

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.

November

- 7 BOT Meeting 7pm
- 9 County Athletic Sports
- 9 Full School Assembly 2.15pm
- 14 Proposed Strike—No School
- 15 Teacher Only Day—No School
- 16 Canterbury Anniversary Day—No School
- 21 Yr 6 Orientation Visit MHCM
- 28 Christchurch Triathlon
- 28 John Parsons Cyber Safety Parents Meeting 7-8pm
- 29 MPS Xmas Picnic
- 30 Full School Assembly 2.15pm

December

- 5 Christchurch Athletics
- 6 & 7 Year 6 Camp
- 13 Final MPS Assembly 2018
- 14 Last day for Seniors 2018

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Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS

Athletics Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our children and the school on Athletics Day last Friday, it was great to see so many family members cheering the kids on, as they went from event to event. We were incredibly lucky that the weather played ball, and the day went without a hitch. A lot of the success of the day went down to the extensive pre-planning done by Rachel Brown – the day was figuratively organised within an inch of its life. The school grounds were knocked into ‘House and Garden’ shape by Peter Rusbatch, and it was great to hear visitors say how good the school was looking.

School Setup 2019

I am now in a position to let you know how I see the school setup being for 2019. Like this year, we will be commencing with 12 classes and growing to 14 by the end of the year.

New Entrant – Year 2

Team Leaders: Jo Spittal & Cheryl Isherwood

Mahuri S – Jo Spittal

Mahuri B – Helen Breach

Hakaterere I – Cheryl Isherwood

Hakaterere K – Catherine Kuyf

Year 3 & 4

Team Leader: Sue Furdorfler

Double Hill – Sue Furdorfler / Rosie Robinson

Barrhill – Jackie Proudman

Piwakawaka L – Kelsie Laing

Piwakawaka O – Hannah Oates

Year 5 & 6

Team Leader: Keryn Hooker

Opuke H – Keryn Hooker / Hannah Grant

Opuke W – Adele Warburton

Opuke D – Milly Deans

Opuke M - Jane McCulloch

You will see from this, that we have 3 new teachers joining the team. Catherine Kuyf is a beginning teacher whose family is based in Rolleston. She is graduating from Otago University. Hannah Oates is coming to us from Oaklands Primary in Christchurch. She has had a good amount of experience in both NZ and UK schools. Jane McCulloch is currently in the UK but originally hails from Waimate. Jane has taught in the Clutha Valley as well as overseas.

We will farewell Deb Lamont (retiring), Hannah Gold (heading overseas) and Alexandra Krivanek (heading to Dorie school) at the end of the year. Alison Lilley will be working alongside Jenny Don as she re-trains to become a Reading Recovery teacher. Exciting times!

Teacher Strike 14 November

The NZEI (Primary Teachers’ Union) has notified the Ministry of Education of a plan to strike on Wednesday 14 November. If the strike goes ahead the Board has made a decision to once again, close the school. This would mean that the school week would effectively finish on Tuesday 13; with the strike on Wednesday, Teacher Only Day on Thursday and Canterbury Anniversary Day on the Friday. The Ministry and the Union have agreed to external mediation which means, if they get close to an agreement, the strike may be called off. In saying that, we need to prepare for the fact that the strike is likely to go ahead. I’ll keep you posted with further updates as they come to hand.

Have a great week, Chris



Making Pathways to the Stars

Methven Area Athletics Sports

Thank you to Rachel Brown who organised our well run Area Athletic sports last Friday, and thank you to all who helped with the barbecue on the day. Well done to all who took part, and congratulations to those who will be representing the Methven area at the Ashburton County Athletic Sports.



Methven Rodeo Inter-School Challenge

Congratulations to Sophie and Ryan for winning the Methven Rodeo Inter-School Challenge. The school received a \$100 voucher from Adventure Sport Ashburton and a bag of sporting goodies! Well done team and a big thank you to Adventure Sport for their sponsorship of the prizes!



Opuke Pockets

Made by Year 5/6 students as part of their inquiry project to reduce the amount of plastic packaging in our rubbish bins. Ideal for biscuits, muffins, slice etc. Machine wash-able. Available from the school office: \$12 for a pack of 3.



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.

School Photos

School photos have now been sent home. Orders and money needs to be into our **school office by this Monday, 5 November**, so that we have time to collate and forward all orders to Fotographix by their deadline. Do **NOT** pay money into our bank account for photos—this is to go direct to Fotographix. Thank you.

Bus Absences

Please complete the bus absences form which was sent out last week, and return to the school office immediately, to ensure the smooth running of our end of day bus process.

MPS Birthdays

November 3	Guy, Hakatere G
November 4	Lucy, Opuke D
November 6	Charlie, Hakatere L
November 7	Lavinia, Mahuri S
November 8	Eirene, Opuke R
November 10	Chloe, Opuke W
November 10	Ollie, Double Hill
November 11	Max, Hakatere G
November 13	Jeziel Jane, Piwakawaka L



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.

Book Club Orders

All Book Club orders are due into our office by tomorrow, Thursday 1 November.



CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Topics covered

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

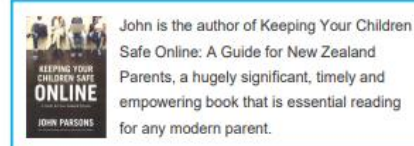
Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely

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

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.



John is the author of Keeping Your Children Safe Online: A Guide for New Zealand Parents, a hugely significant, timely and empowering book that is essential reading for any modern parent.

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



Free Workshop for Parents



Managing Anxiety and Building Resilience in Your Children and Teens

Dates: Children focused workshop - Tuesday 13 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Teen focused workshop - Tuesday 27 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Cost: Free (Cancellation fee may apply)

Venue: MHERC, 116 Marshland Road, Shirley, Christchurch

Refreshments provided

This workshop will help participants to understand anxiety in children and teens. Learn about different strategies and skills to help your young person manage anxiety/stress, and help them build resiliency.

- Understand how anxiety works in the body and mind
- Feel more confident to manage anxiety in your young people
- Understand resilience and building resilience in your children/teens
- Parenting strategies and skills to support children/teens
- Share and discuss with other parents and build shared knowledge in a confidential setting
- Take-away resources and ideas

Learn more about this workshop or register at www.mherc.org.nz



METHVEN SWIMMING POOL

Opening Christchurch Show Weekend Mid November 2018

Parent Help is a non profit organisation **supporting parents** to build resilient and positive families/whānau.

We run a free confidential **parenting Helpline** for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9am – 9pm, 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge.

FREE PARENTING HELPLINE

0800 568 856

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Musical Concert

Thursday 8th November 2018
7pm @ St. John's Presbyterian Church
Methven

Entry will be by Gold Coin Donation at the door

All Proceeds donated to
Methven St John Youth Division

Come along and enjoy an evening of music
Featuring
Our local talented young people
and
The Fascinating Ladies Choir



METHVEN YEAR 5/6 RUGBY FUNDRAISING
TOUR TO GOONDIWINDI 2019

GOLF TOURNAMENT

AMBROSE FORMAT

11 NOVEMBER 2018

Teams of 4, \$25 per player
Shotgun start at 12.30
Registration from 11.30

Nibbles and afternoon tea provided
Prize giving and Auction to follow

Methven Golf Course
Hobbs Road, Methven

To register,
call Sarah Lock 0275571132
email Lochamon@xtra.co.nz



Tickets from Methven i-SITE
details www.methvencastrust.co.nz

House Garden

Methven & Foothills

Tour

2018

Saturday 10 November

