly for excellent shooting stats.

Macy, well deserved player of the day for reading the game so well and multiple clean intercepts.

Thank you to Lexi for subbing in from Mt Biggs yellow, what a superstar !

Year 5/6 YELLOW Team

23rd May

Won against NSS Oroua 7-0

Player of the Day: Kate Cox - Great defensive play, intercepting of the ball and adjusted to attack quickly when a quick change had to be made part way through a quarter due to another player getting injured.

6th June

Won against MSS Kahikate 6-3

Player of the Day: Scarlett Atkins - Awesome attacking play, getting away from her partner, popping up in space exactly when needed, doing everything her coaches asked her to do and great ball skills.

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13th June
Won against St Josephs 14-7
Player of the Day: Madeline McCrae - Great attacking play, feeding the ball into the shooting circle, working well with her goal shoot in the circle and finding space as well as amazing shooting.

Year 3/4 RED Team

6th June
Our team are starting to work well together and what we have been showing them at practice is starting to be seen on court.
Won against Oroua Stars 7-2
Player of the Day: Stevie

13th June
Mt Biggs red had a loss this week to Colyton. We learnt a lot from this game though and will work on this at practice this week
Lost against Colton 3-8
Player of the Day: Zoe

MONDAY NIGHT - Monday 4 May

Intermediate Year 7/8

8th June
Our team played another great game, with another win.
Won against PNINS Orange 24-10
Player of the Day: Caoimhe for her quick reactions picking up the ball

15th June
Another great win
Won against Halcombe C 29-10
Player of the Day: Riley

Basketball:



Year 3/4 Team

The year 3-4 team continue their winning streak
4th June
Won against Newbury 20-18
Player of the Day: James
11th June
Won against St Marys 26-10
Player of the Day: Corbin

Year 7/8 Team

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SCHEDULE / HOTAKA

MORNING / ATA

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM Karakia

Opening Waiata Auē ihoa

PERFORMANCES

9:50 AM - 10:10 AM Hapaitia Kōhanga Reo

10:10 AM - 10:30 AM Feilding High School

10:30 AM - 10:50 AM North Street School Teina

10:50 AM - 11:10 AM Manchester Street School Teina

11:10 AM - 11:30 AM Newbury School

11:30 AM - 11:50 AM Halcombe School

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM Mount Biggs School

12:10 PM - 12:30 PM Colyton School

AFTERNOON / AHIAHI

PERFORMANCES

12:30 PM - 12:50 PM Lytton Street School

12:50 PM - 1:10 PM Manchester Street School Tuakana

1:10 PM - 1:30 PM Feilding Intermediate

1:30 PM - 1:50 PM Te Kura ā Iwi O Ngāti Kauwhata

1:50 PM - 2:10 PM North Street School Tuakana

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM Closing Karakia

AUĒ IHOA

Auē ihoa tiakina tō iwi morehu

E te whetu o te ata
tiro mai ki tō iwi e noho nei
Huakina mai e koe
Te ngakau, te manawa huarahi

Auē ihoa auē auē
manaakitia mātou
Hei whakaū te waka nei
Te rangimarie

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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

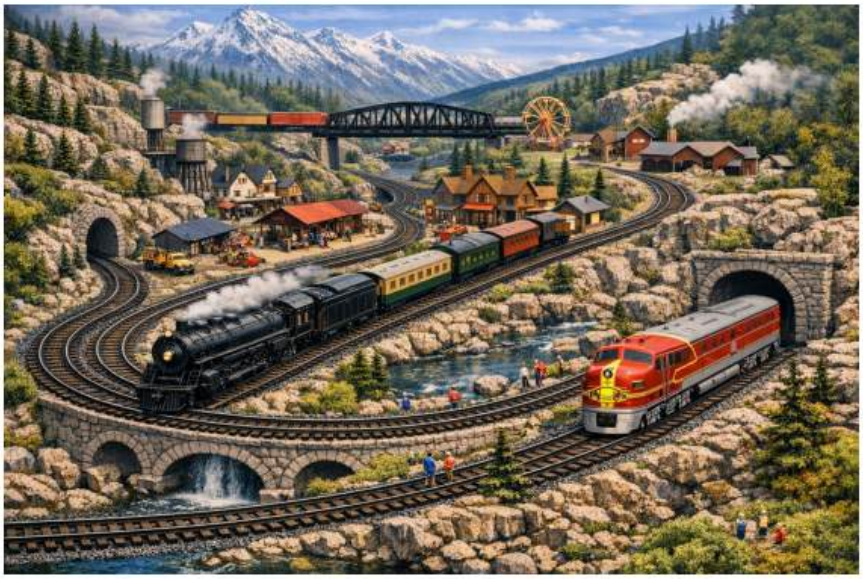
Saturday 4th & 5Th July 2026

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.

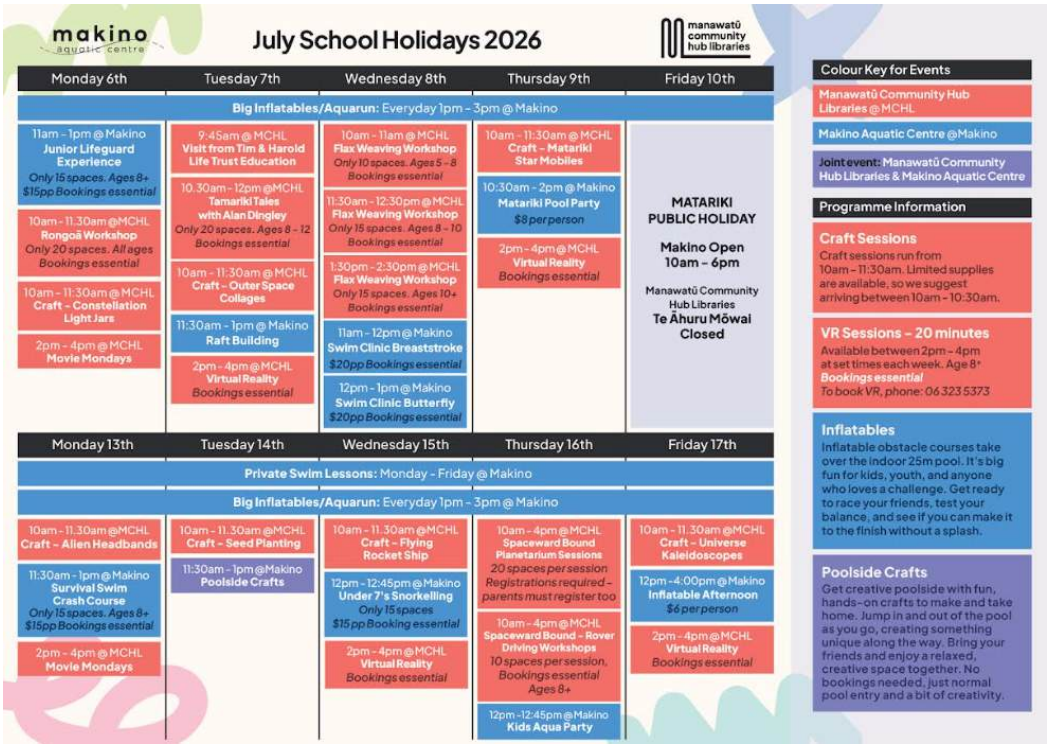
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Markets Coming Up in Our Area (June-July)



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