

Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

A Big Big Rock welcome

On behalf of everyone I would like to offer a massive Big Rock welcome to Frankie De la Mare, to Room 1 and Big Rock. Frankie joins older brother Ted. It is great to finally have you join us, Frankie.

I would also like to give a big welcome to Michelle Beck who joined the teaching team this week. I would urge all parents from Room One to make sure that they have a parent interview booked so that you can come and meet Michelle and discuss your child's learning and development.



PTA Meeting

A PTA meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm at the Brighton Club on Tuesday 11th August. If you can, get down and join the crew. They are great people doing great things for the Big Rock children.

Parent Interviews

A reminder that bookings for these are now active on Skool Loop. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Also, if those days are not suitable, contact your child's teacher to make a time that works for both of you.

Happy at School

If for any reason your child is unhappy at school, it may be to do with other children's behaviour in the playground, anxiety or nervousness, or not feeling 100% about their learning. Please let us know promptly. Often, we find out quite late because children/parents do not want to say anything. We want your child to feel safe, engaged and happy at school. In fact, it is our priority. Please discuss anything like this with your child's teacher or make an appointment with me. Ideally, you should speak with your child's teacher first.

We are here to help and want to help. It might not always be comfortable, but it is important.

Food for Thought

'Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart' Elizabeth Andrews

Listening, Laughing, Learning and Looking After Others

Fletcher Cockburn- Keeping the peace in a squabble between younger children

Pearl Mansfield- Looking after an injured New Entrant while a teacher was sought

Paisley Wilson- Looking after a friend who had a tumble

Alby McNab- Outstanding attitude in and out of the classroom



Sports Roundup

Congratulations to Korbyn Parata-Walters on earning Player of the Day for the Big Rock Hoopsters in another outstanding victory. Great work Korbyn.



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.

