

Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

Brighton Club 'Muso Day'

On Sunday the Brighton Club are hosting their monthly Muso Day. The Brighton Club are supporting the school by helping us with BBQ fundraiser. The bbq will not only be available to patrons of Muso Day, but if you fancy a burger or a sausage or both, pop down, they are available to all comers not just the people at the Brighton Club.

Bingo Fundraiser

Don't forget, on Wednesday next week, at the Green Island Rugby Club, there is a school fundraiser with Beats Bingo. Lots of fun and proceeds going to support EOTC (trips) across all classes, so as to reduce costs to our families.

Book Character Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in our book character celebration on Wednesday. There was a remarkable range of characters from Sherlock Holmes to Mario, a beige crayon to Matilda, Alice to the Wicked Witch, Harry Potter to Hermione Grainger, Woody to Jessie, Where's Wally to Papa Smurf, an unbelievable range. Thank you for a wonderful day, if not a wee bit odd. While I was on duty I was watching the children playing, at one stage Mario was chasing a clown and I thought, hello, the Mario bros has come to life. Only to look over at the football game and watch Papa Smurf pass to Harry Potter to score! Thank you to Teresa Grant, Jude van Aalst and Lisa Lamb for driving it.



Sports Round Up

Congratulations to Ari Gilbert who at the recent Green island Football Club prizegiving was named Most Valuable Player for his team. This is no great surprise to me or Mr Murray (Former Otago Coach of the Year several times) as Ari's talent is plain to see in the playground. He always has a great attitude to go with the ability. Great work Ari.



FUTSAL

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for futsal. We have three teams next term, Sharks, Dolphins and Stingray. We will send information home in the first week of next term. Information sent home on the last day tends to get mislaid 😊.

Former Student Success

It is always great to hear of the ongoing success of former students, in recent times Bella Yeoman and Malaika Paton lighting it up at Otago Girls, Esme Grey on stage and radio, Seth Elliot-Tressler top junior science student at Kings and Rubem van Tonder top overall Year 9 student, Marissa Conway in Rockquest and George and Thomas Weatherall in their respective sports of cricket, basketball and athletics.

Earlier in the week I was chuffed to hear that former Year 8 and school Dux, Armani Jones-Ngaia was fulfilling his dream, which he has had since I first met him 10 years ago, of becoming a pilot. He is now in the air, flying and it is likely that he will have his pilot licence before his car licence. Outstanding Armani, aim for the stars, the journey has only just begun.



Gastro-Naut Programme (Food Science that is out of this world)

Last year we developed a school programme based on Food Science. It was originally aimed at our Year 7-8 class. In school teacher language it covers seven key elements Nutrition, Health and Hygiene, Food Science, Cultural, Cooking, EOTC, and Financial Planning. A number of parents have asked me about the programme involving younger children. In the last week or so I have had a trial in a couple of younger classes. I have decided to broaden the programme to include other classes. The programme for younger classes will be a more diluted version but will include Food Science, Cooking, Health and Hygiene.

This programme is 100% unique to Big Rock, developed here, for here. Through consultation with professional chefs, Nutritionists, and University academics. It will also include literacy and maths.



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Next Term

Term Four has always been my favourite, and not because it is the last of the year, but because we have waved goodbye to winter and hopefully winter bugs and illnesses. The weather is warming up, the pool opens, we have class trips and camps, a new learning programme starting, and in general people have a more cheerful 'vibe' about them.

The last day of the school year is Friday 11th December. There will be no After School Care on that day. Our End of Year Prizegiving is on Wednesday 9th December at the Brighton Hall.

However, before then, have a great break and we will see you next term, where long sunny summery days await.

Have a great break

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.