

## Term Dates

### Term One

First Day Monday 3 February  
Last Day Thursday 9 April

### Term Two

First Day Tuesday 28 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

## School Closed

29 May Teacher Only Day  
01 Jun Queen's Birthday Holiday  
07 Aug Teacher Only Day  
26 Oct Labour Day Holiday  
13 Nov Opuke Kāhui Ako Professional Development Day  
14 Nov Canterbury Anniversary Holiday

## Event Calendar

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

20 Mar Pop Up Coffee Morning  
24 Mar Three Way Conferences (From 2:00pm until 7:00pm)  
25 Mar Mana Ake Workshop - Supporting your Child Through Anxiety  
27 Mar Pop Up Coffee Morning  
01 Apr BoT Meeting  
03 Apr Pop Up Coffee Morning

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Making Pathways to the Stars

## Principal Comment

Tena Koutou Katoa

Last week saw approximately 100 students head off on bikes for our Year 5 & 6 'Bike Around Methven' adventure. While biking in single file initially proved to be a challenge, it became a great way to develop team work. Not all students were confident or eager bikers, but with perseverance and plenty of encouragement from their peers, they all made it home safely. What stood out to me was how fortunate we are in Methven to have so many families who take the time to enjoy the outdoors together. Many of our students were very experienced and skilled on their mountain bikes and the ride through the trees was the perfect opportunity to show off some of their tricks!

'Being Active' is a focus for our students this year. As one of the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' we know that activity will support and strengthen learning time. Raising the heart-rate through regular exercise helps increase endorphins, which in turn makes for more happy and healthy students.

The Ministry of Education website recommends that children and young people (5-17 years old) "Sit less, move more, sleep well"

A healthy 24 hours includes:

- quality uninterrupted sleep of 9 to 11 hours per night for those aged 5 to 13 years and 8 to 10 hours per night for those aged 14 to 17 years, with consistent bed and wake-up times
- an accumulation of at least 1 hour a day of moderate to vigorous physical activity (incorporate vigorous physical activities and activities that strengthen muscles and bones, at least 3 days a week)
- no more than 2 hours per day of recreational screen time for the remainder of the day:
- sitting less and moving more – break up sitting time
- participating in structured and unstructured light physical activities.

Fresh air and a change of scene are going to be a regular part of our classroom programmes this year. Our senior students will be developing ways to manage their own active time. We hope this will encourage all of our students to develop long term healthy habits in keeping active.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support!

Nga mihi

Sue Furdorfler, Acting Principal

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Key information:

- ★ Up to date information can be found at <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>
- ★ Whole School Assemblies and school sports tournaments are postponed until further notice
- ★ Personal hygiene is a priority
- ★ Follow self-isolation rules if in close contact to people who have travelled to New Zealand recently (refer to further information inside Newsletter)
- ★ It will be business as usual for us until further advice is provided

# WELCOME

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

- Florence M Mahuri G
- Reign M Mahuri S
- Rosa G Mahuri G
- Althea V Mahuri G
- Elisia F Mahuri S
- Haven M Mahuri S



Happy Birthday from Methven Primary School to the following students:

James S	Opuke W	19 March
Harley H	Piwakawaka GT	19 March
Jackson G	Piwakawaka GT	22 March
Jessica L	Opuke M	23 March
Christopher L	Opuke W	23 March
Bentley B	Piwakawaka L	23 March
Ziana B	Opuke C	26 March
Rylan M	Opuke W	27 March
Madi S	Opuke C	29 March
Lily N	Opuke W	30 March
Mia D	Mahuri S	01 April

## Thank you

A big Thank You to Jan Middleton for your generous donation of technology to two of our students.

## 3 Way Conferences

In Week 8 on Tuesday 24th we invite parents to come and meet with homeroom teachers. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and share information that will help your child have a successful year ahead at school. Your child will also be able to give us a progress report on how the year is going for them. Bookings can be made at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Event Code:

**xy3hn**

## Coronavirus Information

### Keeping Healthy

#### Preventing Risk

- Avoid close contact with people with cold or flu-like illnesses
- Cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing
- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with water and soap and dry them thoroughly:
  - before eating or handling food
  - after using the toilet
  - after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose or wiping children's noses
  - after caring for sick people.

Please note that facemasks are not recommended as an effective means of preventing the spread of infection. They play an important role in clinical settings, such as hospitals, but there is very little evidence of benefit from their use outside of these setting.

#### Self-Isolation

Once again please check for current information at the following link: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-self-isolation>

#### Currently the advice is:

If you are in a home where the others who live with you have travelled or been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, you should minimise close contact with them by avoiding situations where you have face-to-face contact closer than 2 metres for more than 15 minutes.

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, pillows or other items with other people in your home. After using these items, you should wash them thoroughly with soap and water, place them in the dishwasher for cleaning or wash them in your washing machine.

## Emergency Procedures

Each term we practice three emergency drills – fire, earthquake and lockdown. This is to teach our students to calmly follow teacher instructions and ensure all children know what to do if there is one of the above emergencies.

If your child has anxiety around alarms or voice activated alerts, please let them know we will be practicing our drills over the last few weeks of term and talk them through why we practice these things.

## Behaviour

This year we are tracking all behaviour incidences at school (playground and classroom) on our student management system. Students who are involved in any inappropriate behaviour will have the incident recorded and classroom teacher will be notified. When the system picks up three or more minor behaviours from a student, the student becomes identified to the Senior Leadership Team and parents will be contacted. Severe behaviours are automatically identified as a 'major' and consequences will occur. We are in close communication with students around behaviour on a regular basis.

## MPS STAR Review

Last week all students in Piwakawaka and Opuke completed a survey to review the MPS Star structure of our positive behaviour & rewards. This voice gained from students will be analysed alongside the results from the following survey that we

encourage you to complete. Please follow this [link](#) and provide us with your thoughts around the current MPS Star structure. Our school community values your input and encourages you to have your say.

We look forward to sharing a summary of the data we have gathered with you all.

Early next term we will continue our review by further inviting a random selection of whanau and students to join us as we work on this review as a focus group.

## Methven Show Display

We invite MPS Students who had entered craft, construction (or the like) creations at the Methven Show to bring them to school next Monday to share. We will open up the "Monster" room in the Mahuri Hub for this display. This is an opportunity for those who have worked hard in preparation for the show and would like to share their creativity. Colouring In competitions will also be displayed and judged. Our families are welcome to pop in before or after 3 Way Conferences on Tuesday 24th March to view the display.

## Spuds in Buckets

Tomorrow is the last day to bring in your Spud in the Bucket to be collected and judged by the A&P Association. Spud in the Bucket judging can be viewed between 2:30pm - 5:30pm this Friday at the pavilion at the Showgrounds. Children are able to collect their buckets and left overs will once again be donated to Methven House.

## Friends of Methven Primary School (FOMPS)

On Monday night, the FOMPS held their AGM. Thanks to those parents who came along to support.

Sarah Robertson, Chairperson, presented her report and made special mention of the work completed by Emily Cooke, who has stepped down as Secretary after supporting this group for many years.

Mention was also made about the importance of the FOMPS providing pastoral care and social functions for our whanau.

The full minutes from the AGM will be sent as an attachment to our next Newsletter in Week 9.

Office Bearers for 2020:

Chairperson	Sarah Robertson
Vice Chairperson	Lisa Quinn
Secretary	Becs Cavanagh
Treasurer	Donna Lill
Pastoral Care:	Jilly Haywood
Vice Pastoral Care	Geoff Barr
Social Interactions:	Kathryn Clark
Principal's Representatives	Jane McCulloch Cheryl Isherwood

Please feel free to make contact with any of the above or email [friendsofmethvenps@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmethvenps@gmail.com) if you would like any further information about this group.

## Friday Drop-In Coffee

All whanau are warmly invited to join us on a Friday morning for a coffee. It is a great opportunity to come and meet some other parents and to have a chat (there may even be chocolate biscuits!).

Where:	Staffroom
When:	Friday
Time:	9 – 10 am

## Canterbury Primary Zone Swimming Champs

The Zone swimming championship in Christchurch has been suspended until further notice.

## Methven Rugby Club

The Junior muster night has been cancelled. If you haven't registered your child yet, please do so online:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/103745>



## Methven Scarecrow Trail

Buy your Scarecrow Trail Map over the school holidays then walk/scooter/bike around Methven to locate and identify the 40 scarecrows (Disney Movie Characters). All proceeds go to **Methven Primary School**.



**METHVEN  
SCARECROW TRAIL  
SATURDAY APRIL 11  
TO SUNDAY APRIL 26**

**AWESOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY  
FOR ONLY \$10  
INFO & MAPS FROM THE METHVEN I SITE**



## Mana Ake Workshops

### Supporting your Child Through Anxiety

This workshop will be held the 25th March in the Mt Hutt College Library from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Come along and learn about what Anxiety is and how you can support your child to manage and overcome their worries. Learn what is normal and what is not and when to get home

### Supporting Your Child in a Digital World

This workshop will be held on the 6th May in the Mt Hutt College Auditorium, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

The digital world is here to stay. Are your children safe in the online world? Come along and find out how to keep your child/ren safe in the digital world.

## Mt Hutt Local Student Passes

- Year 7&8 passes \$104, Secondary rate passes \$169
- Closing date for purchase is Friday the 10th of April (after the end of our EB season pass sale on the 31st of March).
- The Mt Hutt Local School Pass is the equivalent of a 3 Peak Pass, giving the students access to Coronet Peak and The Remarkables in addition to Mt Hutt for the duration of the 2020 winter season. This includes free night ski at Coronet Peak on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays!
- If your child is aged 10 and under, 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
- Children aged 6-10 years old that are likely to visit Queenstown for two or more days this winter will get the cheapest rate by purchasing the year 7&8 pass, as this works out cheaper than purchasing three days for Queenstown. Free day passes are only available to children aged 5 and under at Coronet Peak and The Remarkables.
- If your child still has a pass from previous years, this will be loaded and they can head straight to the lifts on their first day!
- If you need to collect a new pass for your child our Snow Desk, located at the Methven Heritage Centre will be open from Tuesday the 2nd of June, or you can collect at Guest Services on the mountain.
- Our scheduled opening date for 2020 is Friday the 5th of June!

For purchase of one of the above options, please visit

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

All FAQs can be found on the links above, but if anyone has any questions they can contact us on 03 308 5074 or email us on [hello@mthutt.co.nz](mailto:hello@mthutt.co.nz).

## Methven Community Pool

We hope that you have had a wonderful season swimming in our pool. The Methven Community Pool closes to Key Holders at 9pm on Sunday 22nd of March. **Please return your key by the 1st of May to our new letterbox slot.** It is located on the fence to the left of the pool door. See you all next season.



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