Wednesday Newsletter

Care-Respect-Cooperate-Strive
Kaitiakitanga-Manaakitanga-Mahi Tahi-Takakawe

MT. BIGGS SCHOOL
707 Sandon Rd, RD9, Feilding
Phone 06 329 3646
office@mountbiggs.school.nz

26 March 2025 - Week 9 Term 1

Share and Care
Whole School: Thursday 10th April 2025

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

NZSC Tough Kid Challenge:
It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of Term 1 already. It has been a hectic few weeks with many events on. The major one was the NZSC Tough Kid Challenge last Friday. This was a fantastic day on Worboys' farm. We welcomed approximately 800 Year 3-8 children from 22 schools, all testing their endurance, speed, strength, and mental skills across a wide range of challenges. The atmosphere was electric, with children and adults dancing and having a fantastic time. This event would not have been possible without the support of so many people. We have a fantastic relationship with Megan and her team from Sport Manawatū. Their support and expertise are always appreciated. Many of our sponsors have been associated with this event for a long time. NZSC (New Zealand Specialised Coatings) was our naming sponsor again this year—thank you for your generous support.
A special thank you to the Worboys family for allowing us to run this event on your farm. It is the perfect venue, and we are very fortunate to have your support. It was great to have the amazing team from Ohakea, who helped with setup, running challenges, and packing up. We had some awesome students from Feilding High School who assisted in running challenges. Thank you to Nick Fargher, who organised the water and helpers for the slide. We know how big a job this can be. Also, thank you to Manawatū District Mayor Helen Worboys for her ongoing support with traffic management. Thank you to Kristi W for organising the Enviro-Schools team and Horizons recycling and waste reduction stations. To our Amazing Community & Staff, thank you for volunteering your time, providing baking, cooking sausages, supplying equipment, setting up and packing down, and running stalls on the day. Your generosity is truly appreciated. We had a great team of photographers capturing all of the action.

A huge thank you to the Home & School Committee for supporting this event and for the work you do. Finally, a massive thank you to the Tough Kid subcommittee for all of the hard work and long hours you put in to make this event possible. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and generous team of people who get things done!

Pehnay Cup:
On Monday, we had several of our students enter the Penhay Cup Swimming Competition. This year, we had relay teams in two categories: The Fairs Cup (Years 6 and under) and the Country Schools Cup (Years 8 and under). We also had individuals competing in the 100m heats and the Penhay Cup. Our relay teams performed incredibly well. The Year 6 team of Declan C, Emmi W, Laney S, and Georgiana S finished 3rd in the Fairs Cup. The Year 7-8 team of Evie G, Ashleigh P, Addison B, and Esther T competed strongly, finishing just outside the top three. Additionally, Declan and Georgiana qualified for the 100m finals in their respective year groups; both finished 4th in their finals. We are so proud of all our swimmers for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship. A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came to support the children A massive thank you to Becky C for managing the team on the night.

Wednesday Newsletter

GRIP Leadership:
Last Wednesday, the Year 7 and 8s went to the GRIP leadership Day in Palmerston North. This was a great day for everyone involved. The children listened to motivational speakers, were involved in different challenges, learnt about leadership strategies and techniques, and what makes a great leader. We are looking forward to seeing our senior children grow their leadership potential throughout the year.

The Egg Project:
Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser. Unfortunately, with such low order numbers, it has become unviable for the company to continue to supply us with eggs. We currently have about 5 orders, but we need about 14 for this to continue. We will look at this over the next few weeks and make a decision if it continues. If you are interested in ordering, please see the flyer below.

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

Wednesday Newsletter

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

- **Interschool Athletics notice Mon 31st Mar**
- **Pizza orders Mon 31st Mar**
- **Netball notices Mon 31st Mar**

IN BRIEF

TOUGH KIDS CONTAINERS:

There are a couple of baking containers (no names) in my office if you would like to claim.
The large chilly bins are in the hall for collection.
A BIG thank you to all who baked, volunteered and supported our awesome Tough Kids.

EPIC MUSIC LESSONS: Next Week

Next week (week 10) EPIC music lessons will be on Monday (31st) as seniors will be away on Thursday at camp.

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
8th - Pizza Lunch
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 .*

Wednesday Newsletter

Please consider

THIS IS A BIG PUSH FOR THE EGG FUNDRAISER!

We need the families to support or we will lose this fundraiser.

(they make a special trip to deliver, and it needs to be worthwhile)

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.

Wednesday Newsletter



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 onboard

Big Thanks

Wednesday Newsletter

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

Lunches for the rest of Term 1



***Next Week* (Week 10): MONDAY 31st March**
(<u>not</u> Tuesday as senior school on camp)
- ***Sausages & Baking***



***Last Week* (Week 11): TUESDAY 8th April**
- *Pizza & Ice Blocks*
Please can I have ALL Pizza order forms back by this Monday 31st March

Wednesday Newsletter

Tough Kids 2025…a really big big thank you to our awesome sponsors

We would like to thank all our wonderful NZSC Manawatu Tough Kid® Challenge 2025 Sponsors



www.nzspecialisedcoatings.co.nz







Forest Management (NI) Ltd













































Wednesday Newsletter

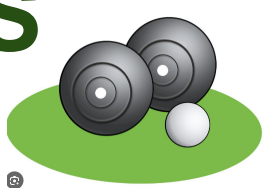


Wednesday Newsletter

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

Wednesday Newsletter



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:

Wednesday Newsletter

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.

Wednesday Newsletter

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

Selina Brightwell | Financial Operations & Projects Officer
FoodHQ | 21 Dairy Farm Road | Palmerston North 4440 | New Zealand
Mobile: +64 022 0614634| Email: selina@foodhq.com
www.foodhq.com

Wednesday Newsletter

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