

Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS

Summary: Snow Sports at Mt Hutt

Teacher Only Afternoon (14 August)

Teacher Strike (15 August)

Contacting the School and Teachers

It's great to be right back into the swing of things. There is a lot going on this Term, and it has been great to see students taking advantage of the different events the school has to offer. One of the things that makes our school unique, is our special relationship with Mt Hutt Ski field. Other places around New Zealand (and the world), marvel at how we offer both our class ski trips and our Friday snow sports option for Year 4 – 6. We can, and will continue, to do this because we are driven to make real connections to learning assets in our community. Learning to ski or snowboard is a completely different skill from those usually taught inside the classroom, but it also builds on some of our cornerstone STAR beliefs like grit, perseverance, resilience and the fact that practise makes you better (not perfect). We are very thankful to the staff at Mt Hutt who help with the organisation and logistics; with each passing year it becomes better, and to our own Adele Warburton who oversees the onerous task from our end – it is a massive job!

Please don't forget that next Tuesday (14 Aug) the school will close at 1pm, to enable all of our teachers to attend a professional development afternoon with all of the other teachers in our Community of Learning. This date was selected at the end of last year, and during the afternoon the teachers will continue on the work they did during similar afternoons in Terms 1 & 2. Along with this, the Board of Trustees have closed the school for both instruction and supervision on Wednesday 15 August because of a nationwide Primary Teachers strike. Please make sure that you have made alternative arrangements for your children on this day, as there will be no one at school to look after them. For more details please refer to the letter that was sent out via MessageMyWay. Effectively the school will close at 1pm on Tuesday and reopen at 8:30am on Thursday.

The last thing this week, is just a gentle reminder about making contact with the school, either to leave a message for your child or to contact their teacher. I ask that this is always done through the school office or, if it is not urgent, through the teacher's email. This is for two reasons; the first being that teachers will often not check their devices or phones for messages during the school day, and so we cannot guarantee the message will get through; and secondly, teachers' phones are private. Occasionally we will give out teachers' numbers as part of our Health and Safety organisation for an event, but we ask that you respect their need for privacy and only use the number for its purpose

Ngā mihi

Chris

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

STRIKE ACTION -SCHOOL CLOSED DAY

WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST

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 be a full day. Our school will be closed during the strike action.



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.

August

- 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,
Piwakawaka B & L
- 21 Class Ski— Mt Hutt, Hak G & L
- 23 Class Ski—Mahuri S & T
- 24 4th Snow Sport Option
- 30 MPS Speech Finals
- 31 5th Snow Sport Option, and
Daffodil Day

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03 302 8500

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www.methven.school.nz



Southfuels

MPS has received the sum of \$428.21 through the Fuel for Schools programme.

Our school has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels, meaning that for every two litres of bulk fuel they purchase 1 cent is donated to their nominated school—MPS. For more information about the programme, call 0800 4 THE KIDS (0800 484 3543) or visit the website www.southfuels.co.nz
Thank you to those who have nominated our school to receive these funds.

Welcome To Our New Students

Classroom	Name
Mahuri S	Archie
Opuke D	Blake
Opuke W	Liam

Enjoy your school days at Methven Primary School.

Book Club Orders

Please have your Book Club order in to the office by Friday 10th August. Thank you.

Whanau Hui

The next Whanau Hui will be held tomorrow - Thursday 9th August at 2.05pm, and every second week after this for the remainder of the Term. Please note the change of day.



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



Upcoming MPS Birthdays

August 11	Jennifer, Opuke R
August 12	Cater, Double Hill
August 13	Max, Barrhill
August 14	Owen, Hakatere L
August 15	Matthew, Double Hill
August 18	Ruby, Opuke W
August 18	Ava, Hakatere L
August 19	Linnea, Double Hill
August 21	Jordan, Opuke R
August 21	Stephanie, Mahuri T
August 21	Lamont, Piwakawaka L



Class Ski Trips

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	-

Pedestrian Crossing

Please use the Pedestrian Crossing when walking/scootering to and from school. Children have been crossing the Main Street at the Play Centre corner, and there have been several instances of near misses with vehicles. This is a busy part of the road and children are not always easily seen. The pedestrian crossing is there for your safety, as vehicles have to give way to pedestrians—please use it.

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.

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.

Disabled Car Park

Please do NOT use the designated Disabled Car Park, unless you or your passengers are an authorised user for this car park.

Beanies

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

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: There will be NO Sushi option on the 15th August due to the possibility of a Teachers Strike. Term Sushi orders will receive Sushi on Monday 6th August instead, followed by their regular Wednesday Sushi on the 8th.

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.
Black Kite Catering 022 414 3869.

Relieving Teacher Aide Position

Methven Primary School

We are looking for a well organised and proactive individual to work with a variety of groups of children in a relieving, fixed-term Teacher Aide position. Hours of work will be Monday to Thursday from 9am to 1pm for Week 5 – Week 10 of Term 3, 2018, commencing the 20 August.

To apply please follow the following link: www.methven.school.nz/vacancies
Applications are due by 12 noon Wednesday 15 August.

Ronald McDonald House

Gemma from Ronald McDonald House visited MPS on Wednesday 1 August, to thank us for our donation from the Light up the Night evening last term.



Kids Activity Day

Wednesday 15 August 2018

Only \$30 Per child
There is a maximum of 60 children

Join us at the EA Networks Centre for a fun filled day during the teacher strike!

The day will run as follows (8.30am - 3.30pm):

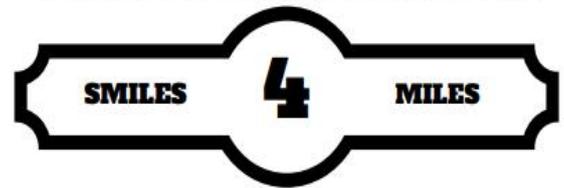
8.30am	Drop off at EANC	<p>The day will be open to all primary school aged children (5 - 12 years). Strictly no children under the age of 5 years and no half day bookings.</p> <p>Should a parent pay but the primary school strike day gets cancelled, they will be refunded with a \$30 voucher that can be used for anything at the EA Networks Centre.</p> <p>MAKE A BOOKING AT: EA Networks Centre Reception. Customers are required to fill in a booking form and payment must be made at the time of booking.</p>
9am	Welcome, Health & Safety run down, then Sports in the stadium.	
10.15am - 10.30am	Morning Tea (Kids to pack own food)	
10.30am - 12.30pm	Swimming	
12.30pm - 1pm	Lunch (Kids to pack own lunch)	
1pm - 2.45pm	Fun Games in the Stadium.	
2.45pm	Pack up and snack (Kids to bring a snack)	
3pm	Pick up from EANC	
3.30pm	Finish - all children must be collected	

Phone 03 308 4020 - www.eanetworkscentre.co.nz

Ashburton DISTRICT COUNCIL EA networks centre



RIDE IN A TRUCK OR VINTAGE CAR!



Smiles4Miles is a community event offered to anyone with special needs or people facing day-to-day medical challenges.

COME AND ENJOY A RIDE IN A TRUCK, OR VINTAGE CAR.

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUPPLIED BY RAPID RELIEF TEAM.

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES.



For anyone wishing to volunteer their time or vehicle please contact Matt Johnson on 0272 401 888

**When: 11th of August 2018 12pm - 3pm
Where: Rygal Bush Transport Ashburton, 77 Maronan Road, Tinwald Ashburton**