

Wednesday 3 May/Mei 2017 – Term 2 Week 1

Principal's Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS,
Welcome back to Term 2. It has been great to catch up with all the children as they have settled back into their classroom programmes. The STAR focus for this term is Trustworthy. I spoke to the children at our assembly on Monday and they were able to tell me that being trustworthy was about being honest and reliable. I followed this up by talking to them about the fact that we all, even adults, make mistakes but that it is important to own up to our shortcomings and learn from them. Mistakes are great learning opportunities for everyone involved and as Oscar Wilde once said, "Experience is simply the name we give to our mistakes."

With the cooler weather now with us, can I ask you to do a couple of things to make school run more smoothly. Firstly, if you have not done so already, please make sure that you have signed up to Message My Way. For those new to the school and the area, we can usually bank on snow affecting schooling at some point during this term. As I have said before, one of the most difficult tasks to complete as principal is closing a school within a short timeframe during the course of the day. Message My Way allows us to contact you, in a way that suits you, with urgent messages. With nearly 200 families at school now, a phone call to each home is simply not an option.

Secondly can you please make sure each item of school uniform is clearly named. At this time of year the days can warm up significantly and the children tend to shed their outer layers as they play. It is much easier for us to reunite children with their clothes if they're named.

Lastly, and somewhat related, can you please make sure the children come to school dressed for the conditions. This term we are gearing up for the Methven Area cross country and so children need to have shoes that they are comfortable to run in every day.

Have a great week,
Chris

ANZAC Parade



The Methven Anzac Parade was held on Tuesday 25th April, starting at the Memorial Archway. Thank you to the students who represented our school in uniform.

For Your Calendar/Maramataka 2017 Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 1 May- Friday 7 July

Term 3

Monday 24 July- Friday 29
September

Term 4

Monday 16 October- Friday 15
December

Thursday 4 May

Rippa Rugby Senior
Tournament

Tuesday 9 May

Transition Meeting, 7pm

Tuesday 23 May

ICAS Exam Digital Technologies

Wednesday 24 May

Area Cross Country, Lauriston

Friday 26 March

Pink Shirt Day

Tuesday 30 May

ICAS Exam Science

NYLD Trip

Monday 5 June

Queens Birthday – holiday

Tuesday 6 June

County Cross Country

Friday 9-Sunday 11 June

World Vision – Forty Hour

Famine

Tuesday 13 June

ICAS Exam Writing

Wednesday 14 June

ICAS Exam Spelling

School News

Welcome

We welcome Danielle and Angus to MPS. We hope you 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.

Methven Area Cross Country – Wednesday 24 May

The Area Cross Country is to be held in Lauriston, starting at 12.30pm. Further information will be coming home soon. Postponement date will be the next fine day.

NYLD

The eight MPS House Leaders will be attending the National Young Leaders Day on Tuesday 30th May in Christchurch. A notice with further information will be going home soon.



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

Forty Hour Famine

“We believe that when a generation stands united we can make a difference.”

- World Vision 2017

The Syrian refugee crisis is the greatest forced migration of people since World War II. It's the biggest humanitarian crisis of our time. Millions of children have experienced things that no child should. They have lost family members, their homes and witnessed violence. MPS will be fundraising for the Syrian refugee crisis in Week 8 of this term.

The 2017 40 Hour Famine is officially taking place from 8pm, 9 June until midday, 11 June. We are encouraging all MPS students to support this cause. Team 3 & 4 students will be encouraged to fundraise through a 40 Hour challenge and Team 1 & 2 will be taking part in class challenges. Sponsor books and more information will be sent out closer to the time.





This year's theme was Famous Children's Storybook Characters. A big thank you to Karyn Robertson and Gillian Heald for organising the Scarecrow Trail, and donating the proceeds to Methven Primary School. Methven Primary School was awarded a "Top 10 Award" for "The Lorax" which voted as one of the Top 10 most popular Scarecrows.

Wednesday Sushi Option for Term 2, 2017

Sushi (5 pieces) or Rice Balls (2 balls – no seaweed)

Tuna Mayonnaise	\$5.50 (\$49.50/Term)
Teriyaki Chicken Mayonnaise	\$5.50 (\$49.50/Term)
Gluten-free Vegetarian Sushi	\$5.00 (\$45.00/Term)
Deep Fried Prawn with BBQ sauce	\$6.00 (\$60.00/Term)
Smoked Salmon and Mayonnaise	\$6.00 (\$60.00/Term)

Also available this Term: Plain Rice Calls \$4.00 (\$40.00/Term)
(no sushi vinegar or other ingredients – just rice)

Please write your child's name and room number along with the order on the outside of the envelope, and put the correct money inside – we would prefer to avoid having to give change to make it easier for everyone. Place it in the container provided at the school office by 3.00pm on Tuesday.

We require a day's notice because it's handmade with fresh ingredients!

Allergens: Contains gluten, seafood, soy, and we use whole egg mayonnaise.

If your child is not coming to school on the day you have ordered for, please let us know!

Thanks!

Black Kite Catering



Pink Shirt Day – 26 May

SPEAK UP. STAND TOGETHER. STOP BULLYING

On Friday 26 May 2017, New Zealanders will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day by standing together to take action against bullying. MPS will be acknowledging Pink Shirt Day by having a pink mufti day and a gold coin donation on Friday, 26 May. House leaders will be organising pink face painting and some pink activities! Lessons around accepting other's differences and treating others how you would like to be treated will be taught throughout the week. Thank you for supporting this event!

APW
AFTERSHOCK PRO WRESTLING
MOUNTAIN MAYHEM
PRO WRESTLING IN METHVEN

FAMILY NIGHT OF FUN!!
Proceeds going to:
Methven Primary School & Our Lady of the Snows School

Tickets from www.eventfinda.co.nz

July 8th 2017
Mt Hutt Memorial Hall
Show starts 6pm
Doors Open 5.30pm

Cash bar and food for sale provided by Arabica Cafe



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



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 m³ to your local primary school of choice.

To place your order phone:

James 027 436 9989 or

Ricky 027 436 9317

**Minimum order 40m³*

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