

Term Dates

Term Two

First Day Wednesday 15 April
Last Day Friday 3 July

Term Three

First Day Monday 20 July
Last Day Friday 25 September

Term Four

First Day Monday 12 October
Last Day Tuesday 15 December

Closed Days

27 April ANZAC Day observed
28 April Teacher Only Day
29 May Teacher Only Day (TBA)
01 Jun Queen's Birthday Holiday
07 Aug Teacher Only Day (TBA)
26 Oct Labour Day Holiday
13 Nov Teacher Only Day
14 Nov Canterbury Anniversary Holiday



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Making Pathways to the Stars

Principal Comment

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The past few weeks have given most of us time to slow down our pace of life. No rushing off to after school or weekend activities and no need to plan adventures away from home. Instead, we have had the opportunity to focus on what is important in our family. There have been good times and challenging times, and while the kids have craved being with their friends and visiting local parks etc, it has been reassuring to note from the start of our Term 2 communication that we have all survived!

For a child, learning happens anywhere, anytime. It is the daily interactions that children have with those around them that helps develop their social and emotional capabilities. Learning occurs when children have opportunities to think, try new things and make decisions for themselves.

Part of reviewing our school vision over the past year has been identifying what makes learners successful and we have identified five key areas. Our students have created their definition of what this means for them:

Communication	I can share my ideas in different ways
Hauora	I am happy and healthy and I care about others
Innovation	I am creative when solving real problems
Collaboration	I work as a team member and I value diversity
Self-regulation	I take responsibility for myself and my learning

These learner qualities are important across the curriculum and you may have noticed that we organised our home based learning activities into these areas. Each child is at a unique stage in their learning journey and development of these qualities. Whether learning at home or school, the CHICS will continue to be our focus as they have become increasingly important for our learners in our current situation. Please do not feel pressure at home to replicate a school learning environment. Do what works for your family.

As we move into Covid-19 Alert Level 3, we will strive to keep the best interests of our children and whanau at the forefront. We strongly urge you to work and learn from home if you can. **To support us with our planning, we ask each family to please fill in the following quick survey by 7pm tonight.**

<https://bit.ly/3bui0Mw>

Ngā mihi

Sue Furdorfler
Acting Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to the following students who have started at Methven Primary School this week:

- Alissa G Year 0 Mahuri G
- Yasmin G Year 0 Mahuri G



Happy Birthday from Methven Primary School to the following students:

Ava M	Piwakawaka L	5 April
Matthew D	Opuke C	7 April
Jahziah P	Piwakawaka GT	7 April
Finn M	Opuke M	7 April
Jasper K	Piwakawaka T	9 April
Charli B	Piwakawaka T	9 April
Mason R	Piwakawaka D	11 April
Clarry H	Piwakawaka D	12 April
Isabella B	Piwakawaka GT	14 April
Bridget G	Opuke M	14 April
Asher L	Opuke M	15 April
Zoe R	Opuke O	16 April
Abbey M	Opuke W	16 April
Jasmine C	Opuke W	17 April
Angus R	Piwakawaka GT	18 April
Kyan G	Piwakawaka L	19 April
Ella Q	Opuke M	20 April
Isaac S	Opuke W	26 April
Josh V	Piwakawaka D	27 April
Hazel L	Piwakawaka T	28 April
Charlie J	Opuke W	29 April

Community Dental Care Services Suspended

Due to recommendations from the Dental Council and the Ministry of Health we will be suspending delivery of our service to the Community for the foreseeable future.

We will be providing relief of pain clinics and to access these appointments please call our Contact Centre on 0800 846 983.

For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on 0800 846 983.

What does Alert Level 3 mean for Methven Primary School?

- Methven Primary School is able to receive students from Wednesday 29th April.
- **The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home.**
- We strongly advise that you only send your child to school if you are returning to work and there is no one available to care for your child in your bubble.
- If your child has an underlying health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.
- In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures.
- We anticipate that the children and staff based at school will work in small groups with varied breaktimes and there will be restricted access to the playground and other school equipment.
- Please be aware that your child may not have their usual home class teacher and learning opportunities will be similar to the home based learning programmes that are already in place.
- For those children remaining at home, we want to assure you that we will continue to fully support your child's learning at home. There will be staff dedicated to this role.
- **On the front page of this newsletter is a link to an online form (survey) so that we can find out whether you can keep your child learning from home, or need your child to attend in person. Please fill this in by 7pm tonight (Wednesday 22nd April).**
- It is likely that for contact tracing purposes, we will be required to keep a track of information around who is in your bubble. The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with health professionals to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible.
- For now, we will continue to support your child's learning by distance while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school. We will be in touch again soon with more information. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your homeroom teachers with any questions you might have.

Home Learning Using Devices

Our first week using online learning for students has been a great learning experience for all of us. Methven Primary School is a Show Case Microsoft School, demonstrating that we have strength and capability in using Microsoft tools in the classroom.

The online tools we are using have multiple purposes and allow us to communicate and collaborate with students and their learning in a range of ways.

Teachers have been attending online professional development sessions to grow our knowledge using tools to engage with students with their online learning.

As a result of the current situation where many countries are teaching and working online, developers are working around the clock to improve the capacity of the tools and connectivity.

We want to share a few important guidelines with you:

Communication with Students

- Microsoft Teams & OneNote are our main tools for communication with our students
- Year 3 – 6 students have their own Office 365 login, Mahuri students share the same login
- Mahuri are using Zoom Meetings for video chats (links emailed to parents)

Student Digital Citizenship

Our Trustworthy MPS Star Goal: Do the right thing at all times (with technology)

Do:

- Check your OneNote regularly for learning updates
- Save your learning into your OneNote or One Drive (or email to a teacher if not sure)
- Join the Video calls with your teacher at the scheduled times
- Enjoy sensible and kind chats with your friends in the areas provided
- Check with an adult before using the internet
- Look after your devices and store them in a safe place when not being used
- Remember our 'Video Chat' expectations

Don't

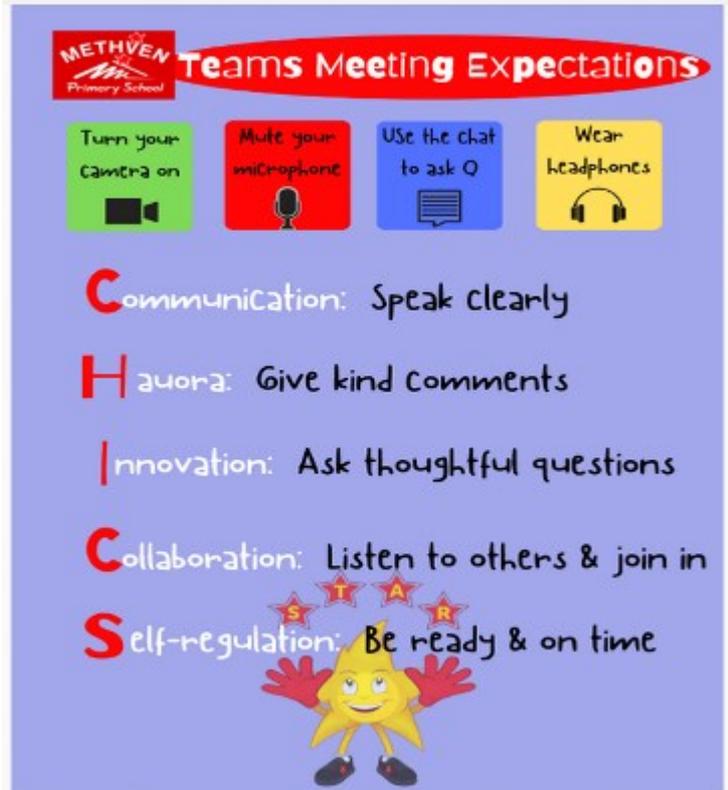
- Randomly call or email people from other teams
- Start multiple chats with friends or create 'Teams' for friends
- Make unkind or unhelpful comments

Current Issues

- Pop ups or Alerts can be turned off by setting a user's status to busy (see profile options)

- OneNote is currently having syncing issue world-wide – a fix is being worked on
- We have made requests for random calling of students to stop
- Inappropriate comments in chat areas will be deleted
- Students who do not follow our expectations will have their password changed immediately

Parents, we acknowledge that having your children online for their learning may be challenging for you. Please feel free to make contact with your child's classroom teacher if we can provide further support.



Free Internet Safety Filter for Parents

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe we have launched the link below - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

www.switchonsafety.co.nz

Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet.

Netsafe

Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to support everyone to stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe/>



Mt Hutt Season Passes

COVID-19 Update

We're really looking forward to winter and are hopeful that we will be able to get out on the mountain this year, as we are sure you are too. We're currently planning for a couple of different scenarios as to what our season might look like and have created a page on our website to keep you updated with new information as we get closer to our scheduled season opening dates. We have created a COVID-19 update on our website, with answers to questions you may have about the upcoming season <https://www.mthutt.co.nz/news/covid-19/>

Under 10 Years

If your child is aged 10 and under as of 1st June, and you will only be skiing at Mt Hutt this winter, you can purchase a season pass online for a \$5 administration fee. This is available at any time pre-season or during the winter season.

<https://shop.mthutt.co.nz/season-passes-mh>.

Over 10 Years

The Mt Hutt Local School Season Passes are for students attending school in the local Methven area that are over 10 years of age as at 1st June 2020. The Mt Hutt Local School pass offers all the same benefits as our standard 3 Peak Pass, giving your child unlimited skiing and snowboarding at Mt Hutt, The Remarkables and Coronet Peak, including FREE night ski on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at Coronet Peak!

The closing date for purchase of these passes is 5:00pm Thursday 28th May.

Years 7 & 8 (including 11 year old MPS Students as at 1st June): \$104.00

<https://shop.mthutt.co.nz/local-primary-schools>

Secondary Schools: \$169.00

<https://shop.mthutt.co.nz/local-secondary-schools>

Methven Primary School would love to hear from any parents, grandparents or members of our community who would be interested in helping us with our school gardens when we have moved to Alert Level 2.

You might be able to spare an hour or two to help tidy up the school grounds after several weeks of neglect, or are interested in helping a group of enthusiastic students on a regular basis with planting and garden maintenance.

All offers of assistance would be greatly appreciated and can be emailed to office@methvenschoolnz

Do You Require Childcare

Childcare @ Sues will be offering after school care from next Wednesday when we move to COVID-19 Alert Level 3.

All families requiring care should Private Message Sue Duff or email childcareatsues@gmail.com before Monday.

New Families Welcomed

Home Learning

A special 'thanks' to our innovative staff who continue to put time and energy into creating innovative programmes for our students. Every school will be navigating the waters differently and we need to respect that. Over the next couple of pages are some fantastic images of learning that has taken place over the last week. Kia kaha everyone and keep up the great work



