

## 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 more event information.

### August

- 23 Class Ski Trip - Mahuri S & T
- 24 Snow Sport Option (4th Trip)
- 30 MPS Speech Finals
- 31 Daffodil Day
- 31 Snow Sport Option (5th Trip)

### September

- 03 Literacy Week
- 03 Class Ski Trip - Opuke
- 05 Favourite Book Character Dress Up
- 06 Class Ski Trip - Mt Hutt & Hakatere
- 07 Snow Sport Option (6th Trip)
- 12 BOT Meeting 8pm
- 28 Last Day Term 3

### October

- 15 First Day Term 4

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## Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS

Yesterday I went skiing with the children from Hakatere and Mt Hutt classrooms. This was a wonderful opportunity for me, for a couple of reasons. The first being that it's the first time that I have been up to the mountain with some of our junior classes (I have been scheduled to go in previous years, but bad weather meant that it never eventuated). The teachers were supported, as always, by a group of really helpful parents, who made sure that all children were able to get the most out of the day. I have always thought our ski trips are a tangible sign of what makes our school unique and special, and so it was superb to hear parents making comments that affirmed this. The second reason I thought yesterday was great, was that I had two super little fellows who I was looking after. Normally, as Principal, you don't get the luxury of spending too much time with individual children (which is a shame), and so yesterday was a treat. The two wee guys I had, had never been skiing before, and so it was really interesting to watch them pick up a new skill. I know from working through the process with my own children, that skiing is a skill that kids think will come naturally, and so frustration creeps in fairly early on, when they discover it doesn't. By 10:30am I thought they would be ready to throw in the towel, but after a bite to eat and a bit of sledding they were back into it, and by the end of the day they were independently doing loops of the Magic Carpet and were suitably chuffed with themselves. I love watching learning in action! In other news this week, I would like to announce that Andrea Toms (Mahuri) and her husband, Richard are expecting their first child. Andrea will see out the rest of the school year with us, before taking maternity leave for 2019. I know that you will join with me in wishing them the best of everything for the exciting times ahead.

Thank you to everyone who sent messages of support before (or after) the strike day last Wednesday, I know that the teachers really appreciated them. We hope that this will be enough to bring the Ministry back to the bargaining table, and that we won't have to go through that again. Losing a day's pay will cause hardship to some teachers and their families, but we are confident the end will justify the means.

Ngā mihi

Chris

## 2018 Community Curriculum Consultation

We are constantly looking at how we can provide a relevant and engaging curriculum for our MPS Students. We value your thoughts and input into ensuring that your children's primary years are successful learning years at MPS. Please take 5 minutes to respond to the below questions. You may wish to discuss questions with your child(ren) and do a separate form per child if they have different responses.

This link will also be sent out via Message My Way.

[2018 Community Curriculum Consultation](#)



Making Pathways to the Stars

## Welcome To Our New Students

Classroom	Name
Mahuri S	Ruby
Mahuri S	James

Enjoy your school days at Methven Primary School.

## Whanau Hui

The next Whanau Hui will be held tomorrow - Thursday 23rd August at 2.05pm, and every second week after this for the remainder of the Term.

## 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.

## Daffodil Day - Friday 31 August

The Cancer Society of New Zealand's Daffodil Day symbolises hope for 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer.

MPS will be acknowledging Daffodil Day by encouraging children to wear a yellow top or accessory with their school uniform and bringing a gold coin donation to school.

School leaders will be collecting donations and handing out daffodils on the court before school.

## MPS Literacy Week 3 - 7 September

Literacy week at MPS precedes World Literacy Day on Saturday 8th September. The purpose of World Literacy Day is to promote the public consciousness about the value of written word. At MPS we will celebrate Literacy Week through a range of experiences.

One of these will be the character dress up on Wednesday 5th. Students and teachers are encouraged to dress up as a book character. It would be great for students to bring along the book that they are a character from too! Another activity during this week will be that teachers will move to different classes to read books and we will have some members of the community come in to reach with the students too.



If you have any further ideas about how we can raise awareness of literacy in our school and community, please make contact with Rosie Robinson at

[rrobinson@methven.school.nz](mailto:rrobinson@methven.school.nz)



## Upcoming MPS Birthdays

August 22	Gus, Double Hill
August 22	Jessica, Opuke D
August 24	Grace, Piwakawaka L
August 24	Paige, Hakatere G
August 24	Ava, Hakatere G
August 27	Archer, Double Hill
August 28	Nicole, Opuke W
August 31	Ashton, Opuke W



## MPS Speech Finals

Winners from Year 5 and 6 home class speech presentations are competing for the MPS Speech Cup on next Thursday 30th August. Judges for the event will be two students from Mount Hutt College Methven's speech competition and Mr Murphy.

Parents are welcome to attend. Speeches will be held in the Opuke classroom at 9.30am. The winner of this challenge will participate in the Ashburton Rotary Speech Competition. A notice will be coming home at the end of this week so that parents will know who the MPS Speech finalists will be.

A small group of Year 4s will also be presenting a speech, although not involved in the MPS Speech Cup competition.

## Calendar Art Fundraiser

Your children are busy making pieces of art that can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends overseas. Samples are available to view at the school office.

Look out for further details and order forms later this term.

## Methven Area Athletics Sports

Planning is underway for the Methven Area Athletics Sports day which will be held on Friday 26 October, the second week of Term 4, at Methven Primary School.

## Messages for Children

If you have messages to be given to children at the end of the school day, please advise the office staff before 2.30pm, and do so by telephoning the office on 302 8500. It is not always possible after 2.30pm, to have messages delivered to the correct person before school finishes.

## Beanies

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

## STAR Collector Cards Recipients - 9th August



Kahurangi/Blue House



Kakariki/Green House



Kowhai/Yellow House

## 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!

Black Kite Catering 022 414 3869.

## Class Ski Trip Fun for Hakatere



Lions Club of Ashburton  
County present...

# stars in your eyes

Saturday 13th October 2018  
Ashburton Trust Event Centre  
at 7.30pm

WANTED CONTESTANTS !!!  
Can you - Sing, act, dance ?

AUDITION FOR OUR EVENT!!!  
Open to all ages  
Free Entry

Contact: [Col.king@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Col.king@xtra.co.nz) or phone 0274 12 77 33



The Lions Club of Ashburton County  
is a registered Charitable Trust

ASHBURTON TRUST  
event centre

Stronechrubie  
Bistro

proudly presents  
an evening with

## two raw sisters



2 hour workshop with Margo and Rosa including 3 recipe demonstrations, tastings and an open discussion on how we can support you to reach your peak of wellness by incorporating more plant-based foods into your life. You will also get a PDF with all the recipes!

SEPT  
12  
7PM



\$50  
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Phone 303 9814 to reserve your space  
All profits go directly to support the Rise Up Fiji Fund



# love tennis

We're having a party and you're invited! Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre and Dorie Tennis Club are opening their doors for a fun, **FREE** event for all ages. Bring yourself or bring your family on 9th September.

Racquets supplied. BBQ. Prizes. Giveaways.

## Come play

www.lovetennis.kiwi/mid-canterbury

Please check website for details.

IT'S **FREE** everyone welcome

ASB CLASSIC

You could WIN A TRIP FOR TWO to the ASB CLASSIC in Auckland this January.

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Sunday 9 September 1-4pm

## Methven Toy Library

# Retro DISCO

FRIDAY 14 SEPT  
Samuels Bar

**KIDS DISCO!**  
4pm - 6.30pm  
\$10 Includes sausage, drink & glowstick

**ADULTS DISCO!**  
7.30pm - 11.00pm  
\$15 Dress Up to Get Down!

At the Toy Library, Presbyterian Church Hall  
- open Tues & Sat mornings,  
OR Facebook: @methventoylibrary  
OR email: [toylibrarymethven@gmail.com](mailto:toylibrarymethven@gmail.com)

**BOOK!**