

Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

Road Safety Around the School

Towards the end of last term there was a number of silly/dangerous but 100% preventable incidents involving parental pick-up of children. I will not go into details, but the fact that no one was injured was luck. Can we please ask that parents use the crossings when picking up their children. We have two staff members out. It is not just the responsibility of the school to teach and model safe road crossings, it is all adults. I understand how tempting it is to just dash across and save 3 seconds, but you are modelling to your child that safely crossing the road is not important.

This wee quote regarding bike helmets carries the same message.

'A good parent wears a bike helmet as a good example to their child, a good adult wears a bike helmet as a good example to ALL children'

It is all of our responsibility to keep all children safe around cars and roads, and everywhere else.

Community Consultation

On November 11th the school is hosting a Community Consultation at the Brighton Club. This is consultation is around developing our Strategic Plan for 2027-2029. Some of the things that we will be seeking feedback on are likely to include:

- Facilities and environment
- Communication and engagement
- School culture, well-being and inclusiveness
- Student achievement
- Localised curriculum

The evening is likely to be a brief explanation from myself and our Board Chair Lisa Daniels to our ambitions and the current situation at school, followed by a number of stations that will have staff and Board members at, providing you with an anonymous chance to write down your ideas and thoughts, or ask questions for clarity. Refreshments (food and drink) will be provided.

School Disco

On Friday the 30th October the PTA are hosting school disco at the Brighton Hall. It is a Halloween themed disco. More information will come out next week, regarding times etc.



Big Rock's Got Talent

This event is scheduled for Friday 20th November. Start rehearsing, be ready for your moment to shine.



School Photos

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November. Information regarding sibling, family photos etc will come out as soon as we receive the information.



School Holiday Success

I would like to offer a huge congratulations to couple of Lego Legends who both competed at the recent Lego Brick Show at the Edgar Centre. Firstly, congratulations to Quinn Hollands on finishing 2nd in the 10-14 year old section (Quinn is 10!) and to Evie Hollands who finished 2nd in the 7-10 Lego colouring competition. Outstanding work both of you.





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Sports Round-Up

The first week of Term Four Futsal got underway this week, and before I congratulate all of the Players of the Day I want to acknowledge and thank the people coaching the different teams.

A big thank you to Hayden Cockburn, Jimmy Gilbert and Tania Blanchard, your time and effort is much appreciated.

Well done to Johnny Bright of the Big Rock Stingrays, Rhys Shayler of the Big Rock Dolphins and Korbyn Parata-Walters of the Big Rock Sharks on earning Player of the Day, great stuff.



Gastro-Naut Programme

This week a couple of classes got involved in the Gastronomaut programme, learning about their tastebuds and doing a bit of baking to develop their cooking skills. Here are some photos of Room 2 in action.

I would also like to thank Penny O'Brien, Vienna Garth and Josh de Thierry on their help with our junior Gastronomauts.





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

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.