

Term Dates

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.

July

31 ICAS English Exam

August

- 2 Winter Tournament
- 3 First Snow Sport Option
- 7 Class Ski - Mt Hutt, Hak G & L
- 8 Transition Meeting 7pm
- 9 Class Ski - Piwakawaka B & L
Whanui Hui 2.05pm
- 10 2nd Snow Sport Option
- 13 Class Ski - Dble Hill & Barrhill
- 14 Early Closure - COL
ICAS Mathematics Exam
- 15 NZEI Strike Action
BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- 16 Class Ski - Opuke D, R & W
- 17 3rd Snow Sport Option
- 20 Class Ski - Dble Hill, Barrhill
- 21 Class Ski - Mt Hutt, Hak G & L

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Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS

Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to all of our new families. I hope you find the school, and our community, a warm and inviting place to be. As most of you will be aware, I was away all of last term undertaking the travel component of my Woolf Fisher Fellowship. For those of you who are not aware, this Fellowship paid for a school term's sabbatical for me to visit schools in a number of places around the world. One of the best aspects of the trip was that my family were able to travel with me for the first six weeks. The focus for my trip was to look at global implementation of 21st Century curriculum, and my interim findings suggest that MPS, and New Zealand as a whole, are in a very favourable position, with many school systems eager to hear how they go about implementing and embedding something similar to what we have.

The trip took me to ten different countries and 27 schools (from Early Childhood Centres to High Schools). I had meetings with the United States equivalents to our Ministry of Education and School Trustees Association. I worked in closely with the New Jersey Institute of Technology and their Future Ready Schools programme, as well as other initiatives being run by different groups. A great example of one of these was a collaboration between the School Boards Association and the US Army called Steam Tank, which was doing an amazing job promoting science and technology education in schools with great results.

Amongst all the really wonderful experiences I had, both personal and professional, the stand outs would be the nine day course at Harvard University; a visit to Fort Dix Military Base; riding a camel called Couscous in the Sahara Desert; and making connections with many like-minded educators from all over the world.

I would like to publicly thank the Board for allowing me the time off to undertake the trip, and the staff at school who kept the ship afloat in my absence; particularly Sue Furndorfler and Keryn Hooker who have now proved that they can run the school just as well as (if not better than) I can.

Ngā mihi

Chris



Making Pathways to the Stars

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Primary School Teachers Union (NZEI), has given the Ministry of Education notice that there is a planned strike for Wednesday 15th August. This will either be a half day or a full day – yet to be confirmed. If this strike goes ahead our school will be closed during the strike action. As more details become available we will keep you updated.

Class Ski Trips

A reminder that all Class Ski Trip forms need to be returned to the school office by 9am this Friday 27th July.

Class	Trip 1	Trip 2
Mahuri S & Mahuri T	23 August	-
Mt Hutt, Hakatere G & Hakatere L	07 August	21 August
Barrhill & Double Hill	13 August	20 August
Piwakawaka B & Piwakawaka L	09 August	20 August
Opuke D, Opuke R, Opuke W	16 August	-

Welcome To Our New Students

Classroom	Name
Hakatere L	Solene
Opuke W	Ava
Double Hill	Archer
Mahuri T	Liam
Piwakawaka B	Ryan
Opuke R	Carter
Opuke D	Blake
Barrhill	Harris
Mahuri T	Teddy

Enjoy your school days at Methven Primary School.

Ace - A horsey tail of courage

Bayleys have kindly donated a horse themed book around anti-bullying to Methven Primary School. Copies of this book (available for viewing at the School Office) are available by contacting Fee Ensor 021 705 014. Proceeds are going to the 'Make a Wish' Foundation.

Sickness

There are a number of bugs around at present. Please ensure your child has fully recovered before returning to school. This will prevent the spread across classrooms. If your child has had vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they need to have stopped vomiting and diarrhoea for at least 48 hours before coming back to school.

Upcoming MPS Birthdays

August 5	Annalise, Barrhill
August 5	Euclid, Hakatere L
August 5	Harriet, Opuke R
August 6	Brock, Barrhill



Teacher Only Afternoon Session for Professional Development

Tuesday 14 August

A reminder that the nine schools in the Opuke Kahui Ako Community of Learning will be involved with a whole staff professional development afternoon on **Tuesday 14 August**. School will close for instruction at 1.30pm and buses will leave by 1.45pm.

School Donations

Donations can be paid at the school office (cash or cheque) or through online banking to account **02 0868 0013797 00**. A receipt will be sent home with your child for tax credit purposes.



2018 - 2019 New Entrant Intake Parent Meeting

Wednesday 8th August
@ 7.00pm
Mahuri Hub
Methven Primary School

Come and find out about starting at
Methven Primary School
and our New Entrant programme



St Johns Mufti Day Donation

Our Mufti Day at the end of Term 2 allowed us to donate \$310.00 to our local branch of St Johns. We are grateful to the St Johns Officers who brought two of their ambulances to school on the day, enabling every child to walk through them and ask questions. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause.



Variety The Childrens Charity

Variety Kiwi Kid Sponsorship (KKS) matches a financially disadvantaged Kiwi child with a caring sponsor to fund basic essentials the child would otherwise go without. These are items such as basic clothing, warm bedding, shoes, school stationery, healthcare and activities like school trips. We are happy to support any families who feel they would benefit from support through Variety. If you are interested in finding out more about this sponsorship, please pop in and let us know or email sfurdorfler@methven.school.nz Further information can be found at: www.variety.org.nz



Beanies

Our office has school beanies for sale at \$10 each. Two varieties are available - plain red, or red with a black band.

Thursday Sport Walking Bus

Children please wait by the back gate (on the grass area within school grounds) to depart at 3:15pm. If you can help on one of these afternoons please contact Anna Johnson on 027 311 5265 or Michelle Bungard 0274 953 030.

Wednesday Sushi Term 3 2018

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 (\$44.00/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 (\$36.00/Term)
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(no sushi vinegar or other ingredients – just rice)

Please write your child's name, room and order on the outside of an envelope, and place the correct money inside. Place your Order in the container provided in the school office by 3:00pm each Tuesday.

We require a day's notice because it's 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!

###Please note: This will be the last Term of Sushi from us...EVER###

A great big **Thank You** to all of our loyal customers, and to the lovely Office Ladies for all of their help.

Black Kite Catering 022 414 3869.

**MID WINTER
CHRISTMAS
FAMILY FUN**

FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
Saturday, August 11
10am to 1pm
Mania-O-Roto Scout Park
South end of Chalmers Avenue

This is a free event,
please pre-register to enter a raffle:
<http://tinyurl.com/CanterburyChristmas>
Or call/txt Adi 027 220 8791
Or Sue-ann 021 679 348

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