

Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

A Big Rock Welcome

On behalf of everyone I would like to offer a big Big Rock welcome to Poppy Shayler who joined her big brother Rhys. It is wonderful to have you join us Poppy.



I would also like to welcome Miss Reynolds and Mr Clark, our final year Teacher's College students, as they embark on the final placement of their study. They are in good hands and we are lucky to have them with us.

Education Review Office

Next week the school will be having it's cyclic visit from two Review Officers from the Education Review Office. The children may speak of visitors to their classrooms or in the playground.

Myself, the staff and Board look forward to welcoming the team to school and celebrating the children's learning and development.

Sports Round Up

I would like offer my personal congratulations to our school basketball team, the Big Rock Hoopsters on an outstanding season. Last season this team struggled a bit in their first season of full court basketball. What a difference a year makes. This year they came away with 10 wins from 12, and their two defeats were by single figures. Outstanding. Well done Quaye Driver, Fin Ramsay, Jed Grey, Korbyn Parata-Walters, Lily Scott, Leon Skerratt, Braxton Parata-Walters and Jaxon Skerratt. Thank you Colin Driver for coaching and to Stanley Parata for your support as an assistant coach.



Jed Grey, Leon Skerratt and Jaxon Skerratt absent

Earlier today we hosted the Greater Green island Cross Country Championships. It was the first time that they have been at the Brighton Domain and Beach in 12 years. It was good to be back. This year we had a small but determined team. My congratulations to Zac Turner, Elise Blanchard, Fin Ramsay, Baily Jenkinson, Quinn Hollands, Jed Grey, Dion Mooyman and Greyson Farquhar on your effort today and in the build-up. A special congratulations to Zac and Fin on qualifying for the Otago Championships. Also well done Greyson, competing as Year 4 in the Year 5 race, top stuff.



Ooshies and Heroes

Ooshies are one of many subjects that I know very little about, however I understand that many are based on superheroes or hero's from Disney. Earlier this week at Big Rock, ooshies and real heroes collided. Last week I wrote that we have had little to no ooshie issues. We nearly did this week. A couple of children were having a minor disagreement over ooshie ownership. Our hero, Penny O'Brien saw what was happening, swooped in and stopped the problem. As we know minor issues can easily become bigger ones. Our hero Penny stopped that and resolved the issue quickly and easily. You rock Super Penny, proof that not all heroes wear capes.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE TUESDAYS

As of Tuesday 11th August, the senior students will be running a sausage sizzle. These will be on every Tuesday 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



Food for Thought

"I only hope that we don't lose sight of one thing – that it was all started by a mouse.." -Walt Disney

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

Google – knowing if your child is well enough to go to school.

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.

2 Bath St • Brighton • Dunedin 9035

Ph 03 481 1781

email: office@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.

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.