

MT HUTT CLASS SNOW SPORT TRIPS

Term Three, Weeks 3 - 5 2018

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We are pleased to once again offer our students the opportunity to travel in class groups to Mount Hutt for skiing or snowboarding. Both the staff and students are looking forward to this unique opportunity.

Why do we include skiing/boarding as part of the learning at Methven Primary School?

1. **Learning:** We are using Mt Hutt as another learning environment. That is why we ensure we partake in the on-field lessons, from qualified instructors.
2. **Unique:** It is one of the things that makes schooling in Methven unique.
3. **Opportunity:** We can provide an opportunity to all students that might not be accessible outside of school hours.
4. **Our Community:** Mt Hutt is an important part of our area and a huge asset to Methven, so we are proud to support it.
5. **Group Interaction:** As with any part of the school day, groups play an important part in our learning.
6. **Physical Education:** Skiing supports the movement education skills taught as part of the NZ curriculum.

This year some classes have only been scheduled one class trip to Mt Hutt. This is a trial for 2018 and we will ask for feedback at the end of the trips.

- Mahuri – we want to provide an opportunity to ski, allowing for a gradual introduction to this very new environment.
- Opuke & Piwakawaka – As 6 weeks of Friday skiing is an option for these students, we have found class trips not as popular. Piwakawaka students who are not doing Friday Ski Option can still attend 2 class trips.

Key Dates

Class	Class Trip One	Class Trip Two
Mahuri S & Mahuri T	Thursday 23 rd August	-
Mt Hutt, Hakatere G & Hakatere L	Tuesday 7 th August	Tuesday 21 st August
Barrhill & Double Hill	Monday 13 th August	Monday 20 th August
Piwakawaka B & Piwakawaka L	Thursday 9 th August	Monday 20 th August (Note: Only for interested students not involved in Friday Snow Sports Option)
Opuke D, Opuke R, Opuke W	Thursday 16 th August	-

Permission Form Return Date: 9:00am Friday 27th July (First week back Term 3) - no exceptions!

Payment Due Date: Payment must be made in full one week before the class trip takes place.



Student Involvement

- This is a class outing and children will remain as part of the MPS group, including travel to and from the mountain, due to safety and group management in a high-risk environment.
- Children who do not go on the trip will be placed in another class for the day. If you choose to take your child up separately, they are not the responsibility of the school and shall be marked absent for the day. If in special circumstances, you need to make alternative arrangements, please consult your child's teacher.
- **Student cost per trip is: \$54.00.** This includes lift pass, lesson, rental equipment & transport.
- Payment must be made in full one week before each class trip takes place. Please contact Sue Furdorfler or Keryn Hooker if you would like to discuss payment options.

Parent Involvement

- We invite you to join your child for the day. Due to the nature of the outing we require many parents for each class. Students will only be able to ski on the Magic Carpet if there are not enough parents to assist.
- Parents are required to go on the bus, as we need the parent help for traveling too.
- It is likely that you will be allocated a group of children as well as your own to ski with you after the lessons conclude. If this is a problem, please consult your child's teacher as soon as possible.
- Non-skiing parents will be asked to take turns either at the Magic Carpet area or stationed in a known position in the café or deck.
- **Parent cost per trip is: \$35.00 for rental and/or lift pass, and \$19.00 for transport.**
- Payment must be made in full one week before each class trip takes place. Parent cost does not include instruction. If this is required, you will need to arrange this separately and it is at your own extra cost.

On the Day

Timing

- Detailed information on your child's trip to Mt Hutt will be sent home next term.
- Each trip includes a 75 min lesson (9am or 12:30pm) and three hours of skiing/boarding in groups with parents.
- Children will return to school by 3pm, in time for school buses.

Clothing

- Temperatures can be variable on the mountain. Layers of clothing are best.
- Gloves and waterproof clothing are essential. Sunglasses or goggles that protect eyes from snow glare, and a waterproof sunscreen lotion for skin and lip protection is also essential. Local ski shops can assist with clothing hire if needed.
- Fluoro vests are to be worn on the mountain please, this is to make the parent helps' job easier.

Lunches

- A cut lunch and extra drink will be necessary. Children tend to eat a lot more than during a normal school day, so please supply plenty of high-energy food. Food items can be purchased from the Mt Hutt Café.

Passes

- Students - If they have a season pass please leave this at home - they will receive a day pass on the day.
- Adults - If you have a season pass please bring it with you.

Postponement - Refunds

- Postponement of ski trips will be made via Message My Way.
- Please note some trips may be postponed even if the mountain is open. Due to the changeable nature of the weather at Mt Hutt, occasionally there could be late cancellations. These decisions are made with the children's safety in mind and with direct consultation with Mountain Staff.
- We are able to process refunds if your child's class trip is cancelled or if they could not attend due to illness. Refunds will be deposited directly into your bank account during the month of August. Please ensure you contact the office if your bank account has changed since last year.

Snow Responsibility Code

When skiing or snowboarding at Mt Hutt, it's important to follow the Snow Responsibility Code to ensure both your own and others' safety on the mountain.

Snow Responsibility Code

You can find the Snow Responsibility Code on our mountain and it is detailed below for you as well. It's also important that you regularly check the snow and weather conditions and ski/ride within your ability.

KNOW YOUR LIMITS

- Ride to your ability, control your speed.
- Be aware of the conditions.
- Take a lesson.

FIND YOUR SPACE

- Stop where you can be seen.
- Give others room.
- Look ahead.

PROTECT YOURSELF

- Obey all signs and closures
- Tired, take a rest.
- Wear a helmet.

Mt Hutt Ski Area Ability Levels

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

LEVEL 1

Never skied

LEVEL 2

Can stop by making a wedge bigger & do a wedge turn

LEVEL 3

Can ride the beginner chair lift & starting to ski parallel on green runs

LEVEL 4

Can ski blue runs comfortably but not black

LEVEL 5

Comfortably ski black runs, all groomed terrain & progressing to off piste

LEVEL 6

Ski all terrain, on/off piste, ski all day without getting tired

Snowboard Ability Guide

LEVEL 1

Never snowboarded

LEVEL 2

Snowboarded on the magic carpet, can stop & are learning to turn

LEVEL 3

You know how to ride the beginner chairlift & link turns on green runs

LEVEL 4

You can comfortably go down blue runs, link turns & have tried a bit of freestyle

LEVEL 5

Comfortably ride black runs, can ride switch, link turns & progressing to off piste.

LEVEL 6

Ride all terrain, on/off piste, comfortable with freestyle

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Please return to the school office by 9:00am Friday 27th July – First week back Term 3

Child Name: _____ Room: _____

Parent Consent

I give permission for my child to participate in: First trip Second trip

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

Student Details

I will be: Skiing Snowboarding (Note: This is for Year 3+ only)

Ski Ability Level: L1 L2 L3a L3b L4 L5 L6

Snowboard Ability Level: L1 L2a L2b L3 L4 L5 L6

Shoe Size: _____ Weight: _____ kgs I have my own ski/board gear

I have read the "Snow Responsibility Code" and agree to follow this, as well as being an MPS STAR during my class ski trips.

Signed: _____ (Student signature)

Parent Help

I can parent help for the: First trip Second trip

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

I require the following: Mt Hutt Lift Pass First Trip Second trip

Mt Hutt Rental First Trip Second trip

Transport First Trip Second trip

Trip Information

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

Payment

An invoice for student costs (\$54 per trip) and any related parent help costs will be sent home following receipt of your form. Payment via internet banking is preferred. **Please use account number: 02 0868 0013797 00.** Payment must be made in full before each class trip takes place, unless arrangements have been made.

Office Use: Spreadsheet Invoice Notes: _____