



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CHAIR

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Everything we do in a school day is about our relationships with each other.

From the time children get on the bus to the time they spend in class learning new things through to the conversations at dinner time, without strong relationships not much will happen. A study in Chicago elementary schools found that the biggest impact on how parents, teachers and learners felt about their schools was based around the strength of the relationships between the people.

It also found that respect, personal regard and integrity were the cornerstones to the building of relationships. When teachers and learners had relationships based on these things it had a huge impact on how the learning occurred in the classroom. In fact the study found that in schools where this occurred there was a 20% increase in Maths achievement over a 5 year period.

We are so lucky at our school that we generally have good relationships. However, to maintain these we need to keep communicating with each other and continually developing the trust that comes from learning about and communicating with each other.

It was interesting in the study that the schools where there were low levels of trust between the learners, teachers and whanau there were the lowest levels of academic achievement.

There will be times when we are concerned or confused about what is happening at home or at school for any child and their learning. The best way to continue to build the relationship is to talk about it as soon as we can. By talking about the issue with each other we can build the trust that will allow the possibility for improvement and for trust to flourish. As the saying goes, "Hidden resentments damage a relationship, if something bothers you, say it to me." While this is not always easy, if we have trust in each other that we all want the best for our children then we will see it as a way to grow the relationship rather than damage it.

For all of us it means continuing to learn about each other, to get better and knowing what is best for our children and to continue to make Mt Somers Springburn School the best school in Mid Canterbury.

Sean Wansbrough

Principal

Assembly

Assembly is next Thursday at 2pm. At this assembly we will be saying farewell Miss White. There will be an afternoon tea to follow where there will be a chance to catch up with Sarah before she leaves. We look forward to seeing you there.



March

Seth Corbett
Archie Griffen

April

Kayden O'Connor
Niko Holgate
Peyton Fewes
Lucy Roy

Down's Bus Driver

While Mr Wansbrough has been enjoying driving the Down's Bus and catching up with the children, we are pleased to announce that Sharon Nagel will be starting as the driver from next Wednesday. As she learns the route, the children and the different families there will be some times where you may have to be patient with any slight delays.

Sports Practices

At times children may be involved in different sports practices after school or at school. As we are not always aware of who is attending practices we would still appreciate if you could ring the office to let us know if your child is off the bus.

Concerns and Complaints

From time to time you will have concerns about your child and their learning. We have a concerns and complaints procedure in these cases. When you have a concern you should approach your child's teacher directly to discuss the problem and work with them to develop a plan. If you are unhappy with the outcome of this discussion then you can approach the Principal to discuss your concern. If, after allowing time for the concern to be worked on, you are unhappy with the result of the the discussion with the Principal you may make a formal complaint to the Board of Trustees. This needs to be in writing and addressed to the Board of Trustees outlining the nature of the complaint, what efforts have been made to resolve the complaint as well as the name and phone number of the person making the complaint.

We are always working to resolve your concerns at the lowest possible level for the sake of your child and their learning. Please speak to us as soon as possible when you have a concern, as we want to do the best we can for your children and their learning.

School Holidays

A reminder that the School holidays begin on Good Friday, the 14th of April, and school starts again for Term 2 on Monday 1st of May.

Emergency Response Learning

Throughout this term the classes have been learning about many different aspects of emergencies and emergency responders. We have had St Johns at school, the Mt Somers Rural Fire Brigade and Tussock and Harakeke have been visiting the ambulance station in Ashburton. We even had a fire drill at school to practice the way we will respond in an emergency.



School Online Calendar

Our school websites has an online calendar on the homepage that includes upcoming events and dates. The web address is <http://www.mtss.school.nz/> . Please check it out.

Community Service

Next term in Rata the Year 7 and 8 learners will become involved in the William Pike Award. This is an award similar to the Duke of Edinburgh but for younger children. If you would like to know more about the award check out the website - <http://williampike.co.nz/> .

Part of the learning for this award involves doing community service. This could be things like riparian planting, helping an elderly member of our community with their garden, picking up rubbish at the domain or becoming involved with a local community group. If you have an idea of someone our Year 7 and 8 children could help please let Sean know, either by calling school or emailing at principal@mtss.school.nz

Former Mt Somers Springburn School Graduates

Do you know someone who went through our school who has gone on to be successful either in the world of work, sport or who has served our community? We would like to use the newsletter to celebrate some of our former learners who have gone on to achieve. If they are still around we would like to get some children to interview them for future newsletters and if they are family of yours who have passed on we would like to speak with you about the person and their life. If you have people in mind then please email Sean at principal@mtss.school.nz with some details and we will look to include them in future newsletters.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC day occurs during the school holidays. The Mayfield and Districts Red Poppy Society Inc (formerly Mayfield Anzac Committee) extend an invitation to our children and parents to attend the service on the 25 April. The Parade assembles in the Panther Rock Café car park at 9.30am, leaving at 9.45am and marches to the hall for a service starting at 10.00am. There will be a collection at the service and morning tea to follow. Some Poppies will be available at the school office for the children to purchase.

Keep a look out in the Mt Somers village for the ANZAC memorial crosses to commemorate those from our district who served our country.

School Carpark

A reminder that the carpark is used as our bus bay in the afternoons and before school. If possible could people please use the car parking at the front of the school for pickups and drop offs.



Facilitators

Pup Chamberlain
Sam Robinson
Lee-Anne Tarling
David Cairns

Venue

Methven Resort
(Bar facilities available)
51 Main Street
Methven

Enquiries

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Free Workshop

Beating the Blues: Boosting Your Connections with Those Around You

Friday 28 April 2017
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Participants will be provided with the opportunity to:

- Understand the importance of communication
- Explore the concepts of 'ups and downs'
- Ask questions and discuss issues openly without judgement
- Share ideas and strategies on how to get off the bus sometimes

Register at www.mherc.org.nz



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Mental Health Education & Resources Centre

- MID CANTERBURY NETBALL - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Year 1-6

Come along for two days of super fun netball
activities and skills!



Thursday 27 April

9am – 3pm

Friday 28 April

\$40 per participant



Limited spaces – Get in quick!

Register online at: www.mcnetball.co.nz

For further information contact ndo@mcnetball.co.nz



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Order your wood chip for calf pens off Quigley Contracting and we will donate \$1 per m³ to your local primary school of choice.

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MT SOMERS COMMUNITY POOL COMMITTEE

The pool has now closed for the season and we would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing keys. We especially thank Chris Murphy, Becky Marett and Sara Holgate for giving up their time to check the chemical balances in the pool over the swimming season as this made the Committee's job so much easier. Many thanks also to Jill Kerr for being available to issue the keys. This was a time consuming task over a busy period in the store, not only issuing the keys to casual swimmers but also making sure they were all returned.

ALL KEYS SHOULD NOW BE RETURNED TO THE STORE ASAP PLEASE.

Once again many thanks to all.



ANZ FutureFerns Y1-2

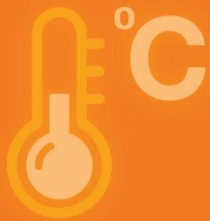
Introduces Netball to 5 - 6 year olds. The aim is to develop fundamental movement and ball skills. The game that follows the preceding skill session is played on one third of a full sized court, by teams of four, with the emphasis on equal participation.

Modified equipment is used.

Mid Canterbury are running this program at the EA Networks Centre on Monday afternoons 4 – 4.45pm during term two (beginning Monday 1st May)

To register follow this link: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/50999>

SUNSMART FACT



Being cool doesn't help

Sunburn can occur on cooler days. There is no relationship between air temperature and the strength of UV radiation from the sun. Be prepared. Slip, slop, slap and wrap, and stay in the shade when you can.

