



Newsletter

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Wednesday 29 March/Maehe 2017 – Term 1 Week 9

Principal's Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS,

The children throughout the school are busy inquiring into the topic of survival. We use our school's Inquiry model to support the children as they look to make sense of what they are learning. When I was at primary school we would often be involved in project work where we would learn about something (not always relevant to our lives) and then produce a poster at the end to show our learning. In its most basic sense Inquiry pushes to make learning relevant, tangible and meaningful to the children and the people around them. In the past few weeks I have been on two day trips with students to visit both Bowyers Stream and Russell Langdon's Wetland. Both trips were linked back to the survival theme. I really enjoyed watching the children exploring, trying, and discovering new things. Trips like these make great learning memories and build opportunities for teachers to really engage and immerse themselves in their learning.

This term's STAR focus is responsibility. We have been talking with all the children about being responsible for their own belongings. I am constantly amazed and hugely disappointed by the amount of school uniform that appears in the lost property box and that is constantly being picked up from one end of the school to the other. I realise that at this time of year, the days start off cold and can warm up considerably as the day wears on and the children shed their outer layers to suit. It would be great if you could have a word at home about responsibility for belongings as well as making sure each item of clothing is named.

We have nearly one hundred families signed up to Message My Way now, which is over half of our families at school. It would be great if we could have everyone on by the end of term. Remember this will be our preferred way of getting both urgent and non urgent messages to you. If you need help to sign up I, Sue or Keryn will be only too happy to assist.

Have a great week, Chris

Welcome

We welcome Ashlyn, Harley, Jackson, Bentley, Dylan and Summer to MPS. We hope you enjoy your school days with us.

Thank You

A big Thank You to the Friends of Methven Primary School for the donation of extra sand for our sandpit, plus toys and the storage box which is coming soon.

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.

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 29 March

BOT Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 5 April

Future Focussed Education
Meeting, 7pm Piwakawaka

Thursday 6 April

ChCh Zones Swimming

Tuesday 11 April

Methven House Performance

Thursday 13 April

Last day Term 1

Monday 1st May

First day Term 2

Tuesday 9th May

Transition Meeting

Monday 5th June

Queens Birthday - holiday

School News

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)

Top Team Results

Well done to all who took part in the Top Team competition in the Methven A & P Show. Congratulations to the following teams who were placed:-

Cooper, John, Rion and Damon – 1st

Lucy, Steffi, Genna and Hannah – 3rd



Safe Travels to School

Our daylight hours are beginning to shorten and mornings are now darker. We would like to encourage all children to wear their Fluro Orange Fonterra Vests to and from school, particularly children who are biking or travelling to school by bus. If your child has an available vest from last year, please advise them to wear it. We will reward all children who are "Responsible" and regularly wear their vest to school. We will be setting up a system of named vests on buses and will provide New Entrant families with a free vest as they enter school. Due to the enormity of the task of managing lost vests throughout the school, we will rely on your support to make this system work. Please contact our Office if you require a replacement vest.



2017 New Entrant Intake Parent Meeting

Tuesday 9th May

@ 7.00pm

Mahuri Hub

Methven Primary School

Come and find out about starting at
Methven Primary School
and our New Entrant programme





It's Scarecrow Trail time again.

This year's theme of Famous Children's Storybook Characters should prove popular with everyone, and there are so many to choose from!

So decide on your favourite character and register by April 1st at the latest, with

Karyn and Gillian at karyn@norwestarch.co.nz or phone Gillian 303 3119.

You can also find them on Facebook – www.facebook.com/MethvenScarecrowTrail/

To avoid disappointment register early to guarantee your first choice, if you're struggling for ideas, let them know – they've got plenty!

The trail starts on Sunday April 16 (Easter Sunday) @ 10a.m. and ends on Saturday April 29 @ 2p.m. Trail maps will be available for purchase from the iSITE for only \$9.

A pretty good price for hours of family entertainment!

All proceeds raised will be donated to Methven Primary School.

Improving Boys Literacy - by Rosie Robinson and Kelsie Laing

Last week, we attended a course on 'Improving Boys Literacy' facilitated by Joseph Drissen in Christchurch. There were a few key ideas from the course that we would like to share:

- **Role Models:** In studies completed over the years, one of the most influential factors for improving reading in boys was Dad's reading to their sons.
- **High Expectations:** Tell boys (often) what you expect from them. Boys respond when they know what you want from them. Set the bar high with expected behaviour and learning. Talk about future jobs and show examples of people who have worked hard and are doing well.
- **Reading mileage:** Boys love reading a range of texts. Newspapers, comics, non-fiction, blogs, magazines etc. The importance here is on reading texts.

Reading Minutes per day	Words read per year
65	4,358,000
21	1,823,000
14	1,146,000
6	432,000
1	106,000

Methven Area Bus Group

Sports bags, sports equipment and musical instruments are not to be taken on the school bus. Cricket bags, golf clubs/bags, non-folding scooters and other large items and bags, or multiple bags cannot be transported due to lack of storage space. Bags cannot be transported in the aisles or doorways, obviously this is a safety issue.

This is for all buses except Ashburton, Tinwald and Rakaia as they have under-storage and few pickup points (therefore few delays with loading).

Thank you for your co-operation.

Win \$1000 Fuel for School prize pack from Southfuels at the South Island Field Day

Southfuels Fuel for Schools programme is a wonderful way for us to give back to the communities in which we operate.

We are giving away a \$1,000 Fuel for School prize pack to one lucky school, at our site at the South Island Field Day, being held in Kirwee on the 29th & 30th March 2017.

We have teamed up with our suppliers Noel Leemings and Ace Sport to come up with a fantastic and unique Fuel for Schools package that someone must win;

* 1 x \$250 T-Ball Set

* 1 x \$250 Ball Package (35 Sports Balls)

* 1 x \$500 Chromebook and Case

Encourage your parents and members of the community to come to the Southfuels Site "276-277" at the South Island Field Day and enter to win you this fantastic prize.



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/qdrrq>

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

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



All Year 3-4 girls wanting to play Friday night netball, starting May 5th 2017 at EA Networks in Ashburton, please go to <http://www.sporty.co.nz/methvennc> and register by the 31st of March. Sub \$60.00.

Netball Club

Year 1-2 girls who are interested in our Future Ferns programme which will run during Term 2 on a Thursday night, 3.30-4.30pm in Methven, to register at <http://www.sporty.co.nz/methvennc> also. Sub \$25.00. Please contact Mel McSweeney: 027 228 4826 for more info.

Girl Guide Biscuits

The Girl Guides will be selling biscuits after school at the gate on Mondays & Thursdays. \$3.50 per packet.

The Dubliner MOUNTAIN THUNDER
Methven

Motorcycle Street Race
Easter Saturday
9.30am - 4pm
2017

\$20
16 & Under
FREE

Logos: SPRING LAUNDRY, TIMARU YAMAHA, SprayMarks, Methven, Jackson Holmes, The Dubliner.

mountainthunder.co.nz dubliner.co.nz

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES APRIL 2017

SWIM LESSONS Group and individuals available APRIL 18th - 21th Individual lessons APRIL 24th, 26th, 27th & 28th	BREASTSTROKE CLINIC APRIL 18th - 21th for children struggling with the breaststroke goal in any level.
TERM LESSONS We are still taking bookings for Term lessons for waterbabies, pre-schoolers and school age classes.	INDIVIDUAL LESSONS Individual lessons are: • \$40 for 30mins • \$27 for 20mins • \$20 for 15mins

EA networks CENTRE Call Stacy on 308 4035 or email stacey.hoets@adc.govt.nz Ashburton DISTRICT COUNCIL

- MID CANTERBURY NETBALL -

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Year 1-6

Come along for two days of super fun netball activities and skills!

Thursday 27 April 9am - 3pm
Friday 28 April \$40 per participant



Limited spaces - Get in quick!
Register online at: www.mcnetball.co.nz
For further information contact ndo@mcnetball.co.nz

Support your school

Quigley Contracting, in partnership with your local school, are running the 'Chip in Project'.

Order your wood chip for calf pens off Quigley Contracting and we will donate \$1 per m² to your local primary school of choice.

To place your order phone:
James 027 436 9989 or
Ricky 027 436 9317

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*Minimum order 40m²