

Term Dates 2019

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 information.

May

- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
- 16 Mahuri S & B trip to Mees Bees
- 17 School Assembly 2.10pm
- 17 Pink Shirt Day
- 21 Early Closure 1.30pm
- 22 Cross Country at Lauriston
- 24 pp Cross Country at Lauriston
- 24 Whanau Hui
- 24 Nominations close BOT Elections
- 29 Possible NZEI Strike Day
- 31 Whanau Hui

June

- 3 Queens Birthday - Holiday
- 4 County Cross Country
- 7 BOT Election
- 7 School Assembly 2.10pm

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Principal Comment

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of MPS,

Welcome to Term 2. It has been great to catch up with all the children as they have settled back into their classroom programmes. The STAR focus for this term is Accepting. I spoke to the children at our assembly at the end of last term and they were able to tell me that Accepting is about valuing everybody for who they are no matter what their background is. If the events of March 15 have taught us anything, its about what can happen if non-acceptance and intolerance is allowed to gain a foothold.

With the cooler weather now with us, can I ask you to do a couple of things to make school run more smoothly. Firstly, if you have a change in contact details—phone numbers, email address, physical address, please make sure that you have given this information to the office staff, so that our Message My Way system can work effectively. For those new to the school and the area, we can usually bank on snow affecting schooling at some point during this term. As I have said before, one of the most difficult tasks to complete as principal, is closing a school within a short timeframe during the course of the day. Message My Way allows us to contact you, in a way that suits you, with urgent messages. With nearly 200 families at school now, a phone call to each home is simply not an option.

Secondly can you please make sure each item of school uniform is clearly named. At this time of year the days can warm up significantly and the children tend to shed their outer layers as they play. It is much easier for us to reunite children with their clothes if they're named.

Lastly, and somewhat related, can you please make sure the children come to school dressed for the conditions. This term we are gearing up for the Methven Area cross country and so children need to have shoes that they are comfortable to run in every day.

Have a great week,
Chris

Message My Way

1. The office staff will load the mobile number and email address of Caregiver 1 (as per enrolment form) into the system upon enrolment at MPS, allocating them to various groups throughout the year (i.e. Classroom, Bus Student, Friday Snow Sports Option)
2. Please phone, [email](#) or pop into the office if you would like to add other caregiver details to the system, or register to receive alerts via Facebook Messenger, Twitter Alerts, Landline/Mobile Voicemail.
3. It is up to parents and caregivers to keep their contact details up to date with the school office so that you continue to receive our alerts.



Making Pathways to the Stars

Wanted

Shoe boxes - Our Mahuri Team would greatly appreciate the donation of shoe boxes. Please deliver to Mahuri classes. Thank you.

Southfuels - Fuel for Schools

Methven Primary School's current balance with the Fuel for Schools programme is \$770.77. Thank you to those families and businesses that are supporting our school.



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Keeping Primary Industries Moving

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS
Southfuels School Sponsorship Programme

Fuel Up and Reward the School

You purchase 100 litres we get 50c

Every \$1000 earned means technology or sports gear for the kids

CALL 0800 99 99 89 TO GET INVOLVED

School Assemblies

The next full School Assembly will be on Friday 17 May at 2.15pm in the Mt Hutt College hall. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend.

The next Whanau Hui will be held on Friday 24 May.

Change in School Bank Account

Please note that all on-line payments to Methven Primary School need to be made to 02-0868-0013797-000.

MPS 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](#).

Absences

If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the office (302 8500) as soon as possible leaving a message clearly stating:

- Name of child
- Name of the classroom and/or teacher name
- Why they are absent for the day
- What bus run they are on (if applicable)

If your child is late to school, please have them visit the office before heading to their classroom. Many thanks!

After School Instructions

Parents - if you need to contact the school with updated after school instructions for your children, **please phone the office before 2.30pm**. Please do NOT email or text the teaching staff, or email the office. There are usually many notices to be delivered before the end of the school day, and it all takes time.

Welcome to our New Students

Piwakawaka O Max
Piwakawaka P Devon

Enjoy your school days at Methven Primary School.

MPS Birthdays

May 1 Corey, Danielle
May 3 Rykie
May 5 Georgia
May 6 Milly, Christopher
May 8 Poppy
May 9 Emma
May 13 Mac
May 14 Holly
May 16 Rhianne, Matthew, Robbie

STAR focus this Term:

Accepting



STAR focus this Week:

Welcome others



Matariki Kite Night

We are going to be learning about how Maori celebrate Matariki, the significance of it to their culture and how we can make connections to other cultures. We will be learning about why Matariki is celebrated and the stories and legends behind it.

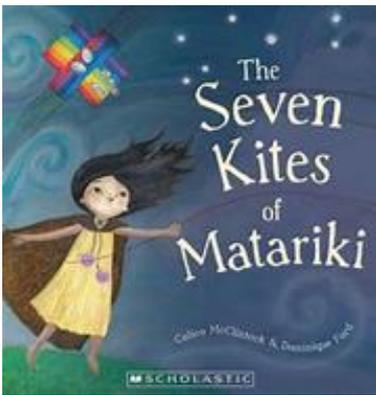
We would like to invite you and your family along to MPS to, participate in making a family kite and join us in celebrating our learning.

When: Thursday 13th June

Where: MPS School

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Hope to see you there,
MPS Staff & Students



Lost Property

Please ensure that all students clothes, lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly named so that items can be returned to your child.

Unnamed / unreadable items will be placed in lost property for collection:

- MPS Hoodies and Polar Fleece can be found in the hallway outside the library on coat hangers.
- Other lost property items can be found in the bins along the corridor as you make your way to the hall.

All unclaimed items at the end of the school term are washed and donated to the Red Cross.



On Pink Shirt Day, Friday 17th May 2019, Aotearoa will be transformed into a sea of pink to share aroha and kindness, celebrate diversity and end bullying!

It's a day where our tamariki/children understand that they can Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION - BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION AND WEAR A PINK TOP OR ACCESSORY WITH YOUR UNIFORM ON FRIDAY 17TH MAY

*He aha te mea nui o te ao.
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.
What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people, it is people, it is people.*

Book Club Orders

Please note that Book Club orders need to be in to the office by Monday 13 May.

Methven Area Bus Group

The Methven Area Bus Group has reviewed its Sports Equipment policy, and it has been revised as follows: "It is permissible for students to bring extra clothing and equipment with them on the school bus, so long as that the clothing and equipment is contained within a bag; and that the bag(s) does not occupy any more than the student's own space or 'footprint' on the bus (i.e. not

Board Elections

Our Board of Trustees has what is called a 'rotating' Board. We have Board elections every 18 months where only half the positions come up for election rather than all positions every three years. We are currently seeking 3 parent representatives for a 3-year term.

What do trustees do?

Trustees work together to support teaching and learning and the ongoing improvement of student achievement, including:

- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor how the school is progressing against its annual targets, and how well students are achieving
- Support the principal and support the development of all staff
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

When are the Board meetings?

We currently meets on a Wednesday evening, twice a term.

What skills do I need?

Our Board needs a range of competencies, skills & personal qualities:

General Competencies

- Visionary leadership
- Strategic & analytical thinkers
- Practical people
- People who can communicate well and are team players

Helpful Skills

- Strategic expertise
- Financial and legal understanding
- Risk and people management
- Property development skills
- Knowledge of the education environment

Personal Qualities

- Integrity
- Curiosity & Courage
- Interpersonal skills
- Genuine interest in the school and its students
- Time and commitment, a willingness to learn

It is not expected that each trustee will have all of these skills, but a range of skills across the Board is essential.

Where can I get more information?

- Visit www.methven.school.nz/bot-election
- Come along to our next Board meeting to see how it all works (Wednesday 15 May 2019). Please contact our Board Secretary, Michelle Bungard to arrange attending the meeting. Email mbungard@methven.school.nz or phone 03 302 8500.
- Speak with a current school trustee whose position is not up for renewal (Anna Johnson, Denise King, Hamish Monk) or with Shane Stockdill who is not seeking re-election.
- Speak with our Board Staff Representative, Helen Breach.
- Speak with our Principal or Deputy Principals.
- Speak with our Board Secretary, Michelle Bungard.
- Other useful information is available via this link:

[A Parent's Guide to the Role of the Board of Trustees](#)

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Schools need us all to **step forward.**

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school trustee.

Contact your local school for a nomination form.



Step forward
for our schools 
Find out more www.trustee-election.co.nz

For further information:

www.methven.school.nz/bot-election



Methven Primary School Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of 3 parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be hand delivered or posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 24 May and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7 June.

Michelle Bungard
Returning Officer

Ashburton Writers Group

The Ashburton Writers' Group is again holding the Short Story/Poetry Competition that they have held in other years. This is helped by the generosity of a grant from Creative New Zealand, and a donation of book vouchers from Paper Plus.

The categories are:-

- 10 years and under - Short Story
- 11-13 years - Short Story
- 10 years and under - Poem
- 11-13 years - Poem

It is hoped the Mayor will be able to present the prizes at a reception, and the winning entries will be printed in the Guardian. There is no set topic this year.

Entry forms and conditions are available from the school office.

All entries are to be handed in to the school office by Friday 28 June 2019, so we can forward all entries to Ashburton by the closing date.

Speed Demon Visitor to MPS

Former Olympian, Aaron Orangi, visited our school last week to talk to students about how he got into the Winter Olympics participating in bobsledding. Aaron's stories about his adventures, and role as the "brake man" were highly entertaining and inspiring.



Room for rent?

The end of May will see an influx of winter workers arriving in Methven ready for another season at NZ's Best Ski Resort!

We will have several employees seeking accommodation for the upcoming season.

If you have a **reasonably priced** property, sleepout or room available from May/June-October, we can advertise this for you to our team.

Email the details, along with photos and your price to hr@mthutt.co.nz



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STAR Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have joined our previously announced House Leaders as STAR Leaders for 2019:-

- Emma A
- Georgia M
- Harriet B
- Issy M
- Matthew G
- Tilly J
- Tobi P

(Absent from photo Matthew G)

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