



Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

A reasonably quiet week around the school preparing for a busy end to the term.

Pet Day Tuesday 17th March

The Pet Day Homework Challenge information was sent out on Monday and also attached to last weeks newsletter. I hope that these are well underway.

The theme for the decorated baking section is farm animals.

We still have the sweet and savoury section.

I will send out detailed information on Monday regarding where animals, homework and baking are to go and what will be happening on the day.

Erin and Lee-ann from the Green Island Informer have agreed to come and be our judges for the day.

SPCA Ambassadors

As a part of Pet Day, Mrs Grant had the fantastic idea to appoint two studious Big Rock students to be in charge of collecting donations of pet food, towels or a gold coin donation for the SPCA. These are our Big Rock SPCA Ambassadors.



Hi, our names are Zach and Will. We are Big Rock Primary School's new SPCA ambassadors, and we would like to tell you how you can help support animals on Pet Day.

The SPCA helps care for animals that need food, shelter, and love. If you are able to, please bring a gold coin donation, old towels, or spare pet food to school on Tuesday 17 March, which is our Pet Day that would be great.

Your donation will help the SPCA look after animals in need. Thank you very much for your kindness and support.

Sickness

We are currently seeing several illnesses circulating in the community, including COVID. To help keep our school healthy, we kindly ask that if your child is unwell, they remain at home. This helps prevent the spread of germs and ensures that children who are sick can rest and recover more quickly. It is also difficult for children to focus and learn when they are not feeling well.

If a child is sent home due to signs of illness, please know that this decision is not made lightly. Staff will usually monitor the child first to see if their condition improves before contacting parents or caregivers.

We understand that being asked to collect your child or keep them home can sometimes be inconvenient or frustrating. However, we ask that all interactions with staff remain respectful. Rudeness or disrespectful behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

Welcome To Big Rock

A big welcome to Aurora Kelly-Mathews who started in Room 1 yesterday.



Upcoming Events

Pet Day – 17th March

PTA Working Bee – 21st March

Greater Green Island Triathlon – 24th March

Board of Trustees Meeting – 25th March @ 3.30pm.

Little Rock Pre-school Fundraiser – Bingo - 25th March @ 6.30pm at the Green Island Rugby Club

Pool Parties – 30th and 31st March

Pool Closed – 1st April

Last day of the term – 2nd April

Listening Laughing Learning Looking After Others

Some Big Rock students who were 'caught' displaying our school values this week were –

Ella Coory – Listening to and following instructions during PE.

Arli-Jae Te Waiti – Listening, showing enthusiasm and being helpful during PE.

Leo de Thierry - Listening to and following instructions during PE.

Willow Parker - Listening to and following instructions during PE.

Sports Roundup

Players of the Day

Big Rock Stingrays



Will Judd

Big Rock Orcas



Greyson Farquhar

Big Rock Dolphins



Leo de Thierry

Big Rock Sharks



Jed Grey

Greater Green Island Triathlon

Mr Murray is currently holding trials for this event which is on the 24th March.

It is important to note that this event is part of a competition, it is not a 'have a go' event like the Weetbix Triathlon and children have to qualify to participate.

Appropriate Clothing Policy

Big Rock Primary has a policy regarding appropriate clothing for school. This can be found on our website under Policies.

Part of that policy covers footwear, this includes Crocs, gumboots, Ugg Boots or Ugg Slippers. These are not appropriate for the playground, fitness or PE. We are seeing an increase of this type of unsuitable footwear at school.

Some classes have said that children can wear slippers in the classroom, that is fine, but they need to have suitable shoes that they can change into quickly.

Reminders

After School Care

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, Thursday and Friday – 8.45am – 12.15pm

Please note that if your call goes to the answer phone, leave us a message. Staff may not be able to answer the phone at that time but will check the machine as soon as they can.

Sushi

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

Lunch Orders

These can be made at the shop on a Friday or dropped at the school office before 9.00am.

Lost Property

This can be located in the library.



The new Stepped Attendance Responce Regulations from the Ministry of Education and what they mean.



An automatic email will be sent from EDGE, as per Ministry requirements, when absences reach 4.5 half days in a term.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Lisa Lamb

Acting Principal