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9 April 2025 - Week 11 Term 1

Share and Care
Whole School: Thursday 10th April 2025

Kia ora koutou,

Wow—it's hard to believe we're already in the last week of Term 1! It has been a fantastic term filled with so many highlights and wonderful experiences for our children.

Tough Kid Challenge – Final Fundraising Total

This week we were thrilled to learn the final amount raised from the Tough Kid Challenge — **an incredible $21,030**!

This result is a testament to the hard work and generosity of our sponsors, volunteers, and wider school community. Thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, and support to help make this such a fantastic day for our students and for Mount Biggs School. A special thank you goes to our amazing organising committee: Aimee, Fiona, Ailie, Brad, Kallum, and Dave. Your tireless efforts in the lead-up to the event did not go unnoticed, and we are so grateful for all that you've done.We would also like to acknowledge Aimee, who is stepping down after being involved since the very beginning of the Tough Kid Challenge. Thank you, Aimee, for your passion, drive, commitment and countless hours of work—you have helped build something truly special. We want to wish you well with the next chapter.

Last week, Rooms 1 and 4 went on camp, and what an action-packed few days they had! We started with a walk around Lake Rotopounamu, where we had lunch and a break by the lake. Then it was off to the Bluelight Lodge to settle in. The children had a great time unwinding at DeBretts Pool in the evening.

On Wednesday, we boarded the floating classroom and learned all about Lake Taupō and the local Māori history, including a visit to the stunning Māori carvings. Later that day, we explored the Aratiatia Rapids and Huka Falls before enjoying some downtime at camp. We ended the evening with a night walk to see the glowworms—always a magical experience!

Thursday was packed with fun at the Prawn Park where we learned about the prawn life cycle and even tried our hand at fishing for them. The bumper boats were a hit—though there were some *very* interesting driving styles on display! That evening, we returned to DeBretts for more fun in the mineral pools and on the slides. The parents then ran a hilarious quiz for the children, which was a definite highlight. On Friday, we packed up and made one final stop at the trampoline park—a perfect way to end our time in Taupō. The children were outstanding ambassadors for Mount Biggs School throughout the trip. A massive thank you to all of the amazing parents who joined us on camp—your support made the experience unforgettable for the children. A huge thank you also to Mr Gilbert and Mrs McRae for their outstanding organisation and leadership. You ran an incredible camp!

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This week, we hosted the **Kainui Junior Tabloids** here at school. It was a fabulous day with all of the Kainui Cluster schools enjoying fun and energetic tabloid games, led by our awesome older students. Everyone involved was a fantastic role model for Mount Biggs School. A big thank you to Rowan, Louise, Colleen, Chris, and Claire for all the planning and support that made the day such a success. Thank you to Viv, Kelly, Danni, and Louise for all of their support in making the day run smoothly.

Louise has also been busy behind the scenes organising sports teams for Term 2. A huge thank you to her for the time, effort, and patience this requires. We truly appreciate everything you do, Louise!

A reminder that children coming to school before 8.30 am are to remain at the picnic area. This is because these children are unsupervised until 8.30 am. Please be aware that we all get to school at different times and there might not always be an adult onsite.

Lastly, the hedge is scheduled to be taken down during the holidays. If this goes ahead, there will be workers onsite using some very big machinery. We'll keep you updated on progress and let you know of any areas to avoid.

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

There are only a fews day left until the end of tem. If you are having some time off, we hope that you have a fantastic break. We hope all of the children have a great break and recharge for a great Term 2.. We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting term.

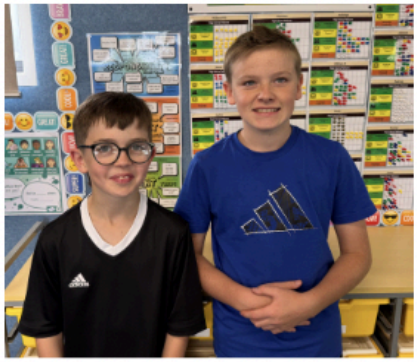
Ngā mihi nui,
Kyle Harris
Tumuaki/Principal – Mount Biggs School

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Week 9 Certificates









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Room 1 & 4 Taupō Camp



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Kainui Junior Tabloids



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

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IN BRIEF

CALENDAR DATES

Term 1 (30th January - 11th April) 11 weeks

April
9th - Kainui Jnr Tabloid Sports @ Mt Biggs
10th - Care & Share Whole School
10th - School Disco 5-7pm
11th - Term 1 finishes

Term 2 (28th April - 27th June) 9 weeks

April
28th - Term 2 starts

May
7th - Year 8 Kainui Bowlarama Fun Day
8th - House of Bricks visit
16th - School Cross Country
26th - Book Character Day

June
2nd - Kings Birthday Public Holiday
4th - Kainui Cross Country
10th - Planting Thompson's Farm
12th - Home & School Meeting
20th - Matariki Public Holiday
25th - Kainui Rippa
27th - End of Term 2

Payments for school accounts & lunches

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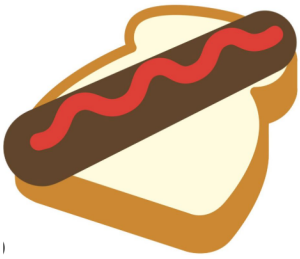
Happy Easter Holidays

Term 2 starts Monday 28th April

Wishing everyone a safe & restful break



Term 2 Lunches on Tuesdays



9 x weeks

Sausages $2

Baking $2



Unless I hear otherwise I will presume your children are having the same as term 1 lunches.

Payments can be made into the school account or cash to Louise. Thank you

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 donation 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

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MANAWATU TOUGH KID® CHALLENGE 2025

We are thrilled to announce
Mt Biggs Manawatu Tough Kid® Challenge 2025 raised

$21,030.



2025 money raised is being used to purchase
Lego Education SPIKE Prime (robotics)

2024 money raised was used to purchase outdoor equipment, a portable mic & speaker





Thank You to our Sponsors

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Term 2 Sports

Netball

Saturday Morning Netball

FSMN 2025 Competition Information

The 2025 FSMN Competition will begin on 3 May 2025. Registration is done through your School or Club who will enter the teams.

There will be three weeks of grading games. Each team will play two games per week. Grading games are two halves of ten minutes each half.

The Round Robin competition begins on Saturday 24 May and runs for 10 weekends, with exceptions for King's Birthday weekend and the middle and last Saturday of the School holidays. Check out our Calendar tab at the top of this page for exact dates.

FSMN play 7-a-side netball from Year 3. The Junior Grade competition is decided on points, while the Senior Grade is determined through a Finals round. For more details, check out the Competition Rules.
The Junior Grade is school Year 3 & Year 4 while the Senior Grade is school Year 5 & 6.

Year 3/4 Mt Biggs
Laken, Madeline, Scarlett, Lexi, Eva, Maggie, Dixie & Alice Parkinson
Coach: Becky Ballingall
Manage: Fiona Thompson
Umpire: Alex Atkins or Becky Ballingall
Practice: Thursdays lunchtime @ school outdoor court
Cost: $30 per player
Starts: 3 May

Year 5/6 Mt Biggs RED
Macy, McKenzie, Molly, Emmi, Caoimhe, Georgiana, Hayley & Laney
Coach: Ryley Short
Manage: Tammie Boyden
Umpire: Sarah Parkinson
Practice:
Cost: $30 per player
Starts: 3 May

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Year 5/6 Mt Biggs PURPLE
Alex, London, Harley-Quinn, Odin, Violet, Thomas, Willow & Freya
Coach: Katie Duff
Manage: Clare Thomas
Umpire: Clare Thomas
Practice:
Cost: $30 per player
Starts: 3 May

Monday Night Netball - Intermediate

Year 7 & 8	
Day of Week	Monday
Competition Times	4.15pm, 5.10pm, 6.05pm
Venue	Vautier Park, Palmerston North
Date	Game
5-May 25	Grading 1
12-May 25	Grading 2
19-May 25	Round 1 Game 1
26-May 25	Round 1 Game 2
2-Jun 25	*Kings Birthday-No GAMES*
9-Jun 25	Round 1 Game 3
16-Jun 25	Round 1 Game 4
23-Jun 25	Round 1 Game 5
30-Jun 25	School Holidays – NO GAMES
7-Jul 25	School Holidays – NO GAMES
14-Jul 25	Round 2 Game 1
21-Jul 25	Round 2 Game 2
28-Jul 25	Round 2 Game 3
4-Aug 25	Round 2 Game 4
11-Aug 25	Round 2 Game 5
18-Aug 25	Finals
19-Aug 25	GRAND FINALS

Year 7/8 Mt Biggs
Evie, Harriet, Ashleigh, Spencer, William WB, Alexis, Addison, Laylah & Noah
Coach: Lou Gilbert & Kristie Wackildene
Manage: Kristi Whittaker
Umpire:
Practice:
Cost: $90 per player
Starts: 5 May
We will need someone to umpire

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Basketball

Thursday Afternoon Basketball - Primary

Year 3/4 Mt Biggs RED
Beauden, Flynn, Lucas, Riley, Nico & Laken
Coach: Drew McBride
Manage: Katie McBride
Practice:
Cost: $101 per player
Starts: Thursday 8th May

Year 3/4 Mt Biggs BLUE
August,Jono, Levi, Hudson Short, Wolffie & Toby N
Coach: Mike Short
Manage:
Practice:
Cost: $101 per player
Starts: Thursday 8th May

Year 5/6 Mt Biggs PURPLE
Bruce,Hayley, Harrison Bryant, Violet, Vincent, Toby K & Odin
Coach: Selina Brightwell
Manage:
Practice:
Cost: $101 per player
Starts: Thursday 8th May

Year 5/6 Mt Biggs GREEN
Toby T, Declan, Macy, Hudson Southee, Jack, Walter & Willow
Coach: Fiona Thompson
Manage: Chris Gilbert
Practice: Tuesday afternoons @ 4pm in school hall
Cost: $101 per player
Starts: Thursday 8th May

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Friday Afternoon Basketball - Intermediate

Year 7/8 Mt Biggs-Hiwinui
Evie, Spencer, Ollie, Esther, Sammi (Hiwnui), Edi (Hiwinui) & Dylan (Hiwinui)
Coach: Andrew (Hiwinui)
Manage:
Practice:
Cost: $101 per player (pay to school) **PLUS NZ Basketball Levy of $5 paid directly to them**
Starts: Friday 9th May

THIS IS ANOTHER BIG PUSH FOR

THE EGG FUNDRAISER

THE EGG PROJECT

This is such an EASY way to support the school

BASICALLY order & pay for your weekly eggs online through the EGG PROJECT -you can either have a weekly order or a fortnightly order ...they are delivered to school (you can pick up Thursday morning)

Prices are the cheaper than supermarkets (plus eggs are fresher)

OUR school GETS $1 for every dozen sold.



These are cheaper than supermarket eggs by approx $1-$3 per carton (depending on size of egg)

Easy to sign up (go to webpage)www.theeggproject.co.nz and sign up for either weekly or fortnightly deliveries (no deliveries over school hols)
Our school code is SCH-007

Get your family, friends,and neighbours to join

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ANZAC Dawn Service
Friday 25th April



We are offering children and whānau the opportunity to attend the Feilding RSA ANZAC Dawn Service with Mount Biggs School on Friday, April 25, the last Friday of the term break.

The Dawn Service starts at 6.00 am and finishes at approximately 7.30 pm.

If your child/children wish to join us they will need to meet Mr Harris outside Manchester House Senior Center on Bowen Street at 6.00 am.

6.00 am: Assemble in Bowen Street, outside Manchester House Senior Centre, 14 Bowen St, Feilding. Please note the hall will be open.
6:20 am: Parade will step off from Bowen St to Memorial, led by the Feilding Brass Band
6:30 am: Service at the Feilding Soldiers Memorial, Manchester Square.

We will have some children lay a wreath on behalf of Mount Biggs School.

The children will be picked up from the Feilding Soldiers Memorial, Manchester Square at 7.30 am.

If your child/children are intending to come, please let me know by completing the registration form using the following link. This will give me an indication of numbers. If you wish to just turn up on the day, it would be great to have you join us.

ANZAC DAY Google Form LINK
https://forms.gle/UjAd34dNm3xYTEwn9

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Tough Kids Thank You & Farewell

From Aimee…

As the end of the term is only days away and we are finishing the tidy up of our Manawatu Tough Kid Challenge 2025, it will not be long until the planning for 2026 starts!

I realise not all of you have come to the event, but would have received emails from me over the last 6 years about the event coming up and I want to say a huge Thank you to you all.

This event started in 2018 at Mt Biggs School and I took over the organising role for Manawatu Tough Kid Challenge with Olivia at the start of 2020 (then those unknown times of covid19 happened), but once we got over that Covid19 period and with great support from our school principal(s) and staff, we have been able to successfully organise the event many times and enjoyed being a part of it as it has grown and become an incredible event and a significant fundraiser for our school.
Olivia had to leave the organising committee last year due to unforeseen circumstances, but we both love this event and her leaving earlier than planned was not easy for her or myself as we started this journey together, our children are the same age and we had planned to leave together. I was grateful to still have her support in the background for 2025.

I am extremely proud of what the event has become and happy to have held the event 4 times in the 6 years of organising it (thanks Covid19 for cancelling it two years!). Although it has its stressful moments, I have thoroughly enjoyed the planning, set up and the best part on the day seeing all the smiling faces and hearing about the favourite parts, followed by seeing the Tough Kid tshirts around town.
I am grateful for those who have come to the event and helped to make the day an amazing and enjoyable day for the children, and always great to see the adults give the course a go as well!

As my youngest son will be leaving Mt Biggs School at the end of the year for his next step to High School, although it was mentioned a few times that I didn't have to leave just because he was, but after 6years organising the event and spending the last few months contemplating if I stay or leave this great event, I decided it's time for me to move on.
So it is now time for me to say Goodbye to you all and this amazing event that I am incredibly proud to have had a major role in for 6 years.

I'm leaving the future events in the hands of Fiona and Ailie to continue this fantastic event, and they will be in touch about 2026 later in the year.

Goodbye and Thank you very much!

Aimee Fargher
Manawatu Tough Kid® Organising Committee
Mt Biggs Home and School

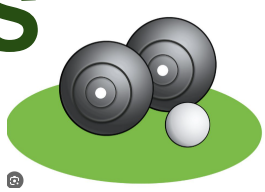
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

INDOOR BOWLS
Winter Season



Starts Monday 14th April 2025
Mt Biggs School Hall @ 7.15pm

Everyone is welcome, including beginners.
No cost the first night.
Come along and have a go…great fun

(on a personal note…I have tried this and it was a lot of fun, PLUS they were so friendly and helpful…I don't think I was very good haha but they never let on)

For more information contact Rod on 06 3293916

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RUAHINE MANCHESTER KINDERGARTEN



Spaces becoming available!

We have some spaces becoming available for 3 year olds.

Drop in and see us, our teaching team would love to meet you!

20 hours ECE at no charge 3 years to school

111a Warwick Street, Feilding
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Organised by Glen Oroua Friends of the School

FARM Challenge



PRIZE FOR THE SCHOOL WITH *most entries**

Explore costal farmland right at your backdoor

- Sunday 27th April
- 9am
- Pukemarama Farm, 1597 Tangimoana road Tangimoana

- Run, walk or cycle/bike
- 5km, 10km or 15km
- FREE lunch
- Finisher medals
- Register online

Under 5s free, 5-15 yrs $15, 16+ $30
Family pass 2 A 3 K $100 or 1 A 3 K $70

- Winner will be the school with the most entries per student

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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:

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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.

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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