

Term Dates

Term One

First Day Monday 29 January
Last Day Friday 13 April

Term Two

First Day Monday 30 April
Last Day Friday 6 July

Term Three

First Day Monday 23 July
Last Day Friday 28 September

Term Four

First Day Monday 15 October
Last Day Friday 14 December

Event Calendar

Visit the event calendar on our website (under Parent Zone) for event information.

February

- 15 FOMPS Meeting 2.30pm
- 20 Teacher Only Afternoon
- 21 Methven Area Swimming Sports, Y5-6
- 22 County Triathlon
- 23 Pp Methven Area Swimming Sports, Y5-6
- 23 Pp County Triathlon
- 28 MPS Swimming Gala, Y1-4
- 28 BOT Meeting

March

- 6 County Swimming Sports
- 7 Cricket Tournament Y5/6

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www.methven.school.nz



Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS,

Last Friday we held our Senior Triathlon. It was a fabulous event with 130 excited, eager and possibly nervous participants. Events like this are one of the strengths of Methven Primary. Staff go "all out" to organise the best possible event and make the day special for the children. For our new families this is but one of a series of 'red letter' / 'blue ribbon' events we hold throughout the year. Next week we have our lengths swimming sports, combined with OLS and Lauriston, and then in a couple of weeks' time we will hold a junior swimming gala and 'give it a go' duathlon. I love days like these and they remind me of the reason of why I chose teaching as a career in the first place.

I have spent quite a bit of time wandering around the classes during the start of the year and I have been struck by how settled they all seem. Everyone is now getting down to the serious task of learning and I am looking forward to seeing how our big learning topics develop in different parts of the school throughout the term.

I am aware that some children are bringing cell phones to school and I completely understand the reasons as to why they may be needed. However, if this pertains to your child, could you please remind them that they need to keep them in their bags, or give them to their teacher, for the duration of the school day.

This term's STAR focus is Accepting. We will be spending a considerable amount of time in classes looking at what it means to be an accepting person. It would be great if you could follow this up at home with what 'accepting' means / looks like for your family.

Have a great week,

Chris

Welcome To Our New Students

Hakatere L	Justine
Mahuri S	Hemi, and Hunter
Opuke W	Jesse



Making Pathways to the Stars

Teacher Only Afternoon Session for Professional Development

School will close for instruction at 1.30pm
on Tuesday 20 February
Buses will leave by 1.45pm

Tutoring of Students by External Providers

The Board now has a procedure for tutoring of students during class time by external providers. If you are a tutor intending to work with students during class time this year, please contact the school office for a copy of this procedure.

Triathlon - Winners 2018

Back Row: Jade, Emma B, Lexi, Chloe, Emma A, Lucie, Rata, Freddy, Geordie.

Front Row: Elsie, Izzy, Struan, Harry, Elliott, Penny, Ella, Jasmine, William, Jamie.



Stationery Invoices

Reminders have gone out this week. We would appreciate payment by the end of next week please.

Books in School

Purchase any two specially marked Kellogg's products in one transaction from New World to redeem a \$10 Dymocks e-voucher for your family at freebooks.kelloggs.com and in the process nominate Methven Primary School for free books! Promotion ends 28 February 2018 and e-vouchers must be claimed by 14 March 2018.



Buy any two specially marked Kellogg's products from New World to redeem a \$10 Dymocks e-voucher online and vote to support your local school with free books! Available from 1 January 2018 to 28 February 2018.

For full T&C and a list of participating schools, see www.kelloggs.co.nz/freebooks



Upcoming MPS Birthdays

February 16	Henry (Opuke R)
February 17	Elsie (Double Hill)
February 20	Kaleb (Opuke W)
February 21	Jade (Opuke D)
February 25	Scarlet (Mahuri I)
February 25	Ricky (Opuke R)



Microsoft MIE Network

Sue Furdorfler has been accepted to attend this year's E2 conference in Singapore. Sue has put a massive amount of time into her application and presentation, so it's a wonderful accolade, not only for her but for the whole school, to have the work we are doing at our place recognised on a global stage. As an MS Showcase school it would be great to have more staff work towards this annual conference. This conference will be in Week 7 of this Term, and it is great that Microsoft pick up the whole tab for this as well - thank you Bill Gates for sharing the love.

Swimming

All classes will be swimming daily. Please ensure your child/ren bring their named swimming togs and towels to school every day. Thank you.

After School Instructions

Parents please be aware that should you need to contact the school with updated after school instructions for your children, **please phone the office before 2.30pm**. Please do NOT email or text the teaching staff, or email the office. There are usually many notices to be delivered before the end of the school day, and it all takes time.

Friends of MPS Meeting

Thursday 15th February at 2.30 pm in the Staffroom. As a number of our group have moved onto College, we would welcome new parents who are wanting to help with fundraising towards the education of their children. Afternoon tea will be provided.

School Assemblies

School Assemblies are held fortnightly on Fridays at 2.15pm in the Mt Hutt College hall. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. Our first assembly for this year will be held on Friday, 23rd February.

Buses

A bus notice went home last week, so that you can indicate if your child is off the bus on set days each week. Please fill this out and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Contact Updates

Please advise the office staff if you have had a change of address, phone numbers, and email address. Should we need to contact you in the case of an emergency regarding your child, valuable time can be wasted if our contact information is not correct.

School Pick up - Drop Off Safety

We advise parents/caregivers not to utilise the parking spaces beyond the Memorial Archway on McDonald Street during the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm, unless you are making use of the disability parking. Reversing out of these parks into a heavily congested traffic area with young children present is not advisable. Please also keep your speed down around the school.

Upcoming Swimming Events

Notices regarding our upcoming swimming events will be distributed to families soon. Key information is detailed below, and more details can also be found on our website event calendar.

Methven Area Swimming Sports

11:00am - 2:30pm Wednesday 21st February
MPS, OLS & Lauriston School (Event organised by OLS)
This is for our Years 5 & 6 only, a qualifying event for Counties.

Event programme (times are approximate only):

- Relays, Butterfly, Breaststroke events 11:00am - 12:00pm
- Backstroke events 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Freestyle events 1:45pm - 2:30pm

MPS Swim Gala

11:00am - 1:00pm Wednesday 28th February
Organised by MPS
This is for Years 1 - 4, a fun event, celebrating participation and having a go.

School Donations

Methven Primary School is not planning on requesting school donations from families this year. The Government's new education policy includes a proposal where we can receive a payment of \$150 per student per year (over and above our existing funding) in replace of our current voluntary donations requests.

Absences

If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the office (302 8500) as soon as possible leaving a message clearly stating:

- Name of child
- Name of the classroom and/or teacher name
- Why they are absent for the day
- What bus run they are on (if applicable)

If your child is late to school, please have them visit the office before heading to their classroom. Many thanks!



Junior Trials—Domain Courts

Year 7-8 Tuesday 20th & 27th February at 3.30pm.

Year 5-6 No trials for this age group.

Year 1-4 Your netball starts in Term 2, register now or closer to the time.

Please contact Becs Cavanagh 027 694 3838 for more info.
Player registrations to be completed by February 9th, 2018 at www.sporty.co.nz/methvennc

Parenting Helpline

we can help with any of your parenting concerns

get support, advice and practical strategies

Call 0800 568 856
9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday

www.parenthelp.org.nz

Parent Help logo

Parent Help is a **non profit organisation supporting parents** to build resilient and positive families/whānau. We offer a free **Helpline** for parents and caregivers providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting concern.

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Support our School through Fuel for Schools

- Southfuels donates 50 cents for every 100 Litres of bulk fuel that you have delivered to us!
- We can then redeem these funds for a technology package or sports equipment package, its that easy!

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS
School Sponsorship Programme

Phone 0800 999 989 www.southfuels.co.nz

Proud to support the rebuild of the Methven Primary School website!

#keepingitlocal

www.norwestarch.com



Open Day

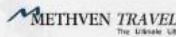
Sat 3rd March 2018
(Alternative weather date Sun 4th March)

Unlimited lift access all day
EFTPOS on site



- Summit Six Chairlift for Walkers & Bikers
- Super Slip & Slide (bring togs!)
- Live Music, Market Stalls, Bar & Café & BBQ
- Scenic Helicopter Rides
- Ski Area Inner-workings Tour

Event Partners:



All proceeds will be distributed to local community groups and causes by the Methven Lions Charitable Trust

- Bike \$30.00** Per person
- Walk \$20.00** Per person
- Children Free** * 10 yrs or under
- Heli Flight \$79.00** Per person
After admission 10 mins fly time

Shuttle Bus from Methven Travel

\$20.00 per person - Booking essential Ph: 0800 684 888



For additional information
discovermthutt.co.nz



Thinking about becoming a Foster Parent?

Could you provide quality care for a child or young person in your community? Oranga Tamariki are looking for people who are interested in making a difference to the life of a child or young person.

If you are in the position to offer a child or young person a home where they will receive quality care and support, we will be holding an information session which outlines the foster care process on **21st February 2018, 10-12pm**, Oranga Tamariki, 99 Tancred Street, Ashburton.

RSVP by 19 February 2018, 03 908 0794.

PMP Limited are looking for a well organised person to step up and manage the distribution of local newspapers and advertising material within the Methven area. This opportunity is rare and we are looking for someone who is motivated and determined to run their own business. This is part time and contracted.

You will be accountable for your own area and organising distribution as required as well as your team. Flexibility to manage most of your work from home.

Must have –

- *Good communication
 - *Excellent organisation skills
 - *Work within deadlines of distribution
 - *Good Geographical knowledge of Methven
- Own reliable transport is required, a van is recommended to help with distribution. Internet access, phone and laptop. Must also be able to provide short term undercover storage.

Please apply to julian.hill@pmplimited.co.nz

Ashburton Parenting Week!

26 Feb - 03 Mar

Presentations by:
The Brainwave Trust

The Early Years/Adolescent Brain

Attitude

Tackling Technology

MHERC

Understanding & Managing
Children's Anxiety

Family fun day at Hakatere Marae
&
Family cooking evening



Call 0272287995 with queries **Check out the calendar of events & register at: www.rcpho.org.nz**

