

Term Dates

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.

October

- 22 Labour Day—No School
- 24 Yr 5 & 6 Sexuality Meeting
- 26 Methven Area Athletic Sports

November

- 7 BOT Meeting 7pm
- 9 Full school Assembly 2.15pm
- 9 County Athletic Sports
- 14 Proposed Strike - No School
- 15 Teacher Only Day—No School
- 16 Canterbury Anniversary Day—No School
- 28 Christchurch Triathlon
- 30 Full school Assembly 2.15pm

December

- 5 Christchurch Athletics
- 13 Final MPS Assembly 2018

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Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS

Welcome back to the last term of the year, and for 47 of our students the last term of their primary school education. In the same breath, we welcome a host of new students and families to our MPS community. I sincerely hope you enjoy your time with us, and find our school environment to be an inviting and invigorating place to be.

This term is 9 weeks long, and from experience it disappears in a heartbeat. Looking at the school calendar, there is definitely a bit happening this term, and if we want to add anything else we will have to shoe-horn it in somehow. In amongst all of the activity, classroom learning programmes will continue, and teachers will begin the end of year report writing process after assessments in a few weeks' time. In saying that, Term 4 is always full of fun and energy, as the better weather rolls around and we count down to the Christmas break.

The Methven Area Athletics next Friday is the biggest event we host all year. The children have been spending time practising and honing their skills, and Friday will see them put it all into action alongside their peers and children from OLS and Lauriston School. If the weather is not looking flash on Friday, I will be liaising with the principals from the other schools from 6:30am, however a decision may not happen straight away. We will be communicating any alteration to the programme or postponement, to you via Message My Way. If you hear nothing from us, you can presume the day is proceeding as normal.

Planning for next year is well advanced, and by Week 5 we will be able to let you know what the school set up for 2019 will be. While we won't be able to tell you at that stage about class placements, we will be able to tell you who the teachers are, what level they will be teaching and their classroom.

See you at Athletics on Friday and enjoy your long weekend,

Chris



Making Pathways to the Stars

Methven Area Athletics Sports

The Methven Area Athletics Sports will be held on Friday 26 October, at Methven Primary School. Programmes for the day were sent home last term, if you did not receive them please contact the school office for a copy. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist with the barbecue on the day. If you would like to donate chocolate bars for sale on the day please let Rachel Brown know at rbrown@methven.school.nz.

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.

Term 4 Assemblies

Full school assemblies will be held on Friday 9 November and Friday 30 November at 2.15pm in the Mt Hutt College hall—all parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

Due to time restraints there will be no Whanau Huis this term.

Ski Refunds

Ski refunds should be out by the end of this month.

Southfuels

MPS has earned **\$514.46** through the Fuel for Schools programme.

We are making progress towards the \$1000 target. Once achieved we will have the choice of picking from one of the technology or sports equipment packages on offer.

MPS has been nominated by local businesses/farms that receive bulk fuel deliveries from Southfuels, meaning that for every 2 litres of bulk fuel they purchase, 1 cent is donated to MPS.

Rural communities and schools everywhere can enjoy the benefits of the Fuel for Schools programme. For more information about the programme, call 0800 4 THE KIDS (0800 484 3543) or visit the website www.southfuels.co.nz

Year 5 and 6 Sexuality Meeting

On Wednesday 24th October at 3.30pm in Opuke, we will be holding a parent information session regarding our upcoming Sexuality Unit. You are welcome to come along and discuss the content of this Unit. A draft of the content to be taught will be sent home with all Year 5 and 6 students on Friday, for you to look at ahead of this meeting.



Red Nose Day 28 September

Thank you to all who contributed to the Red Nose Day. We were able to donate over \$400.00 to Cure Kids, which will go towards researching a number of illnesses and conditions affecting many Kiwi children.



Welcome To Our New Students

Classroom	Name
Mahuri S	Alex
Mahuri S	Teddy
Mahuri S	Thomas
Barrhill	Jeanne
Mahuri S	Candice
Hakatere L	Stevie
Mahuri L	Laychan
Mahuri S	James
Barrhill	Jaxon
Mahuri L	Kyla

Enjoy your school days at Methven Primary School.

MPS Birthdays

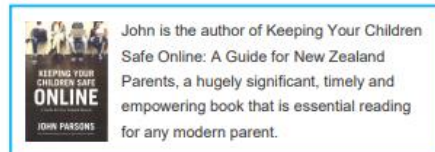
October 1	Kayla, Hakatere L
October 2	Charlie, Opuke R
October 3	Leo, Piwakawaka L
October 4	Lloyd, Hakatere G
October 5	Aidan, Barrhill
October 6	Holly, Opuke R
October 7	Lucy, Opuke W
October 8	Megan, Opuke D
October 9	Harris, Barrhill
October 9	Jesse, Opuke W
October 9	Frederick, Mahuri
October 9	Teddy, Mahuri
October 9	Ella, Opuke W
October 11	Finn, Barrhill
October 13	Sharleese, Piwakawaka B
October 14	Patterson, Barrhill
October 15	Jak, Opuke D
October 15	Keegan, Hakatere L
October 17	Piper, Double Hill
October 17	Taylor, Opuke R
October 19	Kaylum, Hakatere G
October 19	Bethany, Mahuri
October 21	Tom, Hakatere L
October 22	MacKenzie, Piwakawaka L
October 22	Izaac, Piwakawaka B
October 23	George, Piwakawaka B
October 24	Juliet, Piwakawaka L
October 24	Billy, Piwakawaka B
October 25	Luke, Opuke W
October 26	Pinky, Opuke D
October 27	Immy, Hakatere G
October 27	Fergus, Hakatere L
October 29	Taryn, Opuke R



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to help prevent it. Opuke Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako invites you to a presentation on the issues and dangers associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

Hosted by NZ Cyber Security expert John Parsons who gives you real life examples of children who have been affected by cybercrime. You will leave with the knowledge to help, support and protect your family.



VENUE: Mount Hutt College Methven
DATE: Wednesday 28 November 2018
TIME: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Topics covered

- Online grooming
- Sexting
- Damaged reputations
- Cyber bullying
- Reputation Management
- Learning to repel & report
- Future proofing for employment

Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely

Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step



Possibly the perfect job...

Teach swimming and water safety skills to our children

Part time positions within school hours and terms

Full training provided

As part of the EA Networks Centre team you will help us deliver quality swim instruction to school age children. It's essential that you're friendly, motivated and enjoy working with children.

We have part time roles available working Monday to Friday, 11 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 2 pm daily.

Visit the Ashburton District Council website at www.ashburtondc.govt.nz to submit your application or call Stacey our Swim School Supervisor.



**MID CANTERBURY
PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SINGLES
TOURNAMENT**

Sunday 4th November 2018

Held at the Ashburton Trust Tennis Centre
Oak Grove, Ashburton

Open to

Boys Yrs 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8

Girls Yrs 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8

Only \$16 to enter for first family player and \$10 thereafter

Players must attend a Mid Canterbury School

OR

Must play regularly in the Mid Canterbury Saturday Interclub
Competition

Online entries close Sunday 28th October 2018
Manual/postal entries close 9am Friday 26th October 2018

For more information and to register visit
www.midcanterburytennis.co.nz



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We're also giving away:

- Prizes
- Lollies
- Bottled water
- Puppy cuddles
- Chats

**and don't forget to send in your
colouring competition entries**

We look forward to
seeing you at our new site