

Term Dates

Term Two

First Day Wed 15 April

Last Day Fri 3 July

Term Three

First Day Mon 20 July

Last Day Fri 5 September

Term Four

First Day Mon 12 October

Last Day Tue 15 December

Calendar/ Maramataka

29 May Teddy Bears School Picnic

01 Jun Queen's Birthday Holiday

03-04 Jun Post Covid Connects

07 Aug Teacher Only Day (TBA)

26 Oct Labour Day Holiday

13 Nov Teacher Only Day

14 Nov Canterbury Anniversary
Holiday

STAR focus this Term:

Trustworthy



STAR focus this Week:

Do the right thing at all times

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Making Pathways to the Stars

Principal's Comment / Tumuaki T kupu

Kia ora Koutou,

It has been a pleasure to see the return of happy faces, busy classrooms and playground fun to Methven Primary School! Catching up with teachers and friends has been the highlight for most. The staff have been enjoying finding out all about the different experience's students have had while learning from home. We have ensured that our first few weeks back have focused on the well-being (Hauora) of both staff and students, with the rebuilding of relationships at the center.

With an update to rules this week around Covid-19 Alert Level 2 requirements, we will be relaxing our recommendations around parents remaining outside the school gate. However, you will need to continue to sign in and out while on our grounds during school hours as this will allow us to contact trace if required. Thank you with your support in keeping students who are feeling unwell at home.

A sense of community is never as strong as when a keen bunch of volunteers get together for a Working Bee. Three hours of team work on Saturday by Staff, Board of Trustees and Friends of Methven Primary School have seen a much needed facelift to many of our garden and playground areas. This transformation is designed to improve our entrance way and create more usable garden spaces around the school. Thank you to the many volunteers who were able to help out at the weekend. Replanting will be our next stage, and I encourage you to read the update on Page 3 for how you can contribute to this project.

I would like to thank Denise and Cameron from our BoT who have taken on supporting me with the School Property Portfolio. As well as working to improve our grounds, we are currently in the planning stage of prioritising our needs for our next building related property improvements.

Post Covid Connect – Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th June

We would like to acknowledge the time families put into supporting learning at home. Following up from our postponed March 3 Way Conferences, and now that June allows greater numbers on our site, we would like to invite whanau to come in to meet and reconnect with home class teachers next week. We thought we would prioritise this time for families while home based learning experiences are still fresh in your memories and before after school activities start to get busy again. Please note this is not a reporting time, but a time to meet and connect with teachers. Students will bring home a 'Home Based Learning Communication' form. We would appreciate if you can fill it in and return to Home Class teachers by Tuesday 2nd June.

The purpose of meeting is to:

- Revisit the 2020 Student Profile completed at the beginning of the year
- Share how your child has resettled back into school-based learning
- Discuss your responses to the 'Home Based Learning Communication'
- Provide an opportunity for questions

We hope you will take up this opportunity through booking a time at the below link:

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event Code: u39df

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nga Mihi

Sue Furdorfler, Acting Principal



Happy Birthday Ra Whanau

Happy Birthday from Methven Primary School to the following students:

Penny R	Opuke W	19 May
Fraser H	Opuke W	19 May
Wyatt H	Mahuri I	20 May
Kaydia T	Pwka GT	22 May
Emily G	Pwka GT	22 May
Willow R	Opuke C	24 May
Henry B	Mahuri I	28 May
Lottie C	Mahuri I	30 May
Isaac P	Opuke W	30 May
Charlie L	Opuke O	31 May
Nila S	Mahuri K	3 June
Ivy S	Mahuri K	3 June
Ben E	Mahuri I	5 June
Olly K	Pwka L	7 June
Isabella C	Mahuri I	9 June

Welcome / Nau Mai

Lucy Lock	Year 0	Mahuri S
Hugh Ensor	Year 0	Mahuri G



We are continuing to hold our Term 2 Assemblies Online. Each class will join, with teachers presenting awards to their students in person.

We welcome parents/caregivers to join with us at 2pm on Friday.

Please follow the below link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75814945381?pwd=RVk5SGsxN29UTzYxTVlCUXF2bCtqZz09>

Meeting ID: 758 1494 5381

Password: 5S8Tx5

Weekly Reminders / Wihiri Niuhi

Lost Property

- Please ensure that all clothes, lunch boxes and drink bottles are clearly named so that items can be returned to your child.
- Unnamed/unreadable named items will be placed in Hall Foyer lost property for collection.
- Named items are placed in the Daily Notices for students to collect from the office.
- All unclaimed items at the end of each school term are washed and donated to the Red Cross.

School Bank Account

- 02-0868-0013797-000 (BNZ, Methven Branch)

Absences

- If your child is absent please ring the office (as soon as possible) leaving a message clearly stating:
 - Name of child
 - Name of teacher or classroom
 - 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.
- If your child leaves school during the day (i.e. doctor appointment, leaving early) please have them visit the office when they leave/arrive.

Student Messages / Change to after school plans

- If you need to get a message to your child/ren please ensure you phone the school office before 2.30pm.
- Please do not email or text the teaching staff.
- Please do not email the office after 2:30pm.

MPS Uniform Buy/Sell Facebook Page

- [Methven Primary School Uniform Buy/Sell](#)

Hero

- Hero is a powerful and secure online student management system that allows Methven Primary School to record enrolment/student information, communicate with caregivers, share/track learning, and track family finances.
- Hero can be accessed via an Apple & Android app and via the internet: <https://our.linc-ed.com>.
- Visit the Hero page on our school website for detailed information and assistance: <https://www.methven.school.nz/parent-zone/hero/>

Caregiver & Emergency Contact Details

- Please let the office know as soon as possible of any change to a phone number, address or email.

Reporting to Parents

In response to a less than normal last few months, there will be no Mid-Year Written Report in Term 2. We will use the following weeks to gather up to date information and evidence to help with making informed decisions around setting student learning goals and next steps for teaching and learning programmes.

Reporting to parents will happen via our App based programme, Hero, later in the year

Year 4-6 Snow Sports Option

We are in communication with Mt Hutt who have informed us that they are keen for Snow Sports Option to go ahead next term. They are not yet sure of the format, the day or the costs, but require approximate numbers of students to help with this planning. If you have a child keen to take part in this optional programme, please fill in the following form to indicate interest.

<https://bit.ly/2TEfY5u>

All children will require a seasons pass to participate in the programme. 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 \$5.00 administration fee. Children over 10 will be required to purchase a Year 7 & 8 pass through the following link by Thursday 28 May.

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

Just a reminder that this offer is outside our normal classroom programme and the full costs must be met by parents.

Please see the following link for frequently asked questions about Mt Hutt passes etc

<https://www.mthutt.co.nz/footer/faqs/>

Epro 8

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our involvement with EPro8 this year. We have investigated different options, however none of these were viable for our students.

For those that have paid, your family account will be credited the full amount.

We look forward to being able to offer EPro 8 in 2021.

Thank you to FOMPS Friends of Methven Primary School

A massive thank you to FOMPS for your generous donation of funds for our front entrance garden. This garden has been designed and will be started in June.

Replanting

Some parents have mentioned that they would like to sponsor a plant(s) for the school grounds. This would be greatly appreciated. Please let the office know. We will buy the plants in bulk (approximately \$20.00 per plant), put your family name on it and charge your account.

Traffic Signs

Our Students are very excited to have some road signs donated to school. Thanks to Kath Clark for her expertise in crafting these signs. The students are going to love having these around the scooter track and for discovery.



Thank you!

The staff would like to say a massive thank you to the FOMPS for the scrummy morning tea which was delivered to the Staff Room last Friday. We all left with a full tummy!

Also thank you to those who have donated food for the freezer. We now have the FOMPS freezer up and running, which has room for the donation of meals for families in need. There are containers available from the office if you would like to fill one with a meal. Please remember to write the date and type of meal on top.

Peanut Allergy

Just a reminder that we ask parents of Mahuri students (Year 1 & 2) to ensure that the following food items are not in lunchboxes: raw peanuts; peanut butter spreads; biscuits, slices, scroggin mixes or museli bars with peanuts, or other food items that contain peanuts. This is to provide a safe environment for a student starting with a Peanut Allergy.

Toilet Paper Fundraiser

Friends of Methven Primary School are undertaking a fundraiser for new soccer goals and the updating of school gardens



\$45 per carton - 48 rolls of 2 ply paper

Place your order on the Friends of Methven Primary School Facebook page

Orders & payment by Wednesday 17th June, for delivery early July.
Friends of Methven Primary School: 02-0868-0092093-000



Honey Fundraiser

Friends of Methven Primary School are undertaking a fundraiser for new soccer goals and the updating of school gardens.

Southern Alps Honey have very generously supplied us with several cartons of honey to assist with our fundraising.

**Manuka, Dew & Native Floral Sources
350gm - \$10**

Product available now

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Staff along with BOT Members and FOMPS Volunteers at the Saturday Working Bee

