



Newsletter

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Wednesday 15 February/Pepuere 2017 – Term 1 Week 3

Principal's Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS,

Today is our senior triathlon day. As I am writing this (8:45am), I am looking out of my office window and there is definitely an excited buzz amongst the children. Events like this are one of the strengths of Methven Primary. Staff go all out to organise the best possible event and make the day special for the children. For our new families this is but one of a series of 'red letter' / 'blue ribbon' events we hold throughout the year. Next week we have our lengths swimming sports, combined with OLS and Lauriston, and then in a couple of weeks' time we will hold a junior swimming gala and 'give it a go' duathlon. I love days like today and they remind me of the reason of why I chose teaching as a career in the first place.

I have spent quite a bit of time wandering around the classes during the start of the year and I have been struck by how settled they all seem. Everyone is now getting down to the serious task of learning, and I am looking forward to seeing how our big topic of 'survival' develops in different parts of the school. I was intrigued to see Team 3 (Yr3&4) out on a bug hunt last week and learning about a massive huhu grub that they had uncovered. It was hard to pick who was more excited about the whole experience; Mrs Lilley or the children.

We are in the process of finalising a new system that will help us communicate with you, as a group of nearly 200 families, in terms of both reminders and emergencies. We have looked at several apps and systems over the past 6 months and are fairly sure this will fit the bill. The system is not solely reliant on the internet or smart phones and lets the receiver decide on the way they would like to be communicated with; most importantly there is no cost to you. Once in place we will let you know, in vivid detail, about how it works and what you need to do at your end.

Have a great week,

Chris

Welcome

We welcome Cooper, Charlie, Brock and Chloe to MPS. Enjoy your school days with us.

For Your Calendar/Maramataka 2017 Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 30 January-Thursday
13 April

Term 2

Monday 1 May- Friday 7 July

Term 3

Monday 24 July- Friday 29
September

Term 4

Monday 16 October- Friday 15
December

Wednesday 15 February

MPS Triathlon – Team 3 & 4

Monday 20 February

Methven Area Swim Sports Yr5
& Yr 6

Wednesday 22 February

BOT Meeting

Wednesday 1 March

Swim Gala, Teams 1, 2 & 3

Thursday 2 March

Mid Canterbury Triathlon – Yr 5
& Yr 6

Tuesday 7 March

Mid Canterbury Swim Sports

To receive school updates,
reminders, last minute notices
and cancellations text:

Follow [methvenprimary](https://twitter.com/methvenprimary)

To 8987

Then text:

Set discover off

To 8987

(To avoid getting unwanted
Twitter messages)

School News

REMINDER – SCHOOL DONATIONS

These are now due. Please pay your donation at the school office or through online banking to account 020868 0013797 00 with your name and “donation” as reference. Fees are \$50 per child, or \$100 per family, or any further amount you are happy to pay. Thank you.

Student Information Updates

Any changes of address and/or phone numbers, please advise our office staff.

Bus Students – If your children are to be off the bus on regular days (e.g. sports), please advise the office staff. If any change of circumstances on a casual basis, please advise the office by 2.30pm. Thank you.

Methven Area Swimming Sports – Monday 20 February, Yrs 5 & 6

These will start at 11a.m. and is for the Years 5 & 6 only. Should the day be postponed due to bad weather, they will be held on the first fine day following. A programme will be sent home by the end of this week.

MPS Swimming Gala – Wednesday 1 March, Teams 1,2,3 – 11.30am

We will be holding a Year 1-4 MPS Swimming Gala on Wednesday 1st March (postponement Friday 3rd March). This will be a fun event, celebrating participation and having a go! There will be widths, lengths and fun activities for all children to participate in and will conclude with a Duathlon.

We will be sending out a programme and further information with the events your child has entered in.

Sunhats/Swimming

Please have your children bring a sunhat to school every day for Term 1. Hats may be purchased online from NZ Uniforms at <http://methvenprimary.nzuniforms.com> or phone 0800 698 643 or 03 929 1213.

Please also ensure your children bring their swimming togs and towel each day.

Thank you

Thank you to those who supported the Produce Sale – sufficient funds were raised for further planting.

International Competitions Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils only

Dear Parents

We are again offering the opportunity to take part in these examinations. They may choose to do none, one, or all of them. The aim of these is to test skills and processes in the various subjects and to provide children with worthwhile and challenging test experiences.

These tests take place in schools throughout the Pacific region and are an initiative of the Educational Testing Centre of the University of New South Wales.

The majority of questions can be attempted by average students with a reasonable chance of success. A few questions are designed to challenge more able students. Most questions are based on real life situations and involve the application of knowledge and skills developed inside and outside of the classroom.

All participants receive a certificate and letter with comprehensive feedback on their performance. Certificates awarded are: High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Achievement, and Participation. Medals are awarded to top students in each year level.

Entry fees and dates are:

Tuesday 23 May	Digital Technologies	\$ 9.50
Tuesday 30 May	Science	\$ 9.50
Monday 12 June	Writing	\$20.50
Wednesday 14 June	Spelling	\$11.50
Tuesday 1 August	English	\$ 9.50
Tuesday 15 August	Mathematics	\$ 9.50

Please return to the school office, the completed form below and appropriate payment by Thursday 23 March. No late entries will be accepted.

Regards,

Chris Murphy,

Competition Co-ordinator

ICAS Exams 2017 – Please return to the school office with payment **before Thursday 23 March 2017**. No late entries will be accepted.

My child (Name & Room) will enter the following Internal Competition (Please circle)

Science	Maths	Spelling	Writing	English	Digital Technologies
\$9.50	\$9.50	\$11.50	\$20.50	\$9.50	\$9.50

Payment included \$.....

Thank you.

Parent's name and signature please.....

Community News

EA Networks Centre - Term 1 2017 Swim Lessons

Now taking bookings.

Waterbabies 6-36 months, Pre-School 3-5 year olds, School Age 5+ year olds.

Call Stacey on 308 4035 or email Stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz

EA Networks Centre Duathlon/Triathlon – Sunday 12 March 2017

Entry fee \$25. Entries limited to the first 50 entrants per age group.

Please pay at the EA Networks Centre reception upon submission of your form. NO ENTRY FEE MEANS NO ENTRY.

5-6 years 250m RUN, 1km bike, 250m run

7-8 years 25m swim, 2.5km bike, 1km run

9-10 years 75m swim, 2.5km bike, 1km run

11-13 years 75m swim, 2.5km bike, 1.5km run

McDonald's 2017 Youth Duathlon – Sunday 2nd April

South Hagley Park. This event, involving run and cycle stages, is for individual entrants aged 7 to 15 years old. Entry fee \$15 per person.

Online entry, payment, and information is available at www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz

Annie's Music School

Come and learn some music in 2017:

- Piano
- Ukulele
- Music appreciation classes (5-7 year olds)
- Singing lessons
- Recorder
- Piano Accordion

For more information, please phone Annie Jacobs 027 350 1065.



METHVEN A&P SHOW



2017 SCHEDULE OUT NOW

Entries for the 2107 Methven A&P Show close on Friday 24 February 2017.

Enter on-line at www.showdayonline.com or complete the entry form in the 2017 Schedule.

Schedules are available on-line at www.showdayonline.com or your local farm or vet supplier including Supervalve and Top Notch, Methven and PGG Geraldine.

Alternatively contact Show Secretary, Amy Russell at methvenshow@gmail.com

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Methven Cricket Club Presents...

Ethel & Bethel BINGO BABES

Tickets—\$25
(Includes supper and
one free bingo card)
Adult Audience

Where I hear you
ask....
Methven
Heritage Centre
Saturday
25th March

Doors open at
7pm, first round
of bingo called at
7.30pm.

Tickets available
at Methven I-Site
or text/phone
027 622 8334



Come along
loves for a few
laughs and a
good old game
of bingo. Don't
forget your
purse 'coz
you'll need
cash for the
bar, raffles &
games,
auctions and
extra bingo
cards.
See you there.

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