

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CHAIR****NEWSLETTER: 23.2.17**

Time. There is never enough of it. Every time you think you have enough, something comes along to steal it away. J.R.R Tolkien had a thought about time though. He said, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

We all do decide what to do with our time. Sometimes we decide to use our time to relax and enjoy ourselves and sometimes we use our time to work harder and make ourselves successful. Teaching our children the value of how we use our time is something that they will take with them into their future.

So is the way that we give our time to our children to help them to be more successful in their learning. While you may not have an hour to spend with your child on their reading, the 5 or 10 minutes you do spend will make a difference. While you might not have hours to show them the world around them, the 20 minutes you spend showing them how to ride or hunt will make a difference. And you may not have all day to spend playing a game on the lawn but the short time you can give them helping them to catch a ball or kick a goal will make a difference.

The key is not the amount of time you spend showing your children how to be great people. The key is spending time with them that shows that you value the time you spend together. This can make the biggest difference to how successful they will be when they grow up.

So, there is always enough time when we use it to help our children to learn.

Sean Wansbrough

Principal

Assembly

Assembly is tomorrow at 2.15. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rata EOTC

Rata had a great day of learning in the outdoors on Tuesday. They learnt about survival in the bush by finding out about how to build a bivouac and how to hunt for huhu grubs if they needed

instant protein. They also challenged themselves on the high ropes course at Adrenalin Forest. This is part of their learning about developing grit, determination and resilience. The children learnt a lot about themselves and testing their limits. Thank you to the parents who accompanied them on the trip. Your support made the day.



Board of Trustees Meeting

At the recent Board meeting there was discussion about the important issues of learning at our school. The Board approved the 2017 Charter and held a discussion about the targets for 2017. Our target areas for this year will be on Writing, Maths and Oral Language. There are also 4 strategic goals that are guiding the Board in their decision making. They are to develop challenging and stimulating learning programmes, helping children develop strong numeracy and literacy skills, to develop grit, determination and resilience in our learners and finally, to maximize the community involvement in the school and use it as a community resource. The Board also approved the 2017 budget which will look to spend money in a way that can achieve these goals.

Madeline Brown was elected to the role of Chairperson. The next meeting is on the 20th of March. All Board meetings are public and you are welcome to attend.

Agrikids

Good luck to the teams competing at the Agrikids competition in Methven this weekend. We look forward to hearing about your success on Monday

Health and Safety

Being conscious of Health and Safety is something we take seriously at our school. While the adults do everything they can to ensure a safe school environment, we are not always aware of issues that may be in the playground or classrooms. If your child comes home and talks about something unsafe at school, such as a broken board on the playground or a loose toilet seat, please let us know so that we can rectify the situation. Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Mt Somers Bike Race

We hope the weather will be great for the bike race this weekend and Mt Somers can bring home the trophy.

Welcome to School

Welcome to Jack and Violet France who have joined Tussock recently.

Home and School Meeting

This amazing group of school support people is meeting on Tuesday 28th of February in the school staffroom at 7.30. All are welcome to attend the first meeting for the year. This meeting is instead of the meeting that was postponed from earlier in the month.

What is the purpose of the Home & School Committee?

The Home & School Committee work with the school to maintain and build close links with the community. Our aim is to organise social events to bring the school community together, and plan and implement fundraising projects to support the school and its vision.

Check out these links for more information

School website link

<http://www.mtss.school.nz/home-and-school-committee.html>

MTSS Home & School Facebook link

<https://www.facebook.com/MTSS-Home-School-1613656478948569/>

Goal Setting Meetings

It was fantastic to see so many of you able to make these meetings with the teachers to discuss your child's learning. If you were unable to make it we would still like to discuss some goals for your child for 2017. Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

Swimming Sports

Swimming sports was a great day at the EA Networks Centre. The competition was fierce, especially in the relays. We have 4 swimmers who will go on to represent the school. They are Archie and Lachlan Rooney, Bronte Brown and Rhodes Taylor. Good luck to the 4 of them as they head to the Counties Swimming Sports on the 7th of March

Education Review Office Visit

The reviewers will be here on Tuesday the 28th of March. We will be holding a powhiri for them followed by a morning tea. The reviewers are Julie Moor and Kathy Lye. If you are able to come we would appreciate your support in showing the reviewers the depth of community support. The powhiri will begin at about 10.00 on Tuesday morning.

Winter Hockey

Mt Somers Springburn children have the opportunity to join Mayfield School kids and combine forces under Tinwald Hockey Club. This year we plan to have teams in the Year 3/4 grade, Year 5/6 and hopefully in the Year 7/8 grade. Hockey is mixed, both boys and girls. The Year 3/4 grade is held on Saturday mornings, Year 5/6 on Friday afternoons and Year 7/8 on a Tuesday afternoon. All games

are in Ashburton on the turf but practices are held at Mayfield school or the Mayfield domain. We are fortunate to have Glenys and Stacey Carr (former Black Stick) assisting with coaching. Please contact Penny to register interest: 021812489, 3039749.



Mt Somers Rugby Club

Junior Rugby pre-season training begins **Thursday 2 March** after school,
Mt Somers Springburn School.

All school aged children are invited to attend.

Any questions or queries to contact: **Hayden Reveley 021 2094210**

Tony Marret 021 0649414



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COACHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PLAYERS

Coaching Development Officer, Rachel Curd,
has organised for experienced Canterbury
Hockey players to deliver this course.

Suitable for players Year 3 upwards

Dates and times:

Tuesday 7th March from 4pm

Tuesday 14th March from 4pm

Tuesday 21st March from 4pm

Music Lessons

Music lessons available with Stephen Wightman on guitar, drums, keyboard, or ukulele. \$20 per half hour lesson. Phone 027 294 5030 or check out Steve Wightman Music on Facebook.



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

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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT 2017

Start the season STRONG!

WHO

All players Y7 – U17 level
(Players will be working within their own age groups)



WHEN

Mon 13 March: 3.45 – 6.00pm
Mon 20 March: 3.45 – 5.15pm
Mon 27 March: 3.45 – 5.15pm
Mon 3 April: 3.45 – 5.15pm
Mon 10 April: 3.45 – 5.15pm
EA Networks Centre, Ashburton

WHAT

5 x sessions of intensive skill work with
experienced Canterbury Coaches

- Tammy Mehrtens (Netball Mainland)
- Ange Mitchell (Ashburton College)
- Jen Hooper (Netball Mainland)
- Andrea Cousins (Technical)
- Cindy Meadows (Hampstead)

COST

\$50 Per Participant

REGISTER

Register online at www.mcnetball.co.nz

For further information email

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