



Big Rock Primary School Newsletter

February 13th 2026

Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

You may have noticed that this is not the new newsletter format. The senior students are working on completing that for me. As they say 'good things take time.'

The completion of Week 3 back at school saw the return of Futsal. I chatted with one of the new players who said 'it was a lot of fun and I want to do more.' Great attitude!

Meet the teacher was a great opportunity to chat with staff and talk about classroom routines, expectations around behaviour and learning and to set some goals. If you wish to talk about anything else, feel free to come in and have a chat with me.

Budding Botanists

Thank you to all of the students who took home the classroom plants to care for over the break. They all returned alive and well.

Caught!

Some young superstars from Room 2 were caught making sure that our sports gear was returned at the end of break time. It is important to note that this was sports equipment that was left out by other students that they picked up. Well done!

One of our Big Rock Values is 'Looking After Others.'

Two children that stood out in the playground this week for displaying this value are –

Fin Ramsay and Braxton Parata-Walters. Great work!

Upcoming Events

5th March Brighton Day – a day of fun activities in our own backyard. We are finalising activities for this. Keep an eye out for more information.

17th March Pet Day – a Big Rock favourite. A bouncy castle, popcorn, sausage sizzle and games, what a day! Information about the homework challenge will be sent out soon.

Welcome to Big Rock

We have had some new enrolments at Big Rock. A huge Big Rock Welcome to -



Ernie Adlem – Rm 4



Ihaia Metuakore – Rm 2



Macy Metuakore – Rm 2



Merryn Middleton – Rm 1



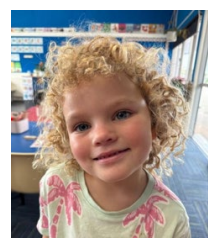
Lola Clark – Lamarre Rm 1



Harley Scott Rm 1



Macie Griffiths Rm 1



Neona Cottle Rm 1



Eden Elliot – Thomas Rm1

After School Care

A reminder that bookings or cancellations for After School Care can be made by texting 021 082 50863 or by emailing asc@bigrock.school.nz.

Absences

Thank you for getting your absences and late notifications in before 8.50am on Skool Loop.

It saves us a lot of time if we don't have to chase these up.

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday – 8.45am – 3.15pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 8.45am – 12.15pm

Sushi

Sushi is available for lunch on a Wednesday. You can order this by using the Kindo/Ezlunch app.

Futsal Players of the Day



Big Rock Orcas – Leo de Thierry



Big Rock Dolphins – Ari Gilbert.



Big Rock Stingrays – Leo Henderson



Big Rock Sharks – Korbyn Parata-Walters

School Drop off and Pick up

A reminder that the yellow lines cannot be used to park during school drop off or pick up. Even if it is ‘just for a moment.’

We are seeing this happen too often.

We also ask that you use the school crossing. This sets a good example for your children.

Thank you.

A reminder about the new Stepped Attendance Responce Regulations from the Ministry of Education and what they mean.



If you have any questions, please contact us.

Brighton Trail Ride

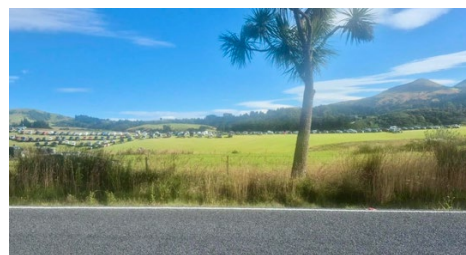
Students, families and staff from Big Rock Primary School supported the Brighton Trail Ride by riding, cooking on the BBQ's and selling sausages and whitebait fritters organised by our PTA, assisting with marking the tracks, car parking, safe road crossings, safety checks, registration and merchandise on Saturday 7th February.

It really was an amazing sight to know that amongst the 490 riders, we had a keen group of young riders being supported by their parents not only on the Pee Wee track but also on the Junior Track.

The event had a real community vibe as a fundraiser for our school and the Pump Track. Leona Munro and her team from Tall Poppy Dunedin sponsored the event by selling their mouth watering burgers and donating flute sign boards for the signs that we needed for the event. McIver and Veitch sponsored the event again this year by supplying the marking tape and gazebos and Koarse Graphics Ltd printed all the merchandise this year.

Organisers, Aaron Hollands and Nina Daniels were so grateful to have the support of the community again this year with so many keen and enthusiastic helpers and couldn't have pulled it off without you all. Thank you to everyone that helped make this such an awesome day and we look forward to the next one which is scheduled to be on the 20th February 2027!

Thank you Su Keen for this write up.



Have a great weekend.

Lisa Lamb

Acting Principal