



## Newsletter

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# Wednesday 14 June/Hune 2017 - Term 2 Week 7

## Principal's Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends of MPS,

Firstly this week, a very warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined us in the past fortnight as part of the dairy change-over period. We hope that this is the start of a long and enjoyable learning journey with us. It was great to see that Mt Hutt ski field got off to a cracker start with their season last Friday. I always enjoy seeing the increased vibrancy in town that happens during winter. We are in the process of gearing up for ski option and class ski trips next term, and much of the planning and preparation is complete, with the finishing bits and pieces happening over the next week or so.

I know I've said it in the newsletter before but now, with the white stuff on the mountains, allow me to say it again; please make sure that you have signed up to the Message My Way service. This will be the way we communicate with you during closures. You may receive additional information by phone from the bus controller if any weather event affects bus route timings.

By way of background, in the event of a school closure the school principals liaise with each other during the process. We usually get updated information direct from the Metservice as well as talk to staff or families in the different areas of our school catchment. Sometimes when the outcome is obvious we are able to make the call to close school the night before, however, when conditions are variable we wait until morning to make the decision. If this is the case we will come to a conclusion before 7am and communicate that with you directly; if you hear nothing you can presume it is business as usual. *Interesting fact: Principals can not, in fact close a school for instruction, this is the job of the Board of Trustees Chair. In saying that, Board Chairs (in most cases), require their principals to provide them with accurate information and guidance in such cases.* The decision to close is taken extremely seriously, we have a considerably higher threshold for closures than most other areas in New Zealand. But we will close if we deem the health and safety of our students and staff may be put at risk. This is pertinent also in the days following a snow event when ice can be a major problem both at school and on our roads.

Have a great week,

Chris

## Calendar/Maramataka 2017 Term Dates

### Term 2

Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July

### Term 3

Mon 24 July - Fri 29 September

### Term 4

Mon 16 October - Fri 15  
December

### Friday 16 June

American Hot Dogs

### Wednesday 21 June

Christchurch Cross Country

### Wednesday 28 June

BOT Meeting 7pm

### Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 July

3 Way Conferences

### Friday 7 July

Last day Term 2

### Monday 24 July

First day Term 3

### Friday 28 July

1<sup>st</sup> Ski Option

### Tuesday 1 August

ICAS English Exam

### Thursday 3 August

Winter Tournament

### Friday 4 August

2<sup>nd</sup> Ski Option

### Friday 11 August

3<sup>rd</sup> Ski Option

### Wednesday 16 August

BOT Meeting 7pm

### Friday 18 August

4<sup>th</sup> Ski Option

### 21, 22, 24, 28 August

First Class Ski Trips

# School News

## Welcome

We welcome Kabir, Isaac, Jayesh, Jash, Ella, Maisie and Jahziah to MPS. We hope you all enjoy your school days with us.

## Mid-Year Reporting – 3 Way Conferences

Year 4-6 students will receive a Mid-Year Learning Report at the end of Week 9. We invite you to attend a 3 Way Conference (Student/Parents/Teacher) during Week 10, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. This will be an opportunity to discuss this report and your child's progress and achievement during the first half of the year. Our senior students are collaborating with teachers to show achievement and establish their next learning steps and will be keen to share this with you.

Year 0-3 students who are due a six monthly report will also receive a Learning Report and parents will be invited to a 3 Way Conference. Please see your child's home teacher if you would like clarification of this.

The 3 Way Conference website is [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and the booking code is **jqyze**.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning at any stage of the year, please do not hesitate to pop in for a chat or email your concerns to home teachers. We also like to hear of any successes or special achievements you would like to share about your child.



## Message My Way

If you are having issues signing up for Message My Way, please contact the school office for assistance.

## Class Ski Trips – Term 3, 2017

Below are the dates for our Class ski trips in Term 3 – by teacher name, please mark your calendars.

Monday August 21st and Monday September 4th – Mrs Warburton, Miss Deans and Miss Gold.

Tuesday August 22nd and Tuesday September 5th – Miss Laing, Mrs Breach and Miss Anderson.

Thursday August 24th and Thursday September 7th – Mrs Proudman, Miss Isherwood and Mrs Lilley.

Monday August 28th and Friday September 8th – Mrs Robinson, Mr Dalley and Mrs Spittal/Miss Muir.

Costs and times to be confirmed. Further information will be coming out in due course.

## School Uniform

Staff have noticed a general lack of tidiness in the presentation of our school uniform. Below are the details of our uniform, and we would appreciate families adhering to this.

### Top Options:

Black/Red/White Polo Shirt

Black/Red Polar Fleece and/or Black Hoodie with Red Piping

### Bottom Options:

Plain Black Shorts/Skirt (plain, no logo or patterns)

Plain Black Long Pants (plain, no logo or patterns)

### Other:

Winter Thermals must be Plain Red, Black or White

Socks must be black or white

Beanies are available with our logo for purchase

Outer Jacket of other colour to be worn to and from school only

### Shoes

Must have a back in them (no jandals)

Uniforms may be purchased online from:

NZ Uniforms (our preferred supplier)

Website: <http://methvenprimary.nzuniforms.com>, Phone: 0800 698 643 or 03 929 1213

Second Hand Uniforms please go to [www.facebook.com/mps.uniform.buy.sell](http://www.facebook.com/mps.uniform.buy.sell)

## Beanies

We have a limited quantity of MPS Beanies for sale, \$10 each from our school office.

## Cross Country

George F., John M., and Jade W. will be representing the Mid Canty Zone Team at the Christchurch Cross Country next week. Good luck.

## School Uniform for Sale

New and second-hand MPS uniform for sale, sizes 8, 10 & 12. Please phone or text 027 7827 662.

# Community News

## Homestay Families Wanted

Mount Hutt College is looking for homes where an international student can be hosted with your family. Currently we are looking for placements in Term 3 for two Japanese students who are here for six weeks. One boy in particular, would like to be on a farm. We have 5/6 Korean students arriving for the same time period. We also have two short-stay groups and two girls arriving from China with varying lengths of stay. In Term 4 we have our second Thai group coming through in October for just over two weeks. We also have longer term students who generally arrive at the beginning of the year.

Board is paid fortnightly. Students can come to College on the school buses. As Mount Hutt College follows The Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016, any member in the household who is over 18 years old will be required to complete a police vetting form. If you would be interested in hosting an international student and would like to share your culture with these overseas visitors we would love to hear from you. Please contact Caron Chandler via [international@mthutt.school.nz](mailto:international@mthutt.school.nz) or on 032 8437 ext 720.

**Methven Lions Club** and MT HUTT SKI AREA, SKI EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS – is for up to two young people, up to 11 years old, for a season of free ski instruction, under the Mountain Sliders Programme on Mt Hutt.

Applications close Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Applicants must present themselves on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June on Mt Hutt (with gear) at 1pm at Ski School (p.p. day Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June).

Apply in writing stating name, address, phone number, age and full skiing experience to: Methven Lions, P.O. Box 88, Methven.

Enquiries to Francis Royston, Ph 302 1771 or 027 612 7680 or [froyston@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:froyston@hotmail.co.nz). Methven Lions Youth Activities Coordinator

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METHVEN'S 'FASCINATING LADIES' CHOIR  
with Supporting Artists

**VARIETY  
CONCERT  
Friday 21st July**

**Mt Hutt Hall  
7.30 p.m.  
Tickets \$20**

Available at Methven and Ashburton I-Sites (cash only)  
and Choir members

**Supper provided**



Proceeds to the Methven Care Trust

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**SUPPORTERS UMBRELLA**



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Get your hands on a Methven Supporters umbrella, perfect for those rainy days on the sideline, supporting your favourite team!

Large, auto opening umbrella that has a fully vented double panel wind proof canopy

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3029996 / 027460479

**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 m<sup>2</sup> to your local primary school of choice.

To place your order phone:  
James 027 436 9989 or  
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