

Term Dates 2019

Term One

First Day Thursday 31 January

Last Day Friday 12 April

Term Two

First Day Monday 29 April

Last Day Friday 5 July

Term Three

First Day Monday 22 July

Last Day Friday 27 September

Term Four

First Day Monday 14 October

Last Day Wednesday 18 December

Event Calendar

Visit the event calendar on our website (under Parent Zone) for event information.

December

13 Final MPS Assembly 2018 , 1pm
in the Mt Hutt College hall

14 Last day for Seniors 2018

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The BOT and Staff of MPS wish you
all a safe and happy holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all at
our Open Day on

Wednesday 30 January,

and on our first day of Term

Thursday 31 January 2019



Maree & Deb—Enjoy your Retirement Ladies!



Final Assembly 2018

The final Assembly for 2018 will be on **Thursday 13 December, starting at 1pm in the Mt Hutt College hall**. This will be a formal Assembly to farewell our Year 6 Students, and celebrate our students who have achieved success this year. We welcome all families to this Final Assembly, but please be considerate, as seating is limited. We aim to finish by 2.30pm, with tea and coffee afterwards at MPS.

Final Day 2018

Friday 14 December is our final day from 9am-12noon. Attendance is for senior students only, who will be assisting in the end of year pack up. Buses will come to school at the usual time in the morning, and leave school at 12.15pm on this day.

Reports and 2019 School Information

End of year school reports were sent home with students on Monday 10th December. A 2019 Information newsletter was also included with the report, containing details of stationery lists, staff, BYOD's, and when Home Class lists will be available.

Lost Property

Lost Property will be put out for viewing on **Thursday 13 December**. Please check for any of your items.

Library Books

Please return all books to the Library, thank you.

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Public Holidays/Closed Days

6 February—Waitangi Day
19 April—Good Friday
22 April—Easter Monday
23 April—Easter Tuesday
25 April—ANZAC Day
3 June—Queens Birthday
28 October—Labour Day
15 November—Canterbury Anniversary Day

Thank you

Thank you very much to the members of the Rotary Club of Ashburton, who recently donated books for our 2019 new entrants.

Methven Primary School Uniform Buy Sell

A reminder for families looking to buy or sell MPS uniforms can do so on the [Methven Primary School Uniform Buy/Sell Facebook page](#).

Christchurch Triathlon

Well done to all who took part. Lucie was 5th in Year 6 girls, and Chloe was 7th in Year 5 girls.

Family Accounts

We would appreciate if all family accounts could be paid in full by the end of this week please.

Change in School Bank Account

Please note that at the end of this year we are closing our 002 bank account. All payments to Methven Primary School will need to be made to 02-0868-0013797-000. Please check your internet banking bill payee list to ensure that you have the correct bank account loaded. Thank you!

Welcome to our New Students

Mahuri S Flint
Enjoy your school days at Methven Primary School.

Thank you

A huge THANK YOU to our Boost volunteers, Erin Redfern—Scholastic Book Club, Parent Volunteers in classrooms, Mel Davidson for students Yoga, all Parents who support their students learning, e.g. transport for events, supervising teams. Your assistance is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

MPS Birthdays

January 4	Charlie, Piwakawaka B
January 5	Justine, Hakatere L
January 6	Anusha, Barrhill
January 6	Lola, Double Hill
January 7	Jamie, Opuke W
January 8	Ava, Opuke W
January 9	Amiie, Opuke W
January 9	Zeke, Double Hill
January 10	William, Opuke R
January 14	Solene, Hakatere L
January 15	Maisie, Hakatere L
January 16	Anna, Mahuri T
January 18	Bree, Opuke W
January 18	Stacey, Piwakawaka L
January 28	Jaxon, Barrhill
January 19	Jeff, Double Hill
January 20	Latu, Opuke W
January 21	Luke, Piwakawaka B
January 23	Oskar, Mahuri T
January 24	Rosie, Barrhill
January 24	Carter, Opuke R
January 24	Blake, Opuke D
January 24	Annabel, Opuke D
January 24	Paige, Hakatere G
January 27	Kate, Double Hill





Secret Santa Gifts for Children in need of Christmas Cheer

Thank you to all who donated gifts. Our School Leaders were the instigators of this great idea, and are shown here handing over the box of goodies to Lydia and Mark Taylor of the Elim Church, for distribution to the children in need.

Groceries for Families in Need

At our Final Assembly tomorrow (Thursday 13 December), there will be an opportunity for families to drop off non-perishable food items, to be distributed to families in need within our local community.

School Buses—No Food Policy

We wish to advise that as from Term 1 2019, there will be a total FOOD BAN on all Methven Area Bus Group routes.

We constantly receive reports from our drivers concerning the implications of students eating on the bus. Some drivers already have a FOOD BAN rule on their individual route, however we have made the decision to formalise this for all routes.

The primary concern is to provide a safe and efficient service at all times, and with the ever increasing Health & Safety requirements, we are no longer able to not act, our primary concerns are as follows:-

- Students moving around the bus to 'share' food and place rubbish in the bin whilst the bus is in motion
- The risk of food allergies—one driver reports of a parent asking him to monitor where the child sits in case someone is eating next to them with a possible food threat
- The mess left on the buses some days is disgusting, and our drivers often collect a full rubbish bag of wrappers and food scraps

The above points are all extremely distracting for the driver. We are confident that you will support us in this policy.

Kind regards

Sue van den Heuvel, General Manager, Methven Travel

Thank you to these fabulous librarians for your help this year. You have been awesome.



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, 3.30-5.15 daily.

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

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HitPlay Hampstead

55 Wellington Street - Hampstead Primary School Hall

Christmas Party 2018

Standard Day 8:00am - 6:00pm \$45.00
 School Day 8:00am - 3:00pm \$38.00
 Short Day 9:00am - 3:00pm \$35.00
 WINZ OSCAR Subsidy available



IMPORTANT: Children will need!
 Hat, drink bottle (water), food for the day, togs & towel

Amazing Santa Race

Mon 17 Dec

Elves have broken into Santa's workshop & stolen his red suit. Help find Santa's red suit and save Xmas for everyone!

Elf Frenzy

Tue 18 Dec

Santa's elves are busy making toys and playing pranks... Come join in the fun at our workshop! Bring your elfiness!

Mrs Claus's Kitchen

Wed 19 Dec

Mrs Claus has lost her cook book and her baking sucks... Come help the elves get some cookies and milk challenge Mrs Claus to a cookie off!

Northpole Madness

Thu 20 Dec

Every elf has been working hard... It's time to play, so come join us for a summer snow fun, loads of games and a general party.

Secret Santa

Fri 21 Dec

Our last day before the Xmas together so we are throwing a party. The kids will do a secret santa, play games, swim, face paint, & more.

December Holiday Programme 5 to 14 years

Come join us at HitPlay - Hampstead for the December School Holidays, our team can't wait to see you!

For more information, call 03 423 2270 or 021 222 7770 or email info@hitplay.co.nz

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES JANUARY

TINWALD POOL LESSONS

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 WEEK 1 - 7th - 11th
 WEEK 2 - 14th - 18th

Group lessons available.



EANC POOL LESSONS

EANC POOL
 WEEK 3 - 21st - 25th

Learn to swim!

Individual and group lessons. Individual lessons are available all weeks on request.



TERM LESSONS

We are still taking bookings for term lessons for waterbabies, pre-schoolers and school age classes.



INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

- Individual lessons are:
- \$40 for 30mins
- \$27 for 20mins
- \$20 for 15mins



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Hello Holidays Mon 07 Jan It's our first day back at HitPlay for 2019, come join the fun by the pool. Fun games and average snacks.	Slime Sling & Sling Tue 08 Jan Come make slime with us. We love this stuff, stretch it, make bubbles with it, make fun neckties with it, and it's...	TRIP DAY Wed 09 Jan Toward Doha for a picnic, games & social. No snails progressive today.	HS Play Little Bubs Thu 10 Jan Come make a storm. Work as a team to create your own weather planes. Fun challenges and prizes.	Water Fight Fri 11 Jan It's a hot day! Enjoy the SPCC water games. Dress in swimwear, water gun, water balloons and off you go!
Harry Potter Mon 14 Jan Mud! Muggles! Come dress up! Take pictures close up! Defence against dark arts, wizard duelling.	Let's Get Creating Tue 15 Jan It's time to be creative. Bring your imagination for this one and try your hand at a wide variety of activities.	TRIP DAY Wed 16 Jan Toward Doha for a picnic & swim. No snails progressive today.	Wend Science Thu 17 Jan Let's get exploring. With so many experiments, check out reactions and get sticky, so many things to try see and do!	Let's Dance Disco Fri 18 Jan Catch dance fever, get dressed in your coolest outfit and get ready to boogie the day away!
HitPlay Amazing Race Mon 21 Jan Teams challenge, only teams that work together and support each other will make it through. Can you do it?	Hit Play Super Teams Tue 22 Jan Complete art, craft, baking and physical skill challenges, answer riddles and make rhymes to cross the finish line.	Magic Wizards Wed 23 Jan We are making our own magic! Come explore the world of magic with us!	Wed & Wed Thu 24 Jan It's a hot day! Enjoy the SPCC water games. Dress in swimwear, water gun, water balloons and off you go!	TRIP DAY Fri 25 Jan It's the last day of holidays so we are off to the beach! No snails progressive today.



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