



## Newsletter

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# Wednesday 26 July/Huræ 2017

## Term 3 Week 1

### Principal's Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS,

Welcome back for Term 3 and a very special welcome to all our new children and families. I hope you managed to escape any damage caused by last week's foul weather. I was sitting in my office on Friday as the rain teemed down, watching the water level get very close to the Mahuri outside door; most of our court was under a substantial amount of water. The issue wasn't necessarily to do with the rain falling on the courts, but the fact that the McDonald Street storm water drains could not cope and as a result there was a stream pouring in our front gate.

This term is going to be fantastic, what with our class ski trips, Friday options for our seniors for the first six weeks and our whole school production in Week 9. All of these things will be happening in and around the great learning that will be happening in each class. This term our STAR focus is 'Accepting'. While this will remain as a focus for everyone at school for the whole term, we would all appreciate it if you could talk with your child about what it is to be 'accepting' at home and in the community.

In other exciting news the Board have approved the purchase of a school bus. You may have seen an orange and brown bus parked at school last term while we were carrying out some due diligence around the purchase. The bus, previously named Jaffa (for fairly obvious reasons), was owned by Carew Peel Forest School and become available when they purchased a replacement vehicle. Over the holiday the bus has had a significant facelift (thank you Methven Panel and Paint) and will be renamed 'Stellar' to fit in with our STAR motif. I, along with the Board and staff, believe in the importance of connecting learning that happens in the classroom to peoples, places and things in our wider community; having our own bus will enable us to do that more easily. Exciting times!

Have a great week, Chris

### Calendar/Maramataka 2017 Term Dates

#### Term 3

Mon 24 July - Fri 29 September

#### Term 4

Mon 16 October - Fri 15  
December

#### Friday 28 July

1<sup>st</sup> Ski Option

#### Monday 31 July

Ned Juggling Anti Bullying

#### Tuesday 1 August

ICAS English Exam

#### Thursday 3 August

Winter Tournament

#### Friday 4 August

2<sup>nd</sup> Ski Option

#### Tuesday 8 August

Y6 Speeches

#### Friday 11 August

3<sup>rd</sup> Ski Option

#### Tuesday 15 August

ICAS Mathematics Exam

#### Wednesday 16 August

BOT Meeting 7pm

#### Thursday 17 August

Assembly, 2.15pm

#### Friday 18 August

4<sup>th</sup> Ski Option

#### 21, 22, 24, 28 August

First Class Ski Trips

#### Thursday 24 August

ChCh Winter Tournament

#### Friday 25 August

Daffodil Day

5<sup>th</sup> Ski Option

#### Thursday 31 August

Assembly, 2.15pm

# School News

## Welcome

We welcome Tyler, Carter, Skylar, Isaac, Lani, Asher, Bill, Jerome and Charlie to MPS. We hope you all enjoy your school days with us.

## 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 soon.

## Thank you

Our mufti day last term for Kidz Methven raised \$206.20.

Our fundraising efforts towards World Vision to help 90,000 displaced people and create child friendly spaces in Syrian refugee camps raised \$1553.40. Thank you! Well done.

## Southfuels

Thank you to those who have supported MPS through the Fuel for Schools programme, we have received \$969.70. Once the \$1000 target has been reached, we will have the choice of picking from one of the fabulous technology or sports equipment packages on offer. Our school has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels, meaning that for every 2 litres of bulk fuel they purchase, 1 cent is donated to their nominated school.

For further information about the programme call 0800 4 THE KIDS (0800 484 3543) or visit their website [www.southfuels.co.nz](http://www.southfuels.co.nz)

## Daffodil Day – Friday 25 August

Come to school wearing something yellow, and bring a gold coin donation for the Cancer Society.



We are excited to welcome The NED Show to our school on Monday, July 31 at 2:00pm. The Ned show promotes values like kindness, goal setting & self-confidence that support our MPS STARS.

*“By mixing old-fashioned yo-yo fun into each show, we deliver a story and message that’s both entertaining and unforgettable in the mind of a child.”*

Never give up

Encourage others

Do your best

There is no cost for children to attend the show. From Tuesday next week the Students will be able to purchase a yoyo before and after school from School Leaders on the court. This “Pay it forward” sale allows the programme to visit the next school.



## Message My Way

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

## MPS School Assemblies

Due to ski option this term, our full school assemblies will be held on Thursdays at 2.15pm in the Mt Hutt College Hall, on weeks 4, 6, 8 and 10 - (17 & 31 August, and 11 & 28 September).

## Beanies

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

## Wednesday Sushi Option for Term 3, 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 Balls \$4.00 (\$40.00/term)

(No sushi vinegar or other ingredients – just rice)

Please write your child's name and room name 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 in the school office **by 3.00pm on Tuesday**.

**We require a day's notice because it is 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 - 022 414 3869.

## Community News

### Smiles 4 Miles – 19 August, 12pm-3pm

Where: Ryal Bush Transport Ashburton, 77 Maronan Road, Tinwald, Ashburton.

Smiles 4 Miles is a community event offered to anyone with special needs or people facing day-to-day medical challenges.

Come and enjoy a ride in a truck, hotrod, or vintage car.

Free sausage sizzle supplied by Rapid Relief Team. Great raffle prizes.

For anyone wishing to volunteer their time or vehicle please contact Tammy Wright on 027 454 5739.



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