



Good morning Big Rock families/whānau.

A very short but very busy week at Big Rock with another short week coming up.

The end of Term 1 is not far away and with it comes a school favourite, the Pool Party!

We also see the end of Daylight Savings and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

### **School Pool**

***The pool will be closed from the 1st of March***

Please return your pool key to the office. Thank you.

### **Fundraisers**

Thank you to the PTA who have been busy organising fundraisers for the school.

We currently have Whittaker's chocolate bars for sale.

Any unsold boxes or bars, need to be returned to school on Monday, 30th March please.

### **Fundraiser Payment Update**

Please note for online payments, the correct account name is Big Rock Primary School.

The instructions on the chocolate box listed the account as "PTA," which has been causing an error for some families. The correct account is the school account; however, all funds raised will still go towards the PTA.

Account Number: 02-0900-0000225-005

Thank you for your support!

### **Working Bee**

Thank you to the parents, families and community members who spent most of Saturday tidying up our school grounds.

We appreciate your time and all of your hard work!

## Greater Green Island Triathlon

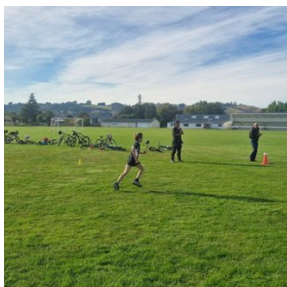
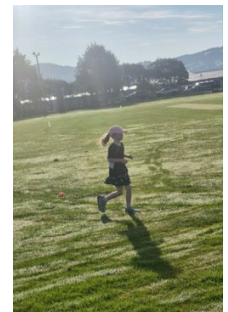
The Greater Green Island Triathlon was held at Memorial Park on Tuesday. We had 15 athletes who took part either individually or in teams. Their positive behaviour, as well as their efforts in their races, was excellent.

Congratulations to all, with standouts being Jaxon Skerratt, who won the Year 6 Boys individual race, along with Ella Dorana and Adelaide Conway, who finished third in the Year 5 Girls Teams race.

A massive thank you to Lauren Mooyman, Jen de Thierry, Kimberley Ashton for providing transport, along with all the parents who came along to support.

### Results

Year 5 Girls Team	Ella, Adelaide	3rd
	Rowan, Adelaide, Octavia	4th
Year 5 Boys Ind	Dion	7th
Year 5 Boys Team	Greyson, Max, Rhys	4th
	Zach, Josh, Quinn	5th
Year 6 Boys Ind	Jaxon	1st
	Leon	7th
	Finn	9th
	Jed	10th



## Netball

Netball - term 2 + 3



We have a list of interested players available in the school office—thank you to everyone who has already signed up!! Teams are usually grouped by year levels (Years 1–2, 3–4, and 5–6). While we can combine year levels, we also aim to group players with similar abilities, so everyone can feel confident developing their netball skills. At the moment, we have a mix of younger and older players, but not quite enough to form two full teams—so we would love more players to join!

Practice / Introduction Session

July  
17  
Monday

3:00pm (approx. 30 minutes)

At school

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested to come along, give it a try, and have some fun. We can also discuss carpooling to the Edgar Centre. Please send Tania Blanchard a message if you have any questions 😊

New players are very welcome—we'd love to see you there!

### SPCA Ambassadors

Just a reminder that we are collecting pet food, old towels and taking gold coin donations for the SPCA. We have 2 baskets in the office area until the end of term to collect donations.

### Upcoming Events

Pool Parties – Monday 30th March - Rms 1, 2 and 3.  
- Tuesday 31st March – Rms 4 and 5

Pool Closed – 1st April

Assembly – 1st April at 2.15pm.

Last day of the term – 2nd April

First day of Term 3 – Monday 20th April.

**Listening**

**Laughing**

**Learning**

**Looking After Others**

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

Timmy Williams – working hard in Room 1.

Adelaide Conway – excellent work in class and competing for 2 teams at the triathlon.

Leo Henderson - being ready for his learning.

Ihaia Metakoure – fantastic work at writing time.

### **Sports Roundup**

Big Rock Dolphins



Leo de Thierry

### **Players of the Day**

Big Rock Orcas



Rhys Shayler

Big Rock Sharks



Josh de Thierry

Big Rock Sharks



Ivar Elliot-Tressler

### **Welcome to Big Rock**

Hugo Stewart has joined Room 1. Welcome Hugo!



### **Easter Colouring Competition.**

Please return these by Monday 30th March.

### **Balaclava School Fair**

Balaclava School Fair - Saturday 28 March

10am to 2pm

2 Mercer Street, Kenmure

*Come along and join the fun!*

### **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](mailto: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**

***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.*

### 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.

## **Update from the board**

Kia ora koutou

At our recent Board of Trustees meeting, we confirmed our Annual Implementation Plan, which has now been submitted to the Ministry of Education and is available on the Big Rock Primary School website (<https://www.bigrock.school.nz/about-us/doc-station/>). This plan sets out our key priorities, goals, and actions for the year, helping guide our focus on student learning and wellbeing.

We also reviewed several school policies, including lockdown procedures, physical restraint and seclusion, and attendance. Updated policies will be available on the school website under the “Policies” tab.

We are also very grateful to share that the school has received \$8,301 from the Brighton Trail Ride. We would like to specifically thank Aaron Hollands and his team for their generosity and the many hours spent in preparation, set up and pack down; Leona Munro (Tall Poppy) and Mclver & Veitch for sponsoring the event; and the four farmers and Blakely Pacific Forestry for the use of their land for this fantastic fundraiser. We sincerely appreciate the significant effort involved in bringing this event together. Thank you also to everyone in the community who helped out on the day. If anyone is interested in sponsoring next year's trail ride and gaining an opportunity to promote their business, please let Aaron Hollands know. Additional sponsorship helps the event raise even more for the school.

We are currently working through a list of proposed projects around the school to ensure these funds are directed to our highest priorities for the benefit of our students. We will keep you updated on how this money is allocated once that process has been completed. It has been a fantastic Term 1, with many successful school events. Thank you to all those who took part in our school events this term, your involvement makes a real difference. Our next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5 th May at 3:30 pm, in the staffroom.

Ngā mihi nui

Lisa Daniels (Presiding Member)

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



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***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.

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