



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CHAIR

NEWSLETTER: 11.5.17

"Now I know what the atom looks like."

Ernest Rutherford.

Today we accept the model of the atom that Ernest Rutherford developed in 1909 as the way atoms are. A nucleus surrounded by spinning electrons. That is Science. Facts and definite statements.

It is interesting to think though that the model Rutherford developed, which is now accepted as scientific fact, was once nothing more than an idea in a Nelson school boy's head. A made up theory of what an atom is. Certainly, Ernest Rutherford used scientific experimentation to prove his idea and it has been tested by many people since then to prove it is correct. However, at one time it was merely a piece of imaginative play. Just like our children play shops,

What Rutherford started with was a creative idea. It is important for us to remember that every day when our children leave for school that while they are learning facts and skills we need to leave plenty of opportunities for creativity.

This week I have been asking the children about their learning. It is amazing to talk to them and listen to the ways that they speak about creativity even when that is not what I have asked them. One learner said to me, "I like writing because I can make up my own story and use my creativity." Later in this newsletter you will read Annabel's winning story and you will see her creativity shining through. Another learner told me, "I like reading because it helps me to have a great imagination. I like books that make me think about what is going on." Our school library is holding an evening for you and your families to come and help them build their imaginations. Look out for the advert at the end of the newsletter. And finally, one learner said, "I like to be creative when I'm playing. You need to be really creative at play time." Every day, in our playground I hear and see children making up the most amazing imaginative games. It is certainly one of the best parts of my job.

Creativity and imagination is difficult to measure. There are no tests and we can't rank learners on a scale to see their improvement. What we do know is that those learners who can approach a problem creatively will have a chance to create something new for them and maybe those around them.

So, while we all realise it is important to learn “facts” as they will help us in small ways, it is the development of a child’s creativity that will help them to become the next scientists, designers, engineers, architects, builders and business owners that we need. If someone had told Ernest Rutherford to stop day dreaming in class about atoms, maybe we wouldn’t have the understanding about the world we do today. Our children have amazing imaginations and are so creative that we need to celebrate that every day too.

Sean Wansbrough

Principal

Assembly

Assembly is tomorrow at 2.15 pm. As this Friday clashes with the Year 7 and 8 children at technology in Ashburton, there will be another assembly next week as well to get us back into a routine of every 2 weeks.

Cross Country

As some people may be aware our zone for school sports has changed due to a directive from the Mid Canterbury Primary Principal’s Association. We now are in a group of schools that includes Mt Somers Springburn, Mayfield, Hinds and Longbeach. This means that in cross country, where we competed with Mayfield at Mt Somers Station involving approximately 150 children, now has approximately 450 children in it. As a result it is not practical for the station to host such a large number of parents and children for the event as it is not suitable to park the vehicles that would be involved or deal with the associated toileting requirements.

We have had to find a venue to run the event that could deal with that number of people. The cross country this year will be held at the Mayfield Domain on Monday 29th of May starting at 12. The postponement day is the 30th of May.

There is no parking on the rugby field and vehicles will need to park on the roadside or around the hall.

6 Hour Bike Race

All the best to the Mighty Mt Somers Mountain Bikers competing in the McDonalds 6 hour Mountain Bike Race this Sunday. Go hard Charlie, Will and Lachlan!

Winter Options - Skiing

If you are thinking about skiing for Winter Options this year the dates for the Local Schools Programme have been confirmed.

Friday 28th July

Friday 4th August

Friday 11th August

Friday 18th August

Friday 25th August

Friday 1st September

All children signing up to this will need a Mt Hutt season pass for 2017. For children 10 and under these are able to be purchased now from Mt Hutt Snow Centre, Methven iSite Building or online - www.nzski.com/mt-hutt. Passes are \$20 for children 10 years and under (on 1st June 2017). Passes for children 11 years old + (on 1st June 2017) are \$100. Sarah has contacted you directly via email as these application forms need to be returned urgently.

Any questions please contact Sarah Gaskin (sarah.gaskin@mtss.school.nz)



April

Dylan MacPhearson
Etta Jade Holland

May

James Clark
Will Murphy

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.

Westpac Chopper Mufti Day

A big thanks to all the families who donated money through their children on mufti day. We raised \$92 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. This is a very worthy cause.

Message from the MTSS Home & Schools committee

You're welcome to pop over and like our MTSS Home & Schools Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MTSS-Home-School-1613656478948569/>

On this page we will be listing all upcoming events! The Next big Event is the Mt Somers Duck Pluckers Ball on the 29th of July. We are giving the Mt Somers School families the chance to buy tickets from this page for two days before we list them to the public on the 12th of May 2017. So

pop over to the H&S Facebook page and like us, there you can follow the Eventbrite link for tickets Alternatively, go to the below link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/mt-somers-duck-pluckers-ball-tickets-32379486917>

Community Service

Starting next week in Rata the Year 7 and 8 learners will begin their work towards 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

Mid Canterbury Champions

On Thursday the 4th of May a group of 10 children headed to the Ashburton showgrounds to compete in the annual Mid Canterbury Year 6 Rippa Rugby tournament organised by the Mid Canterbury Rugby Union. The team played 12 games against teams from all over the district. The result was that the team won 11 games and drew 1 making them the winners on the day. They now head off to Ashburton again on the 15th of June to play against the best teams from South Canterbury and North Otago. The winner of this tournament goes to the Rippa Rugby Nationals in Wellington.



Rata Room Hot Dog Camp Fundraiser

A big thank you to Jess and Bree for organising the hot dog fundraiser on Friday. The girls have taken the orders, bought the hot dogs and come up with games for the day. If you haven't done so already, please send the \$2.50 for each hot dog along to school for Friday. Year 7 and 8's who have ordered hot dogs will have theirs on Monday as they are at Tech on Friday.

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.

Congratulations Annabel

Recently the learners in Rata were involved in the Beyond the Backyard writing competition. As a result, Annabel's story, The Crimson Forest, was chosen from 600 stories as one of the best to be included in an anthology of writing from Intermediate aged children from across New Zealand. We are all very proud of Annabel's achievement and here is her story.

The Crimson Forest

"Psst Levi, don't Mrs Fair's eyes sparkle more than usual today?" Alex whispered to his best friend. But Levi didn't hear, he was too busy looking around him.

Mrs Fair was twirling a few silky strands of her long dark hair. All her students were staring at her and even the shadows seemed to follow her. Colossal trunks spiralled upwards. Dark arms tangled together above as the group tramped through the undergrowth.

Alex was beginning to regret wearing his cargo shorts as they were starting to chafe. "We will camp here for the night" Mrs Fair announced in her sweet voice. "Pitch your tents and I'll lay out the food for you." The boys followed her instructions. Dinner was soon over and darkness was upon them. Mrs Fair came around checking on the boys. "Remember to be searching for strange phenomena for your Beyond the Backyard presentations!" she reminded them.

Once everyone was in a deep slumber, Mrs Fair sunk into the shadows to reveal herself, her real self. She peeled back her disguise to feel very refreshed. "Ow! Stupid antenna!" she screeched in a horrid tone. "Now I'll have my dinner." Mrs Fair plopped onto her belly and hundreds upon hundreds of tiny legs appeared on her sides. She crawled over to a khaki tent and slipped inside. Suddenly there was a sharp scream.

"What was that?" Levi cried, jolting from his mattress.

"Dunno, probably just that Luke. He's scared of the dark." Alex chuckled

"Ha ha yeah probably" Levi mumbled.

"Get up everyone, you have to find breakfast for yourselves as part of your survival course." Mrs Fair yelled. Twenty-three teenage boys staggered out of their tents. "Where are Luke and Tom?" Mrs Fair asked. The group looked around in shock.

"It's almost like they just disappeared from the face of the earth." Levi whispered to Alex.

"Today we are strolling through the Crimson wood." Mrs Fair announced. She crept back into her tent to change. Half an hour later they were walking through a huge forest. Since it was late autumn the maroon leaves crunched under foot. Mrs Fair was right. Every tree was plastered in crimson bark, like a forest of strawberry lolly pops. "This place looks like candy land!" Alex exclaimed in wonder.

"He he, yes Alex it does." Mrs Fair giggled. Alex's cheeks flushed the colour of the foliage on the ground.

Mrs Fair snuck behind a towering oak, and dug into her neon lycra pocket. "Hopefully Alex will brush past this tree, otherwise I'll have to think of something really clever," She cursed under her breath. She bought out four of her rough lime green scales, placing them in a crevice of the bark on the oak. Xavier and Jackson scraped past the tree and vanished.

"Mrs Fair!" someone shrieked "Xavier and Jackson are gone!"

Once again everyone gazed around wide eyed. "They probably just went ahead, come on we will go catch up." Mrs Fair reassured them.

Soon the class was at Cronical Hut. This was where they were going to stay the night. Only Levi, Alex and Mrs Fair had not mysteriously disappeared. Every night Mrs Fair transformed into the monster she was. "I'll have to resort to something drastic or else I'll have my powers taken off me." She scowled.

After Alex was asleep, Levi was still reading his sci-fi novel, so she called him out to see her. "Levi," she started "I have very important job for you. Will you do me a favour?" Levi sat there stunned. "Uh, yes of course." He stammered.

The next morning Levi was up early cooking a delicious concoction for breakfast. "Here." Mrs Fair said seriously, handing him a small tube of yellow liquid. He tentatively poured it into Alex's pineapple juice. "Don't worry Levi" Mrs Fair uttered, "it's going to work fast, you don't want to fail me now do you?" He lowered his head in defeat. "No." he sighed.

"Alex! I made you breakfast!" Levi called.

Alex came rushing from his bed. "Thanks man. Oh, yum pancakes, my favourite!" he gasped. Taking a sip of his juice, he collapsed and lay there twitching. Levi choked back his tears and spun around to run. But what he saw was something no fifteen year old should have. His biology teacher had turned into a mutant centipede!

"Thanks for the favour Levi. You did all the work for me!" she cackled.

Annabel Harmer

Mt Somers Springburn School

Year 7



McDonald's Ashburton
6 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE
* Sunday 14 May, 2017 * Teams * Solo * Schools *
Enter online: www.midcanterburymtbclub.co.nz

The banner features a red background with a white silhouette of a cyclist on the left, a large white number '6', and the McDonald's logo. On the right, there is a black silhouette of a mountain bike rider with the text 'Mid Canterbury MTB CLUB'.

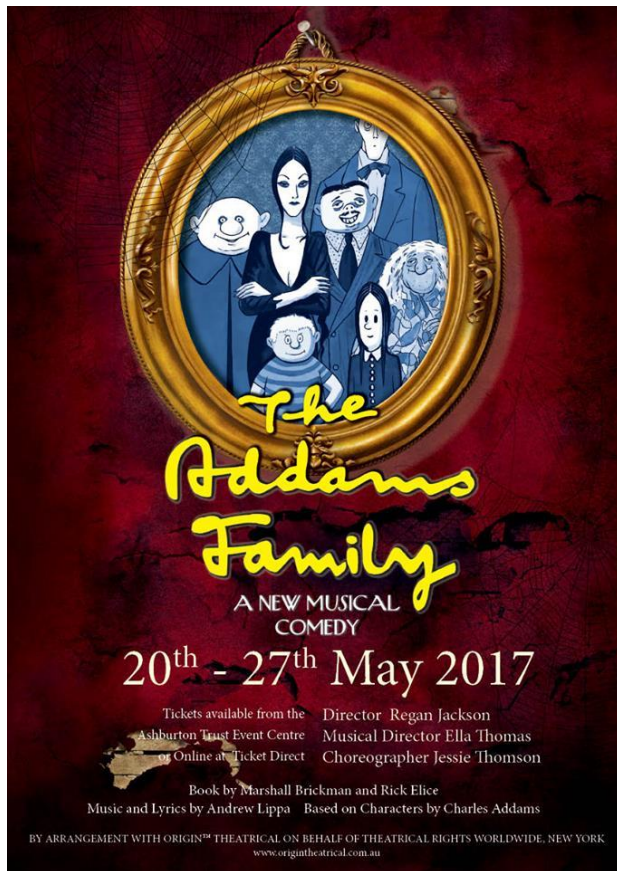


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Why is our school SunSmart?
SunSmart Schools are recognised as the "gold standard" in sun protection by the World Health Organisation (WHO). This is a balanced approach.

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Cancer Society

The banner has an orange background with a sunburst pattern. It features a gold medal icon on the left and the SunSmart Schools logo on the right.



ASHBURTON ROWING CLUB PRESENTS

A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION & SUCCESS OF ASHBURTON ROWING
A GALA TO BE HELD IN THE ROWING SHED, LAKE HOOD
TO HELP FUNDRAISE FOR NEW ROWING BOATS

SATURDAY MAY 20
PRE DRINKS START
6.30PM

NZ Olympian guest speaker:
HAMISH BOND and
our local champion Veronica
Wall with Craig Harrison
Compère/Auctioneer

Complimentary drink
Continuous food
Fabulous auction items kindly
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Live music, Corner Sound
playing from 9.00pm

TICKETS
\$90.00

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Ashburton Parents Centre

Hot Topic – Family Information Evening

Could your family have a food allergy?

Dr Rodney Ford has been helping families with food allergies and food intolerances for the last 30 years. He was Associate Professor at the Christchurch Paediatric Department and was Director of the Food Allergy Service and he is coming to speak to Ashburton parents on **Monday 15th May**.

Food allergies are often not easily recognised. He will talk about how food allergies can show up in your children, how to diagnose them, and what to do.

Food allergy causes a wide range of symptoms, which are often put down to a virus or behaviour problems.

He will explore with you:

- Symptoms of food allergy
- Skin tests for allergy
- Eczema and its link to foods
- Coeliac disease and gluten intolerance
- Vomiting and gastric reflux
- Milk allergy and lactose intolerance
- Nut allergy



Dr Rodney Ford will also be available to answer questions at the end of the session.

Dr Rodney Ford with Ashburton Parents Centre

Monday 15th May at 7:00pm

Tinwald School Hall – 131 Thomson Street, Tinwald, Ashburton

To book a place – please email your name, contact number and whether you are a member or non-member to ashparentscentre@gmail.com. We will reply and give you details on how to pay.

- \$20 for current Ashburton Parents Centre members
- \$35 for non-members

Supper will be provided and there will be a raffle to purchase. We look forward to seeing you there.

BOOK NIGHT

Tuesday 23rd May 2017



Read at the MtSS Library!

Tuesday 23rd May, 5-7pm

COME AND READ FOR 15 MINUTES + AND ENTER THE
NATIONWIDE PRIZE DRAW

EXPLORE THE MTSS LIBRARY

BRING A CUSHION & CURL UP IN TE KIEKIE

HOT CHOCOLATE FOR SALE (FUNDRAISING TOWARDS
LIBRARY REFURBISHMENTS)

BDS.ORG.NZ/BOOKNIGHT

Annie's Music School

Come and learn music in 2017:

- Piano
- Ukulele
- Music appreciation classes (5-7 year olds)
- Singing lessons
- Recorder
- Piano Accordion

Lessons will be at Mt Somers Springburn School.

For more information, please phone Annie Jacobs 027 350 1065.



Mt Somers/Staveley Playcentre

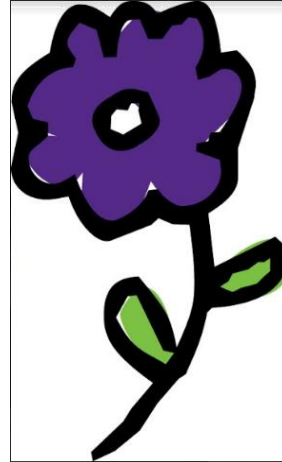
Invites all local preschoolers and caregivers

To our sessions on Tuesdays (term time)

9.15am to 11.45am

50 Pattons Rd, Mt Somers

Queries. Cindy Grobler 0210432774



Facilitator
Paula Partington

Venue
Methven Resort
51 Main Street,
Methven

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To attend register at
www.mherc.org.nz

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Community Connector
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Brenna_Russell@rcpho.org.nz
027 228 7985

Free Workshop

Resilient Children, Resilient Teens

Thursday 1 June 2017
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Participants will be provided with the opportunity to:

- Develop skills around challenging behaviours
- Manage conflict
- What is positive parenting?
- What constitutes bullying and ways to deal with it
- Take home some useful tips and ideas

LIONS CLUB OF ASHBURTON IN ASSOCIATION WITH LEMACON MID



CANTERBURY

Invites you to our bi-annual

'RAY WHITE REAL ESTATE BIG SMOKE VS POWER FARMING ASHBURTON
RURAL FOLK TEAM CHALLENGE & AUCTION 2017'

Ray White vs **POWER FARMING**



WHEN – Saturday 17th June 2017

AT – Ashburton MSA

Starts 7:30 p.m. – doors open from 6:30 p.m.

- Six stage challenges between the Townies (Big Smoke) lead by Heath Walters taking on the Rural Folk lead by Mike Boon (each team has ten players). Fun, laughter and entertainment.
- A number of goods & services auctioned on the night from the very affordable to the like to have.
- \$40 per person and includes supper. Make up a group of friends or come as a couple for a great night out. Tables of 8 or 10 available.
- All profits to St John Ambulance Ashburton, Mid Canterbury Rural Welfare Trust and Lions Club of Ashburton Charitable Trust.

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Pictured Adam Barwood (Champion NZ National Champion - 2010)

2017 Mt Hutt Race Calendar

July 2017	September 2017
10 - Mt Hutt Junior Interfield	01 - Mt Hutt NZYS
22 - Mt Hutt National Finals (Early Bird)	02 - Mt Hutt NZYS
	03 - Mt Hutt NZYS
	04 - Mt Hutt Training
	05 - Mt Hutt JMC
15 - Mt Hutt Canterbury Secondary Schools	06 - Mt Hutt National Championship
26 - Mt Hutt Speed Camp	06 - Mt Hutt JMC
31 - Mt Hutt Speed Camp	08 - Mt Hutt FIS
	07 - Mt Hutt JMC: Weather Day
	10 - Mt Hutt Junior Interfield
	12 - Mt Hutt (Masters) Training
	13 - Mt Hutt (Masters) Training
	14 - Mt Hutt (Masters) Training
	15 - Mt Hutt (Masters)
	16 - Mt Hutt (Masters)

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Nursery Open...
 Weekend. 
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