



NEWSLETTER: 7.12.2017

### **Staff Update**

As well as welcoming Miss Duthie to Rata next year we are pleased to announce that Mrs Tish Oates will be the teacher in Harakeke for 2018. Tish has worked as a reliever throughout 2017 and the children know her well. She is currently teaching at Methven Primary School. As Mrs Oates is a South African trained teacher our school will be giving her one day a fortnight to upskill on any areas of the curriculum she may be less familiar with. This will be for Term 1 and 2 only. On that day we are pleased to announce that we have Miss George teaching in Harakeke on that day. This will ensure continuity for the children as they all know her well and have been taught by her. We now have our full compliment of teaching and support staff for 2018. This is terrific news in light of the recent media attention around teacher shortages.

### **Splash Day**

As a celebration of a great year we will be holding a splash day on the last Thursday of School. This will involve a water slide, the Mt Somers Pool and a water war. Children will need their togs and towel as well as plenty of sunscreen. We will hold this at the Mt Somers Domain. The water war is for water guns, buckets and other water shooters. We are asking that you don't send water balloons as the little pieces of rubber that are left over are difficult to clean up and make a mess of the field. Children are not expected to join in the water war if they don't want to. The fun will start at 12 and be finished at around 2pm. Parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

### **Opuke Kahui Ako (Community of Learning)**

You will be aware that we had a teacher only day in Methven recently with all the teachers from the Kahui Ako stretching from Dorie through Methven and across to Mayfield. This was a terrific opportunity for our teachers to connect and learn with other teachers in our area. The intention is that this day (on the Thursday before Canterbury Show Day. This is the 15 of November 2018) will stay as a feature of our yearly timetable.

There will also be 3 afternoons throughout the year when all the schools will close earlier to allow teachers to attend professional learning in Methven with the other schools. This will be the fourth Tuesday of every term. The dates for 2018 are –

Tuesday 20 February

Tuesday 14 August

Tuesday 15 November

The buses will run at 1pm on these 3 days. If you are unable to meet your children from the bus, the Homework Club will be running from 1pm for those families who require it.

## **Prize Giving**

This will be held on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December in the Mt Somers Hall. This will start at 6.30pm. Please ensure that your child is in their full school uniform as this is a formal event.

## **Last Day of School**

The last day of school is Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Traditionally this day is for Year 7&8 only to help with clean up at the end of the year. This would only be a half day for these children. Children in Year 6 and below are not expected to come on this Friday. The school minibus will run in the morning and afternoon and be available for those children who require it. Please contact the office to let us know if your child will need the bus. The bus will leave school at 12.30 for the afternoon run.

School begins again on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January in 2018.

## **2018 Stationery**

Lists are now available for each class so you are able to organise this for next year. There will be 3 options for ordering your child's stationery.

*Option 1* – You can order online through [officemax.co.nz](http://officemax.co.nz). Stationery packs will be sent through to your home address.

*Option 2* – Paper Plus will again be making up class packs which you will be able to purchase at their Ashburton store.

*Option 3* – You will be able to use the school stationery list to source your own from your preferred supplier.

## **Mid Canterbury Technology Centre Changes**

You may be aware that our Year 7&8 learners travel to Ashburton to carry out the Tech part of their learning. This year they have gone for one Friday every second week. From next year this will change and they will go for one full week in Term 3 and 4 only. They will be carried to and from Ashburton by the Tech bus.

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The last meeting for the year will be held in the staffroom on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of December from 7pm. All are welcome.

## **Swimming**

It has been great to get the professional coaching at the EA Network Centre for swimming this week. We will be using the Mt Somers Pool next term as well as attending another week at the EA pool. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of February (excluding Waitangi Day).

## **Reports**

The Beech and Rata reports as along with any reports due in the holidays will be coming home next Thursday. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's learning.

## **BOT Elections**

Counting of the votes occurred today and the results will be here by 6pm. The community will be advised of the result tomorrow through a notice published at school and newspaper advertisement in Snowfed.

## **Goodbye Emily**

It is with great pride that we say goodbye and good luck to Emily Greer as she heads off to Year 9 at Ashburton College. As our only Year 8 leaver this year we are proud of our part in helping her to become the person she has. We know that you will take what you have learnt at our school and make it even more at high school. We look forward to seeing you soon and hearing all about it.



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## MT SOMERS COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL



Well the swimming season is upon us and the local community pool will open this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The committee have been busy with a fresh coat of paint on the pool and with some nice hot days to warm the water temperature up the pool is all set to go! There is a pool opening day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm so please come along to this great community facility and have a dip in the pool. We have a facebook page set up under Mt Somers Community Swimming Pool so please like us to keep up to date with what is happening at the pool as we will be running a few fun events throughout the summer.

Keys can be hired from the Mt Somers Tavern from 11.00am. Season keys are \$60 and are available from Jo Murphy on 027 358 5190 or [jo.murphy76@gmail.com](mailto:jo.murphy76@gmail.com). All swimmers are required to sign a pool declaration before a key will be given out. Season keys are an easy option for our locals and help to support our facility

### **Rates for Casual Swimmers are:**

Single Swim \$3/person

Family Swim \$12

Week Family Rate \$20 – Great for Holiday Makers

If anyone is interested in helping out with our daily pool requirements please contact Becky at [tbmarett@gmail.com](mailto:tbmarett@gmail.com) or 021 239 1388, this is only a 10-15min job and is easy ☺.

We hope to see you on Sunday at the pool opening.

### **MAYFIELD SCOUT GROUP**

**WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUTH AND LEADERS TO JOIN OUR TROOP OF CUBS (7 YRS – 10 YRS) AND SCOUTS (10YRS +).**

**MEET NEW FRIENDS, SHARE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES, WORK TOWARDS BADGES OF ACHIEVEMENT, HELP IN THE COMMUNITY.**

**SCOUTS MEET WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6.30 PM TO 8.30 PM. WE WELCOME OLD AND NEW MEMBERS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

**MIKE FARNELL ON 027-4755866**

**OR**

**DEREK BARRETT ON 027-2952032**



Slip



Slop



Slap



Wrap



Shade

**TENNIS  
HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME**



**18<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

COME ALONG ANY DAY ONLY \$5 A  
SESSION OR \$20 FOR ALL 5 DAYS

**9:00-10:00 AM – MAYFIELD**

**10:30-11:30 AM – CAREW**

**3:00-4:00 AM – HINDS**

KIDS OF ANY ABILITY ARE WELCOME TO COME  
ALONG TO THEIR LOCAL COURTS AND JOIN IN SOME  
FUN TENNIS ACTIVITIES AND GAMES.

*"A GREAT WAY TO RELIEVE THE STRESS OF KIDS, AND  
GET RID OF THEIR ENERGY CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS."*

PLEASE CONTACT OLIVER MCKEOWN ON 0273030015

ANOTHER PROGRAMME AFTER CHRISTMAS IF ENOUGH INTEREST



**KIDZ METHVEN**

**night market**

Thursday December 7, 2017  
6 - 9pm  
Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

free admission  
cash bar  
market sites & food vendors

**St.Aidan's Anglican Church**  
Christmas Services for Families.  
Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm  
Carol Service in church grounds followed by a provided Sausage Sizzle  
Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
Children's Christmas Service[Just arrive on the day  
All Welcome  
Annette Eggleston  
[Priest-in-Charge]

# Mt Somers HomeWork Club

This is an After-School Program running at the Mt Somers School. The HomeWork Club will be running for the whole of 2018. This is designed so you can pop you children in when you need to. If you need full time care or you are running late to get home we are here!

**Where:** Multi Purpose room

**When:** Mon-Friday term/School time

**Time:** 2.45-6pm



See the Facebook page Mt. Somers HomeWork Club or text Clare on 0272301012 for more info.