

2018 FRIDAY SNOW SPORT OPTION



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

Winter is coming, time to dust off that ski gear and roll into another season at Mt Hutt Ski Area.

Below is an outline of the Friday Snow Sport option for 2018. We appreciate that this programme can be costly for some families, with that in mind we are giving families as much notice as possible.

Further detailed information will be sent home at the start of term three to all students that have signed up.

Please contact Adele Warburton (awarburton@methven.school.nz) if you require further information.

Note: Students also have the opportunity to head up to Mt Hutt Ski Area via class ski trips. Information on class trips will be sent home to students at a later date.

Key Information

- Year 4 to 6 students only.
- 6 week ski/board programme, held on Fridays from 11am – 4:30pm.
- Suitable for any ability level.
- 1 hr 25 min lesson followed by 1 hr 30 mins of skiing/boarding with parents.
- Commences Friday 3rd August - Week 2, Term 3 .
- Student cost: \$233.00 + Mt Hutt Ski Area season pass.
- Permission slip must be received by 3:30pm Friday 6th July (last day of Term 2) – no exceptions!
- Payment must be made in full by 3:30pm Friday 27th July (one week before programme commences).

Dates

The Snow Sport Option will commence Week 2, Term 3 and will run for six Fridays in a row, conditions permitting:
3rd August | 10th August | 17th August | 24th August | 31st August | 7th September

Timetable

Below is the approx timetable for Friday Snow Sport Option. More detailed information will be provided later.

09:00am	Class as normal
11:00am	Board buses and depart school
12:00pm	Arrive Mt Hutt Ski Area
12:20pm	Student lessons, parents can spend the lesson time skiing
02:00pm	Parents & students ski/board together
3:30pm	Parents & students return all gear
3:45pm	Bus departs
4:30pm	Bus arrives back to school

Student Cost

- MPS will invoice students \$233.00 for the Friday Snow Sport Option, which includes a 1 hour 25 mins lesson, ski/board rental equipment, and transport each day. This works out at just over \$38 per day! A big thank you to Mt Hutt Ski Area & Methven Travel for their heavily discounted pricing.
- Each student participating in the programme must have a Mt Hutt Season Pass. These can be purchased from www.nzski.com/mt-hutt. A season pass for a child 10 years & under as at the 1st June is \$20. Students over 10 years of age need to have purchased a Mt Hutt Local Schools Pass.
- All students pay the same amount regardless of own gear. All students must participate in lessons.
- Payment must be received in full by 3:30pm Friday 27th July (End of Week 1, Term 3). Please contact Sue Furndorfler/Keryn Hooker if you would like to discuss payment options.
- Mt Hutt have advised that there will be NO refunds unless there are extreme circumstances and a medical certificate will need to be sighted. In the event of a cancellation/sickness, the bus cost will be refunded at the end of the programme.

Parent Help

- Parents/caregivers of children participating in the Friday Snow Sport Option are expected to be an 'on mountain' supervisor at least once during the programme.
- We require parents to supervise more than just their own child/children. Please be aware of this.
- We desperately need parents who ski on Highway 72 & Broadway. We can usually cater for our advanced skiers & beginners, but struggle with intermediate supervision. You do not need to be an expert skier to help!
- Non-skiing/boarding parents are of most use early in the programme – probably days 1-3 when some children are still on the Magic Carpet.
- If we do not have enough parents on the day, children can only ski on Highway 72 during the free ski times.
- We try to have 1 adult to 3 children when skiing the Summit 6 and above for ease of management.
- Our Health and Safety policy requires some parent help on the bus.
- Parent help costs are listed below:

Lift Pass and/or Rental & Transport	\$38.00
Lift Pass and/or Rental only	\$20.00
Transport only	\$18.00
- Please note that Parent Help costs do not include a lesson. All parent help expenses must be prepaid.

Other Information

Meeting

- Nearer the time we will hold a meeting to briefly go through programme and answer any questions. This meeting is ideal for parents who have not been part of our ski option before. We are hoping to have a representative from Methven Travel present should you have any questions regarding transport.

Bus Students

- If you are a school bus student please be aware that the Methven bus company has advised us that due to a lack of space, students skis/boards cannot be brought to school on the school bus. You must make alternative arrangements to get your ski gear to school.

Transport

- Our school policy is that all children must travel up to the mountain on the bus. This is not negotiable. We do not do pick-ups along the way.
- If you would like your child to catch a ride down the hill at the end of the day with you or another parent we must have parent permission for this. A quick email will suffice. All parents taking children home in cars at the end of the day need to sign their children out on the form provided.
- Our Health and Safety regulations require us to know where children are at all times. Our transport policy is available if required.

Student Behaviour

- Any reports of poor student behaviour will result in the student missing the next scheduled ski trip. Good manners are expected at ALL times. All students are required to sign a code of conduct that outlines our behaviour expectations in accordance with our school values. Students must only ski on main trails unless under the direct supervision of their own parent.

Staff

- Adele Warburton and Chris Murphy will oversee group management and travel with the group on Fridays. Other staff members may attend if numbers require.

Clothing

- Students need their own ski pants, jackets, goggles and gloves. Helmets are strongly recommended and are available (free) from the rental department. Children may wear their ski gear to school in the morning.

Food

- Please ensure your child has plenty of food on ski days as they burn a lot of energy. Food items can be purchased from the Mt Hutt Ski Area's cafe.

Mountain Safety – Your Responsibility

When skiing or riding, a great guideline for safety is the snow responsibility code – these responsibilities are designed to ensure the safest and most enjoyable experience for everyone on the mountain. Please follow “the responsibility code” at all times.

THE SNOW RESPONSIBILITY GUIDE

- **Stay in control at all times** - Know your ability, start easy, be able to stop and avoid other people.
- **People below you have the right of way** - The skier or boarder downhill of you has the right of way, also look above before entering a trail.
- **Obey all ski are signage** - Signs are there for your safety, keep out of closed areas.
- **Look before you leap** - Scope jumps first, ensure the area is clear of others, use a spotter on blind jumps.
- **Stop where you can be seen** - When stopping, try to move to the side of the trail where you can be seen from above.
- **Don't lose what you use** - Equipment must be secured while walking or stashing.
- **Stay on scene** - If you are involved in, or witness, an accident, remain at the scene and identify yourself to Ski Patrol.
- **Respect gets respect** - From the lift lines, to the slopes and through the park.

Mt Hutt Ski Area Ability Guide

Please use the below information to determine your child's ability level. If you are unsure about your child's ski/board ability level, please err on the side of caution. Being able to ski from the top of the mountain to the bottom does not automatically mean a level 6 ability. These levels include knee deep powder on a bluebird day to white-out conditions. Mt Hutt Ski Area have advised us that their lessons focus on TECHNIQUE. Please be aware of this when selecting your child's level. Methven Primary staff are unable to change your child's level once selected.

Ski Ability Guide

1 NEVER SKIED

If you've never skied before, this is the level for you! If you've skied before but can't yet change the size of your wedge, maybe stick to level 1.

2 NOVICE

If you can stop by making your wedge bigger or change directions when skiing, maybe even turn to stop, you are a level 2.

3A CHAIRLIFT

If you can ride the chairlift & link turns down a green run, but you're not quiet skiing with parallel turns & use a wedge to turn & control your speed. If you start off with a wedge & finish your turn with a parallel, you are level 3A.

3B CHAIRLIFT

If you can ski parallel all the way through your turns, but are not yet able to ski a BLUE run all the way down with parallel turns, you are level 3B.

4 BLUE RUNS

If you can ski blue runs comfortably, but not yet ski the rest of the mountain, you are level 4.

5 ALL MOUNTAIN

If you can comfortably ski off piste, over lumps & bumps, powder & hard snow. If when you carve you leave clean tracks, you are level 5.

6 EXPERT

If you can do everything listed above, pick you line & ski it, & ski all day without getting tired. You're level 6.

Snowboard Ability Guide

1 NEVER RIDEN

If you've never snowboarded before, don't yet know your stance & can't strap in, you are a level 1 snowboarder.

2A NOVICE

If you can do the above, but not yet slip down the magic carpet & stop in control. Or not yet do a floating leaf on toes and heels you are level 2a.

3B ABLE TO STOP

If you can stop on your snowboard, but not yet link your turns you are level 2B.

3B CHAIRLIFT

If you can ride the chairlift & link turns down a green run but not yet change the size and shape of your turn, you are level 3.

4 BLUE RUNS

If you have tried a bit of freestyle, and can now link your turns down a blue run, you are level 4.

5 ALL MOUNTAIN

If you can ride switch, link your turns down any groomed run, make strong edge turns & ride off piste you are level 5.

6 EXPERT

If you can do all the above & see your line & ride it, ride all day without getting tired, you are level 6.

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Please return to the school office by 3:30pm Friday 6th July – the last day of term two

Parent Consent

I give permission for my child to take part in the Friday Snow Sport Option:

Child Name: _____ Room: _____ Age: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

My child will be: Skiing Snowboarding

We have read the information on ability levels and believe they are (please circle):

Ski Ability Level L1 L2 L3a L3b L4 L5 L6

Snowboard Ability Level L1 L2a L2b L3 L4 L5 L6

My child has their own ski/board gear

Emergency Contact Name & Number: _____

Parent Help

Name: _____ Signature: _____

I will be: A non-skier Skiing Snowboarding

Ski Ability Level L1 L2 L3a L3b L4 L5 L6

Snowboard Ability Level L1 L2a L2b L3 L4 L5 L6

Please tick appropriate boxes	03 Aug	10 Aug	17 Aug	24 Aug	31 Aug	07 Sep
Parent help						
Rental required						
Lift pass required						
Transport required						

Please keep a record of the days that you are parent helping as we will not be reconfirming these dates with you. If you indicate on this form that you are parent helping we will assign you children to look after for that day. If you discover that you can't come please let Adele know by the Thursday before via email awarburton@methven.school.nz. Just turning up or not turning up on a Friday disrupts arrangements we have made for children's out of lesson groupings and can lead to mismatching of abilities within parent helper groups.

Medical Information

Is there any medical information/equipment that the school needs to know about?

Payment

An invoice for student costs (\$233) and any related parent helper costs will be sent home following receipt of your form. Payment via internet banking is preferred. Account Number: 02 0868 0013797 02. All student expenses must be made in full by Friday 27th July. All parent helper expenses must be prepaid as well.

Office Use: Spreadsheet <input type="checkbox"/> Invoice <input type="checkbox"/> Notes:
