

## Term Dates

### 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.

### May

30 National Young Leaders Day

30 Light up the Night

### June

01 Antarctic Centre Trip Mahuri

04 Queens Birthday Holiday

05 County Cross Country

06 pp Light up the Night

08 Antarctic Centre Trip Hakatere

12 ICAS Writing Exam

13 ICAS Spelling Exam

20 Christchurch Cross Country

20 Teachers Union Meeting

21 Music Festival - MPS night

22 Whanau Hui 2.15pm

28 Showcase Event

28 BOT Meeting

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## Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS

The weather has cleared and the course is ready to be illuminated for runners! As the sun sets tonight, we look forward to seeing you at our Fun Run to help celebrate what makes our community a great place. Thank you to all the students and staff who have helped prepare for tonight's event. Thanks also to the families who have supported the fundraiser and our community members who have provided spot prizes or who have come together to help with our organisation. We will have a range of food options for purchase and glow products to help light up the night! Come and join the fun!

It has been a pleasure sitting in Chris' Office over the past five weeks and enjoying the view of happenings around the school. From students out participating in a range of physical activities, to practising their learning with chalk on the concrete, we have busy learning on display across the rooms. I have particularly enjoyed having students come across and share their writing with me. There has been a huge amount of pride demonstrated as they have shared their writing achievements.

Writing is an area of focus for us school-wide this year. Last week's Professional Development at our Teacher Only Afternoon saw teachers from across our nine schools sitting down together to discuss writers in their classrooms. We were assessing students against a framework and identifying specific next steps for them. Writing has many purposes and applications within the school day eg: recording what happens in a Science experiment to stating what we can observe on Maths graphs. At MPS we have Pathways to help our students understand how they can improve their writing. Our pathways focus on particular skills in writing. They clearly show our students how they can prove that they are able to demonstrate various skills. We have noticed a real shift in attitudes towards writing and the confidence to have a go and write!

At the end of term we have 3-Way Conferences that will allow you to see and hear all about your child's writing and more. Please see further information in the Newsletter about how you can book your conference on one of the two afternoon/evenings we have set aside. If neither of these dates work for you, please make another time to meet with your child's teacher, as the sharing of learning is an important part of our reporting process.

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Making Pathways to the Stars

## Light up the Night

We look forward to seeing everyone tonight at the Methven Domain. Remember to dress warm & bright, and to bring a torch or headlamp with you.

### Event Timing

From 5pm Registration at the Methven Rugby Clubrooms  
Free for all MPS students, \$2 for everyone else  
5:45pm Warmup starts with the Mountain Gym team  
6:00pm Fun Run / Walk starts  
7:00pm Last lap callout for those still on the track



**LIGHT UP THE NIGHT**  
'COMMUNITY FUN RUN / WALK'  
WEDNESDAY 30 MAY

**METHVEN DOMAIN**  
Arrive from 5pm  
Rugby Clubrooms  
**6pm start**  
Dress bright  
Bring a torch  
or headlamp

**1.25km track**  
You choose how  
many laps you do

**SPOT PRIZES**  
Individuals  
& Teams  
Families  
Corporate

**FOR SALE ON NIGHT:**  
**BBQ**  
Hot Drinks  
**Glow Products**

MORE INFO & PRE REGISTRATION AT:  
[www.methven.school.nz/fun-run](http://www.methven.school.nz/fun-run)

**METHVEN Primary School**  
**Ronald McDonald House**

## Paid Union Meeting

On Wednesday 20th June the teachers who are members of the NZEI are required to attend a paid union meeting at Ashburton Intermediate. The teachers will need to leave at 1.30pm to be in Ashburton for a 2pm meeting. School will remain open and buses will operate at the usual time. There will be 7 staff members who will be at school supervising students for the afternoon. If you wish to collect your child for the afternoon, please let the office know.

## Thursday Sports Practise - Road Safety

Please ensure you have discussed with your child/ren the safe way to get to sports practise. It has been brought to our attention that several children have been crossing the road in front of vehicles. We do not want your child to be

## Upcoming MPS Birthdays

June 1 Estella (Opuke D)  
June 6 Clete (Opuke W)  
June 11 Rata (Opuke R)  
June 12 Logan (Barrhill)  
June 14 Keira (Piwakawaka B)  
June 15 Elliott Piwakawaka B)  
June 15 Elin (Hakaterere G)



## Welcome To Our New Students

Classroom	Name
Double Hill	Linnea
Hakaterere L	Max
Mahuri T	Emily

Enjoy your school days at Methven Primary School.

## Heartland Music Festival 2018

The Heartland Music Festival is an annual event where Mid Canterbury's local school choirs perform over three evenings, showcasing their talents in this popular Choral Festival.

Methven Primary School will be performing on Thursday 21st June along with Ashburton Intermediate B, Dorie, Rakaia, St Joseph's & the Mid Canterbury Rep Choir.

Below are the event details so that you can purchase tickets - we recommend doing this quickly to avoid disappointment.

MPS Date: Thursday 21st June 2018  
Venue: Ashburton Trust Event Centre  
Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm (approx.)  
Tickets: \$14 each (allocated seating) – fees apply  
Under 1's free on knee  
TicketDirect: <https://goo.gl/PLfbHE> or directly from the Ashburton Trust Event Centre. Please note that there will be no refunds, exchanges or transfers of tickets.

## School Donations

In the Government's budget announced last week, Health was a deserving winner of a real boost to funding. Unfortunately for the education sector, this means that the promised addition to school operational grants in lieu of school donations was not included. As reported in the Guardian last week, this leaves all schools in our area well out of pocket this year.

As the government will no longer be contributing a donation for each student, we will be putting out information in the next few weeks regarding requesting voluntary donations (as we have in previous years).

## Methven Area Cross Country

Well done to everyone that took part in the Methven Area Cross Country at Lauriston School. What an amazing day we had and it was great to see everyone 'giving it a go' in true MPS STAR spirit. Below is a list of names that finished in the top 10 of each race:

### Year 0 - 1 Boys

1<sup>ST</sup> Charlie M, 2<sup>ND</sup> Tyler A, 3<sup>RD</sup> Jerome C, 5<sup>TH</sup> Angus R,  
6<sup>TH</sup> Max B, 7<sup>TH</sup> Christopher T, 9<sup>TH</sup> Oskar H,

### Year 0 - 1 Girls

2<sup>ND</sup> Ava M, 3<sup>RD</sup> Emily G, 5<sup>TH</sup> Bethany F, 7<sup>TH</sup> Isabella B,  
8<sup>TH</sup> Stephanie L, 9<sup>TH</sup> Rykie G, 10<sup>TH</sup> Danielle S

### Year 2 Boys

3<sup>RD</sup> Cam M, 4<sup>TH</sup> Owen H, 6<sup>TH</sup> Harrison C, 9<sup>TH</sup> Corey M,  
10<sup>TH</sup> Adam W

### Year 2 Girls

2<sup>ND</sup> Nia P, 3<sup>RD</sup> Ava G, 5<sup>TH</sup> Charli B, 6<sup>TH</sup> Scarlet F, 7<sup>TH</sup> Immy T,  
9<sup>TH</sup> Elin H, 10<sup>TH</sup> Chloe D

### Year 3 Boys

3<sup>RD</sup> Aidan B, 4<sup>TH</sup> Max M, 6<sup>TH</sup> Pat J, 7<sup>TH</sup> Josh L, 10<sup>TH</sup> Matthew H

### Year 3 Girls

1<sup>ST</sup> Annalise K, 3<sup>RD</sup> Izzy J, 4<sup>TH</sup> Rosie S, 6<sup>TH</sup> Olivia M, 7<sup>TH</sup> Frida W,  
8<sup>TH</sup> Lily N, 9<sup>TH</sup> Zoe R, 10<sup>TH</sup> Abby M

### Year 4 Boys

1<sup>ST</sup> Elliot M, 2<sup>ND</sup> Struan R, 4<sup>TH</sup> Harry F, 8<sup>TH</sup> Hamish C  
9<sup>TH</sup> Charlie K, 10<sup>TH</sup> Ben P

### Year 4 Girls

1<sup>ST</sup> Jasmine C, 2<sup>ND</sup> Grace N, 4<sup>TH</sup> Lacey W, 5<sup>TH</sup> Stacey H,  
6<sup>TH</sup> Penny R, 7<sup>TH</sup> Ella Q, 8<sup>TH</sup> Juliet E, 10<sup>TH</sup> Bridget G

### Year 5 Boys

1<sup>ST</sup> William B, 2<sup>ND</sup> Monty K, 3<sup>RD</sup> Matthew G, 4<sup>TH</sup> Jamie K,  
7<sup>TH</sup> Tobi P, 8<sup>TH</sup> Henry L, 9<sup>TH</sup> Sam W, 10<sup>TH</sup> Gishbert P

### Year 5 Girls

1<sup>ST</sup> Emma A, 3<sup>RD</sup> Emma B, 4<sup>TH</sup> Lucy F, 6<sup>TH</sup> Chloe L, 7<sup>TH</sup> Megan B,  
9<sup>TH</sup> Issy M

### Year 6 Boys

1<sup>ST</sup> Rata T, 3<sup>RD</sup> Ryan W, 4<sup>TH</sup> Liam C, 5<sup>TH</sup> Freddy J, 6<sup>TH</sup> Lua O,  
8<sup>TH</sup> Noah M, 9<sup>TH</sup> Blake R, 10<sup>TH</sup> Byron C

### Year 6 Girls

1<sup>ST</sup> Lucie H, 2<sup>ND</sup> Jade W, 3<sup>RD</sup> Hannah D, 5<sup>TH</sup> Amiie M,  
8<sup>TH</sup> Sarah R, 9<sup>TH</sup> Sophie S

Year 5 & 6 students who placed in the top six will be representing Methven Primary School at the Mid Canterbury Cross Country event on Tuesday 6th June.

## Friday Snow Sport Option

Notices for our Friday Snow Sport Option have been distributed to interested students. A copy of the notice is available from the office or our [website](#).

The six week programme, starting on Friday 3rd August, is available to Year 4 - 6 students and is suitable for any ability level.

The permission slip needs to be returned to the school office by the last day of Term 2, and payment needs to be made one week before the programme commences.

Note: All MPS students will 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.

## Pink Shirt Day - Friday 18 May

Thank you to everyone that wore pink to promote the message of "Speak Up, Stand Together & Stop Bullying". A jump jam session was held in the court and the school donated \$200 to the Mental Health Foundation in support of Pink Shirt Day.



## Whanau Hui

This term we are trialling a new way of celebrating our learning and successes. Every second Friday students will be gathering in their house/whanau groups for about half an hour. During this time, students will have the opportunity to sing, be proud of their work and celebrate our MPS STAR's. Students will be in smaller sharing groups, alongside their siblings, to talk about their learning.

We will use the first two whanau hui times to set up our groups and fine tune the sessions, then we will be inviting parents along to hear about all the fabulous things happening at MPS. Watch out in the newsletter for more info and pencil 22nd June to come and join us!

On the 6th of July we will be having a whole school sharing assembly at 2pm, followed by tea and coffee for families at 2.30pm. This is another date to put on the calendar.

## Beanies

Our office has a limited supply of school beanies for sale at \$10 each. Two varieties are available - plain red, or red with a black band. Once these are sold, purchases will need to be made online through our uniform supplier, or through their retail outlet in Christchurch.

## Bus Vests

We have a very small amount of vests remaining for students to wear. Please have a look around home and bring any extra vests back to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

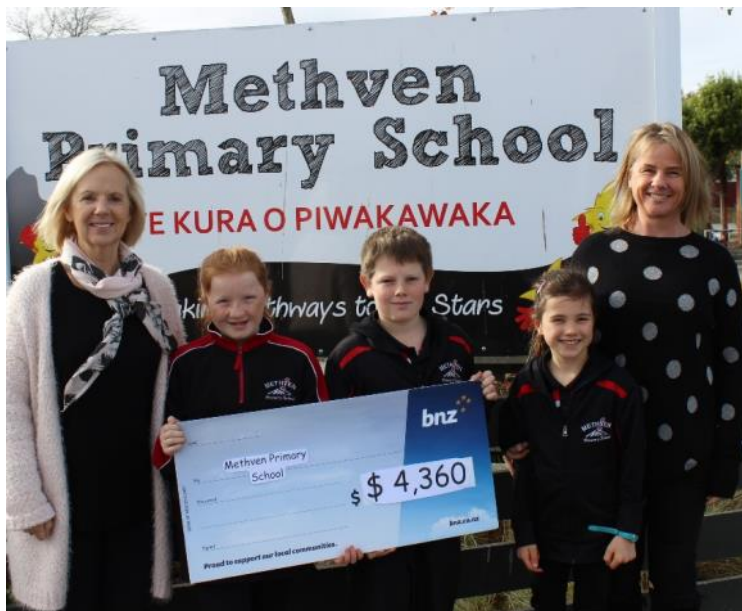
## Methven Scarecrow Trail

A sincere thank you to Karyn Robertson and Gillian Heald for their recent donation of \$4,360 to Methven Primary School - profit from the recent Methven Scarecrow Trail.

An unprecedented number of businesses, organisations & families offered to build scarecrows this year, with 40 scarecrows representing a nursery rhyme character scattered around town.

Around 2000 people made the most of the fine weather during the school holidays to participate in the trail, half of these coming from out of town. The Scarecrow Trail is a fantastic school holiday activity, one that not only benefits Methven Primary School and the Methven i-SITE Visitor Centre (who sell the trail maps) but the Methven township as a whole - the event just keeps getting better each year and their facebook page is full of amazing comments on what a great day people had in Methven!

Thank you to everyone that created scarecrows and/or took part in the Trail, and a special thanks to the trail supporters and sponsors that support this event:



## 3 Way Conferences 3rd - 4th July

This year we are meeting with all families mid-year for our 3 Way Conferences. Post National Standards reporting allows us more flexibility. We have decided that a mid and end of year reporting schedule is less confusing for all. Your child will still have the same written report format but the graphs have been adapted to reflect Curriculum Levels instead of National Standards. Written Reports will be sent home with each child at the end of Week 9.

Before your conference, you will have an opportunity to come inside out of the cold and spend some time prior to meeting with classroom teachers to look through your child's books, photos (or online learning in the Senior school). We encourage you to arrive 5 minutes early and your child will talk you through some of the learning that they have enjoyed during the first half of the year. When you book please allow time between conferences, if you have more than one child.

Please make your booking at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)  
Code is 3kkzk

## MPS STAR Collector Cards

Our MPS STARS are at the centre of our Vision for teaching and learning for MPS children. Being Sporting, Trustworthy, Accepting & Responsible are the personal qualities we believe will ensure children learn, work cooperatively and play alongside each other successfully.

Students are rewarded with a sticker on their MPS STAR certificate when they demonstrate these attributes in class. (Each team has created a break down of what these skills look like at their level). Once the students have gained all of the stickers for the individual attribute, they receive their collectors card for that STAR. The absolute STARS of the school will earn all of their collectors cards during the year and then be awarded their MPS STAR wristband, the ultimate goal!

Congratulations to the following students that received a Collectors Card at last weeks Whanau Hui:

### Whero House

- Georgia M
- Jordan O
- Holly T

### Kakariki House

- Lucas P
- Harriet B
- Jack C
- Lua O

### Kowhai House

- William B
- Ethan R
- Charlie M
- Holly W
- Nikita C



## Teacher Only Afternoon

Around 100 teachers from the Opuke Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako schools spent the afternoon at Mount Hutt College earlier this month undertaking a professional development session - building relationships with other teachers and undertaking personal development activities focused on lifting student achievement in writing.

The Opuke Community of Learning | Kahui Ako represents around 1400 students from Chertsey, Dorie, Lauriston, Mayfield, Methven, Mount Hutt College, Mt Somers Springburn, Our Lady of the Snows and Rakaia Schools, all sharing the vision of learning together (Ako Tahī) working together (Mahi Tahī) and raising achievement (Paetae Kohi).





# Mount Hutt College

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Open Day

Tours commence:  
9am, 10am, 11.30am,  
12.30pm, 2pm

## Information Evening 7pm

Meet the Principal & Senior Staff  
School Information

**1 hour programme & refreshments - register now**  
**03 302 8437 or office@mthutt.school.nz**



Meet the Principal

Tour the School

See the School at work

# It's all here

## Wednesday Sushi

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

Tuna Mayonnaise	\$5.50 (\$44/Term)
Teriyaki Chicken Mayonnaise	\$5.50 (\$44/Term)
Gluten-free Vegetarian Sushi	\$5.00 (\$40/Term)
Deep Fried Prawn with BBQ sauce	\$6.00 (\$54/Term)
Smoked Salmon and Mayonnaise	\$6.00 (\$54/Term)

Also available this Term:

Plain Rice Balls	\$4.00 (\$36/Term)
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*(no sushi vinegar or other ingredients – just rice)*

Write your child's name, room and order on the outside of an envelope, and place the correct money inside. Order to be delivered to school office by 3:00pm each Tuesday.

## KIDZMETHVEN Fundraiser

Members from KIDZMETHVEN (the organisation raising funds for Methven's new Skate Park) will be at MPS at 3pm on Wednesday 6th June selling tickets for their Lego theme fundraiser.

**KIDZMETHVEN**  
**LEGO® THEMED FUNDRAISER**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**10am – 12noon**  
**\$5 per Child. (Adult supervision required for all children)**  
**Mt Hutt College Hall**  
**McDonald Street, Methven**

Parents bring your books and relax while your children dive into the 1000's of pieces of LEGO® at this creative event (Or get in there and play too!!!)

Available on the day will be 100,000 + bricks in the form of:

- DUPLO and DUPLO Trains
- General LEGO Bricks
- Star Wars and TECHNIC themed LEGO
- Friends Themed LEGO
- Tree themed building area
- Mosaics and MORE!

**This event is suitable for Girls and Boys of ALL ages.**  
**Just 200 tickets available so reserve your ticket today!**

**Mini figure sales available at the event too! Bring cash, with a portion of all sales going to the fundraiser.**

Contact: **Liz McMillan**

Phone: **021708013**

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