

Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

Assembly and Dress Up Day

On Wednesday 23rd September (Last Wednesday of term) we are having an assembly. This at 2:10 outside the library, parents, pre-schoolers etc are all welcome.

Also on Wednesday 23rd September, we are having a dress up day. We want/need as many children as possible to come dressed as their favourite book character. Are they Harry Potter, or Hairy McLeary, one of the Bad Guys, Cat in the Hat, Mrs Wishy Washy or the BFG. There will be prizes.

Parents are welcome to come along for the grand parade dressed up to join in the celebration of literary giants. I'm thinking of being Jack Reacher!

Upcoming School Fundraiser

On the 30th September our wonderful PTA have organised a Beats Bingo at the Green Island Rugby Club. At this stage they are seeking donations from our school families (I am sure they have cast the net wider) as either raffle prizes or food items to go in hampers, it would be hugely appreciated. It could be a packet of biscuits, chocolate, potato chips etc. Please just drop them in the box outside the office. The funds raised will be to support transport costs for class camps and the Big Day Out ensuring that all children and their families will benefit.

On Saturday afternoon I attended the Senior Camp Beats Bingo fundraiser at the Brighton Club. I was a wee bit dubious about Beats Bingo, I couldn't have been more wrong. It was a superb afternoon and not only because I won the first game! Picture this, you are playing bingo, but people all around you are singing along, some dancing. You even have the opportunity to get up and sing along over the microphone and win a spot prize. It really was lots of fun.

My thanks to Annette Hogg, Katie Little, Colin Driver and Sally Scott for your hard work in making it such a wonderful success. Also thank you to the parents who were able to attend or donate prizes.

I would also like to give my congratulations to Fin Ramsay for leading the charge and being the first up on the microphone singing Don't Stop Believin'. Outstanding.

So, seize the opportunity for a great night out on the 30th September and Beats Bingo. Put it this way, if you like music, like a sing song, like a game or like winning stuff, it is for you.



FUTURE ROCK STAR!

Sports Round Up

My congratulations to Penny O'Brien, who at a recent swimming club event achieved her personal best. When Penny brought in her ribbon to show me, she was so proud. Good for you Penny. Also, I would to congratulate Georgia Stewart on her recent success at her Hip hop exam. Great stuff Georgia.



Out and About

Last Friday 18 children from Room's 3, 4 and 5 took part in a Crime Solving Bike Adventure around Brighton and Ocean View. This involved the children being in small teams, using a map of Brighton and Ocean View, they biked all over to help them find clues to solve a 'crime'. Once they collected all of the clues they then had to unscramble and decode to find out the What, Where, How and Who! The children were excellent, working together in their teams, being sensible on the road and eventually, solving the crime. Thanks to Shea Davie, Shane Turner, Colin Driver, Tania Blanchard as well as Jude van Aalst, Mr Clarke and Kara Walters for your help in ensuring everyone was safe and on task.

The idea came from my own childhood when every programme on television seemed to involve children on bikes solving mysteries. (Famous Five, Three Investigators, Wonderkids, Goonies etc)

Sadly, another crime has been committed, and our second lot of budding detectives took to the streets today to solve the crime and catch the culprit. My thanks to Kimberley Maxwell, Jasmine McNabb, Hamish Graham and Catherine Shayler for riding with the young detectives, and Tracey Grey for ensuring road crossings were safe. Thanks Miss van Aalst and Mrs Grant for patrolling the streets!





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I would also like to thank Baily Jenkinson, Pearl Mansfield, Fin Ramsay and Adelaide Conway for their help keeping riders safe and on-track out on the course.

Room 5 Gastro-nauts (Cooking that is out of this world)

Earlier this week the Room 5 children began the quest for a new PIE Minister. In essence they plan, prepare and cook their own pies. Each pie maker keeps two to be judged, one on appearance and one on taste. They also dabbled this year with making their own pastry stamp using the class 3D printer. The taste testing starts next week. (Check out the result from Pearl's pastry stamp.)



A few of the students studying Pieology



FUTSAL

If your child is interested in playing futsal next term please let the office know asap. At this stage the numbers are very light. This is for all children who want to play futsal, whether they have before or not. We require every name please.

Little Rock Pre-School



Little Rock Preschool is accepting new enrolments now.

After a large cohort of 5-year-olds heads off to school, we now have spaces available ...especially for our 3- to 5-year-olds.

We offer 30 hours of free ECE from 9 to 3 pm for this age group (3 to 5's), and we have very low hourly rates for younger children as well.

We provide regular Playball, Rugby, Ako Tahi and a unique Beach programme as well. You are welcome to pop in any time to say kia ora. We really appreciate all the local word-of-mouth support as this is how we stay active and vibrant in our community.

Many thanks from all the kaiako at LRPS. 🙏

SAUSAGE SIZZLE TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday, the senior students will be running a sausage sizzle until at least the end of the term. Sausage and bread with complimentary sauce a mere \$2 each. We are also capable of looking after any specific dietary requirements, whether they be cultural, health or personal lifestyle choices. Please let us know. Where necessary they can and will be cooked separately.



ONLY ON TUESDAY AT BIG ROCK

Have a great weekend

David Grant

Principal

Keith from Project Excavation Landscape is responsible for our school looking so smart. If you have any landscaping or excavation projects we highly recommend using his services.

Reminders

Sushi

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

Term 3 sushi.

Wednesday 22nd July. 5th, 19th August. 2nd, 16th September.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school — guidance for parents and caregivers.

If you are not sure if your child is well enough to go to school, the Ministry of Health have a quick guide where you can check your child's symptoms to make an informed decision.

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.

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday – 8.45am – 3.15pm

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 8.45am – 12.15pm

Kelly is only in the office between these hours.

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.

Lunch Orders

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

Lost Property

This is located in the library.

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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.

The new Stepped Attendance Response 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.

Any absence must be recorded in accordance with the Ministry of Education attendance guidelines.

You can find further information about this on the Big Rock Primary School website under policies.