



## Newsletter

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### Wednesday 1 March/Maehe 2017 – Term 1 Week 5

#### Principal's Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS,

This term we are working on being 'Responsible' as our school STAR focus. While the classes are working away at this in their own particular way with their fortnightly focus, I have also been talking to the children about taking responsibility for their own safety coming to, and going home from, school. Members of the public have contacted the school regarding children crossing the road without looking, or crossing in possibly dangerous places. I have also been contacted by the bus company saying that, in the morning, some children are so eager to get to school that they are approaching the bus before it has come to a complete stop. The last thing we want, as a school community, is for a child to be hurt (or worse) in a preventable road accident. While we have talked about it at school, I would really appreciate it if you could follow this up at home with a further discussion about staying safe.

Term 1 is always a really busy term and I always enjoy watching the children get stuck into whatever they're doing. The triathlon, the senior swimming sports, the junior swimming gala and 'give-it-a-go' duathlon are all tremendous kid-centred events. Over the next couple of weeks we have Rippa rugby starting on a Tuesday night and the Yr 5&6 cricket tournament, class trips to the Langdon wetland and Bowyers stream... the list goes on and on.

Yesterday we had an external team evaluate our progress within the Positive Behaviour for Learning programme (PB4L). PB4L is the programme within which all of our school values and rules, behaviour management systems, reward structures and emergency readiness procedures lie. In order to move to the next level we needed to score 80% or above. We scored 97.7% (one mark off a perfect score); this is a great acknowledgement for our progress within the programme. Kudos must go to Helen Breach and her PB4L team for the amazing work they have put in to get us this far.

Have a great week, Chris

#### Methven Masonic Lodge No. 51 – Donation

A very generous donation of \$600.00 has been received from the Lodge to help MPS families meet the costs of extra curricular activities.

#### Special Invitation

We now have a collaborative approach to teaching and learning at MPS.

To find out more you are invited to attend our  
**Future Focussed Education Information Evening**  
7 pm Wednesday 5 April  
Meet in Piwakawaka (our newest classroom)

#### 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

##### Monday 6 March

Team 3 Field Trip

##### Tuesday 7 March

Mid Canterbury Swim Sports

##### Wednesday 15 March

Yr 5 & 6 Cricket Tournament

##### Thursday 16 March

Team 1 & 2 Field Trip

##### Wednesday 5 April

Future Focussed Education  
Meeting

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

Follow methvenprimary

To 8987

Then text:

Set discover off

To 8987

(To avoid getting unwanted  
Twitter messages)

# School News

## Welcome

We welcome Shelby and Scarlet to MPS. Enjoy your school days with us.

## REMINDER – SCHOOL DONATIONS

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 other amount you are happy to pay. Thank you.

## 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.

## 2017 Triathlon Winners



### Year 3 & 4

Jamie, Monty, Elliott, Lucy, Chloe, Jasmine  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>



### Year 5 & 6 Girls

Lucie, Lucy, Steffi, Lexi, Rachel, Isla  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>



### Year 5 & 6 Boys

George, John, Toby, Cooper, Ben, Dante  
1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>

## Crusaders Training

The following three MPS pupils name were drawn from a hat, and are to join the Crusaders at their training on 20 March:- Charlee Farquhar, Struan Robertson, and Aidan Bungard.

## Swimming Gala

Thank you for supporting our Year 1 – 4 Swimming Gala today. It has been a great opportunity for children to show their MPS STAR value “Sporting” by trying new things and encouraging others to do their best.

Many thanks to our Team 3 families who contributed time, baking or made a donation to our fundraising BBQ. We appreciate all the hard work put in by the Friends of MPS to organise our first BBQ of the year.



## Thank you

On behalf of Our Lady of the Snows school and also the Friends of the School, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Methven Primary parents and teachers who helped with the BBQ on the Methven Area swimming day. With an unexpected 15 minute break the girls were swamped, and were very grateful for the extra help.

Thank you,

Pattie Ree, Principal, Our Lady of the Snows

**MPS Meet & Greet**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9am



We would like to offer all parents of MPS the opportunity to come and meet with a couple of our staff members for a coffee and informal chat.

For new families, we extend a warm welcome and encourage you to come and meet with some other members of our school community.

Pre Schoolers are most welcome and our Librarian, Julie Lock will be available to sit and read with children.

For our first Meet & Greet, we will also take you on a tour of the school so you can briefly see some of our classes in action.

We will be holding Meet & Greets regularly throughout the year and are keen to lead discussions around your areas of interests.

*Meet at the Staffroom*

**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.....



Methven Primary School has subscribed to Message My Way in order to trial a communication system for our school community. This is the same organisation that we coordinate our School Interview bookings through.

Message My Way allows us to send 2 types of alerts:

1. **Normal:** this will be used to keep you up-to-date with happenings around the school and send you reminders eg via email. No cost to the school or parents.
2. **Urgent:** we will send out important updates eg school closures via the urgent messages. These can be received via text or voice message. Cost to the school (12c per text, 3c per landline voicemail, 9c per mobile voicemail)

Parents are asked to follow the steps below in order to receive these messages. It is up to parents to complete the registration information and update any contact details when needed. In the future Message My Way will also allow our messages to be linked to the Methven Primary Facebook and Twitter social media, but these services are not currently operational.

Message My Way will be the only way that we will be communicating urgent messages during 2017, as we need to trial the system fully.

Our school newsletter will continue to be emailed out fortnightly on a Wednesday, or available on our website. This will have the most detailed information regarding our school and events.

Registration Steps:

1. Click on the link below or type it into your internet browser

<https://messagemyway.com/code/qqdrq>

2. Enter your contact details
3. You will receive an email in order to confirm your address
4. Select from the list, which notifications you require eg your child's class, bus (if bus student). Make sure you select "School Updates", as this includes "school closures", "event updates" and any "general" messages
5. This updates automatically, there is no "save" button
6. If your contact details change, please update these straight away on the Message My Way website

Hopefully this system will prove very successful for our communication. As always, we would love to hear any feedback or ways that we could improve this system. Please email these to [khooker@methven.school.nz](mailto:khooker@methven.school.nz)

If you are having trouble registering to Message My Way, please contact the school office for assistance.

Kind regards

Methven Primary School Staff

# Community News

## New Zealand Sign Language Classes starting in Ashburton March 2017

**Sign for Life** Superior sign language & support services. Carol Smith Cert. Deaf Studies New Zealand Sign Language Tutor. Please contact [carol@signforlife.co.nz](mailto:carol@signforlife.co.nz) or text Carol on 027 2498 400.

## Methven Hockey Club

Methven hockey sign up is live now, please email [thebegg@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thebegg@xtra.co.nz) to receive the link and details on how to sign up. Alternatively, we are having a sign-up for new players or anyone else who wishes to meet with the committee, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 3-4pm and 6.30-7pm at the new turf at Mt Hutt College.

## Lauriston School

Proudly presents an evening with Nathan Wallis, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the Lauriston Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm. Supper provided.

Nathan Wallis has spent many years studying human brain development. With a background in education, psychology and counselling, Nathan will support his audience in gaining an understanding into the brain development in children and the impact it has in their learning.

During the evening Nathan will focus upon 'The School Years.'

Please contact our New Entrant/Year 1 teacher Rhian via the school office on 3024799 or email [rhian@lauriston.school.nz](mailto:rhian@lauriston.school.nz) for tickets.

Early bird tickets are \$20. Tickets purchased after 16<sup>th</sup> March are \$25. Payment can be made in cash at the school office, or placed directly into the Lauriston School Support bank account 12-3271-0207293-00 with the reference 'Wallis' and your name.

## Celebrate Children's Day March 5, 2017 - 10.30am-2.30pm, Tinwald Domain

Maronan Road, Ashburton. Bring a picnic lunch and swimming togs and join in this free family fun day to celebrate National Children's Day.

\*\* Craft activities \*\* BBQ \*\*Train/Vehicle rides \*\*Facepainting \*\*Amac Bungy & Water Walkers

\*\* Tinwald Pool open, free for all 11am-2.30pm \*\* Demonstrations, Give-a-ways & much more!

Held wet or fine (if wet, limited rides/activities available).

## Playcentre Awareness Week

Mid Canterbury Playcentre Association Playcentre Play Café, Ashburton Domain Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-12noon. Queries ph Nicola Walker 3071066.

## Mid Canterbury Hockey – Coaching opportunities for the players

Suitable for players Year 3 upwards.

### Dates & Times:

Tuesday 7, 14 and 21 March from 4pm

(Final session times to be confirmed depending on numbers)

One hour of coaching per session

### Goalkeeper training also available.

Coaches are encouraged to attend to watch the delivery of the drills.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH – NUMBERS LIMITED

Cost - \$40 per player for all three sessions. Payment by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

To register your interest and set up payment please contact

[mchockey@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:mchockey@hotmail.co.nz) with your child's full name and year group.

Enquiries please phone Rachel Curd on 027 228 9401.

*For your information...*The JJ Hunt Memorial Fund was established from donations received in memory of John Hunt, a Wakanui hockey player.

Players and coaches are able to make applications to the trustees of the Fund for grants to cover coaching expenses. If you think this will help you to attend these coaching sessions, please contact

[mchockey@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:mchockey@hotmail.co.nz) to make an application.

## 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.

Vacancies available on Fridays at MPS.

