

Good afternoon Big Rock families/whānau.

A Big Big Rock welcome

A big Big Rock welcome this week to Pax Shannon and Archer Cockburn. Pax joins his cousin Zachary at Big Rock, wonderful to have you and your family join us Pax. Archer joins his older brother Fletcher, very cool to have you with us as well Archer.



Mid-Year Achievement Data

Please find below a snapshot of our Mid-Year Achievement data for Reading and Mathematics. Please note that they are percentages. Our Tangata Whenua cohort is considerably smaller than non-Māori and as such the percentages are exaggerated. In real terms, Māori and Non-Māori achievement levels at Big Rock are very similar, which I for one, am very proud of. Our Pasifika cohort is too small to include as the numbers are small and the percentages extremely exaggerated, and it would be possible to identify individual children from the information. We do identify Pasifika in our own data, and as with all cohorts, actively seek ways to boost and accelerate achievement if necessary and ensure that every child has the opportunity and support to achieve their very best.

Reading

	Working Towards Expectation	Meeting Expectation	Working Above Expectation
Boys	9%	60%	31%
Girls	20%	62%	18%
Māori	16%	68%	16%
All students	15%	61%	24%

Mathematics

	Working Towards Expectation	Meeting Expectation	Working Above Expectation
Boys	14%	71%	15%
Girls	22%	62%	16%
Māori	25%	69%	6%
All students	18%	67%	15%

All students are assessed using formal assessment tools (Nationally referenced), informal assessment tools and Overall Teacher Judgement based on knowing the child, book work, classroom activities and learning conversations.

Illness at School and Home

If your child is away from school due to illness (or any other reason) can you please advise us via the Skool Loop absenteeism notification app before 8:30. It saves us a lot of time and worry.

As of this morning, we have been advised that children from Big Rock (and other schools I'm sure) having Covid or Influenza A. Both are very debilitating and contagious. Both have the usual symptoms and conditions. Headaches, body ache, tiredness, coughing, runny nose, sore throat etc. Can we please ask that if your child has any of these symptoms, that they are kept away from school until the symptoms have gone.

You may think that this request is contrary to the much promoted attendance push. However our biggest concern will always be every child's well-being.

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

As posted yesterday, the postponed Parent-Teacher interviews from Tuesday will be on Tuesday 11th August with the same timetable. If that no longer works for you, please contact your child's teacher or Kelly at the office to make changes.

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.



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ONLY ON TUESDAY AT BIG ROCK

Food for Thought

'A senior sausage sizzle is the best Tuesday lunch ever, and great value!' Big Rock senior students!

Listening, Laughing, Learning and Looking After Others

Millie Scoullar- ensuring younger children were not damaging trees

Adelaide Conway and Hinemoana Jimenez-Maxwell -supporting younger children in there learning

Atiana Reihana, Pearl Mansfield and Alime Tutgun- supporting Room 2 with their Science



Science and Technology in Action



Sports Roundup

Congratulations to Charlie Rackham on earning Player of the Day for his hockey team. Watching Charlie play here at school, it is easy to see why.

Well done to Leon Skerratt on earning Player of the Day for the Big Rock Hoopsters in their glorious victory.



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.

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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.