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Annie Jacobs

Mount Hutt College Hall was at capacity last Tuesday evening for the Senior Prizegiving.

A lovely night of celebration was mixed with musical interludes by College Students, speeches by Head Boy and Girl, Mitchell Barron and Caitlin Smith, Richard Fitzgerald (Board Chair), Principal Jack Saxon, and guest speaker and ex-Mount Hutt College student; Nicole Purdom.

The very talented Rosemary Taggart earned the ultimate award of Dux for 2019, with Davina Johnston awarded Proxime Accessit.

Congratulations to all of the students!



Mount Hutt College Dux 2019 Rosemary Taggart with her new family



Mount Hutt College Proxime Accessit 2019 Davina Johnstone



Guest speaker Nicole Purdom

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PUKA RATAKA (Diary)

NOVEMBER

- 17 Dig Day, Mt Hutt Bike Park
- 17 Junior Golf, Methven Golf Club 11am-12pm
- 21 High Country Fete, Methven Racecourse 10am-4pm
- 22-24 Big Little Theatre; Twelfth Night, Ashburton
- 23-24 Methven Resort 2 Day Multi Sponsored Tournament
- 25 White Ribbon Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 29 Light of the Night, Baring Sq, Ashburton
- 30 Shuttle day, Mt Hutt Bike Park
- 30 Christmas Night Market, Rakaia Community hall, \$5 entry, kids free.

Trotts Garden, open for free until the end of the year, Racecourse Rd, Ashburton

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "Methven-140 Years" is postponed until 2020.

COMMUNITY

This section is for community support groups. For sports groups and clubs, contact your local group.

MONDAY

Housie at Methven House 1.30pm.
All members of the community welcome

TUESDAY

Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm
Methven Museum 2pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY

Busy Bees 9am-11am at Elim Church
Toy Library 9.30am-12pm at Roads Board Building, 59 Main St

FRIDAY

Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm
Methven Museum 2pm-4pm

SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAY

EACH MONTH:

Plunket Coffee and Chat 10am-12pm
Plunket Rooms, Main Street

SATURDAY

AA Meetings 6pm Methven Primary School
Toy Library 9.30am-12pm at Roads Board Building, 59 Main St
Methven Public Library 10am-12pm

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DECEMBER

- 1 AIDS Foundation Red Ribbon Day
- 3 International Day of Disabled Persons
- 5 World Volunteers Day
- 7 Ashburton Mitre 10 Mega Christmas in the Park, Ashburton Domain Oval.
- 8 Methven Races – Christmas Meeting Methven Racecourse
- 10 Human Rights Day
- 14 Shuttle Day, Mt Hutt Bike Park
- 20 Methven Community Pool Christmas Pool party
- 29 Methven Hot Rod & Classic Car Show, 10-3pm Methven Town Centre

JANUARY

- 5-10 Methven Summer School

Methven Squash Club



AGM

Monday 2nd December 7.30pm
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One entry per person
4ha minimum

Entry Fee \$60.00

Judging in three areas:

- Field test, 6th December 2019
Judged on weeds, disease, BYDV & uniformity
- Independent yield assessment
- Harvest sample result

Entries to:

Sam Grant: 0273028018

Nicola Lee: 0278365010

methvenshow@gmail.com

Methven Rugby Football Club

123rd AGM

11 December 7.30pm
At the Clubrooms



All new members most welcome to attend.

Supper provided after the meeting



Anyone wanting to come on the committee please contact:
John Fulton 027 489 4504.



Methven A&P Association Scholarship

The Methven A&P Association has again made available a scholarship for further education in agriculture, for a student, residing in the Methven A&P Association District.

2019 Scholarship Details:

\$1500 for a first year student studying an agricultural related course through a tertiary institute - either full or part time.

(This includes traditional universities and training institutes like Coleridge Downs/Primary ITO etc)

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Applications to be received by 5pm November 29th 2019

PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

Colin Brodie: Principal - Tumuaki Lauriston School



Ruia, ruia

Opea, opea

Tahia, tahia

Kia hemo ake te kakoakoa

Kia herea mai ki te kawau koroki

E tataki mai ana i tana pukaro whaikaro

He kuaka marangaranga

Kotahi te manu i tau atu ki te tahuna

Tau atu! tau atu! tau atu!

As many of you know, the Opuke Kahui Ako is a network of 9 schools and 10 Early Childhood Education centre's (ECE's) working together in partnership to make a difference for our students.

We are on a journey together, which we expect will last for many years to come. It is a collaboration built on the solid foundations of relational trust, the integrity of whanaungatanga.

In leading the Kahui, I am using three metaphor to help guide us in this journey. I draw from the wisdom of Te Ao Maori and Te Ao Pakeha.

The first metaphor is the mountain-Opuke, Mt Hutt from which our Kahui takes it's name. "He maunga, he tangata; he maunga, he tangata." Every person is a mountain and represents the heights of potential. This is whakatauki speaks to our relationship with each other, It is about acknowledging each others uniqueness, our strengths, talents, passion and potential. Every person.

The second metaphor is the marae-Arohowhenua. This is our meeting house, connecting us to manawhenua, to this area,

but also connecting us to the deeper metaphor of the person-physical, mental, spiritual, all of what contributes to making us who we are. It speaks of the collective whare, or marae-our meeting place, the work to benefit our students and make a difference for our people and community. It speaks to what we treasure most and are here for. "Kei te tangata tona ake marae, me ona tikanga." There are many doors to the marae. This whakatauki refers to the opportunity for everyone to connect and contribute to this work, in whatever way they can. It speaks to agency and efficacy-place and belonging, connection and shared values.

The third metaphor is the kuaka-the Godwit. This is the collective model of leadership taking shape in our Kahui Ako as we work together to action the shared vision, values and principles we have established to undertake professional development and dialogue, sharing our strengths and gifts with each other to improve outcomes across Opuke for our children's education. We recognise that this is a significant endeavour, that it is a journey that will take many years to embed and ensure sustainability. The kuaka is a perfect example of endurance, working together to sustain the journey.

Each of us has an opportunity to share this leadership in bringing to life our WISH-our kaupapa our vision for Whanaungatanga, Innovation, Self directed learning and Hauora-well being. "Te kuaka marangaranga, kotahi manu i tau ki te tahuna: tau atu, tau ra" The godwit flock has arisen; one bird has come to rest on the beach: others will follow. This whakatauki speaks of the importance to practice whanaungatanga, and maintain relationships with each other, our

connections. As one translation explains: "We rise together and follow established patterns. Make them patterns worth following. Set a good example – your children may not listen to what you say but they will imitate what you do. We are all born with the seeds of greatness within; nurture these."

This week, our shared leadership groups have each created a Professional Learning Day for all staff within the Opuke schools. Just as the kuaka arrive in whanau clusters, our day for teachers, school leaders, teacher aides, relievers and support staff is organised into the dimensions of WISH, with staff travelling to workshops organised around Whanaungatanga, Innovation, Self Directed Learning, ECE transitional partnerships, teacher aide support and office administration needs. It is a day of professional dialogue, ideation, sharing, planning and collaborative learning and action. We have moved away from the traditional 'teacher only day' model. Our Opuke Professional Learning Day is inclusive and geared around our Kahui values:

"Mahi tahi-working together, ako tahi-learning together, paetae koha-raising achievement."

I am excited to share this journey we are on together with you, and look forward to keeping you updated on the progress we are making together for our heart treasure-the taonga ngakau- for our children, today's learners, tomorrow's leaders.

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Mount Hutt College Senior Prizegiving



Principal's Award for Head Girl - Caitlin Smith
Principal's Award for Head Boy - Mitchell Barron

Year 11 Merit Awards

Alex Barnaby - Merit in Physical Education
 Lachie Esler - Merit in Mathematics
 Zuleka Khan - Merit in Geography
 Sora Konishi - Merit in English for Speakers of Other Languages
 Alex Roderick - Merit in Physical Education
 Doogie Taylor - Merit in Mathematics
 Cade Whittaker - Merit in Mathematics
 Sophie Adkins - Merit in Mathematics and Science
 Lance Pangilinan - Merit in English for Speakers of Other Languages, Food Nutrition and Health, Physical Education



Chloe Small and Grace Bleach

Year 11 Excellence Awards

Sam Cuttle - Excellence in Mechanical Technology
 Jessica Eaton - Excellence in Primary Industry Academy
 Anthony Kearvell - Excellence in Technology (BCATS)
 William Middleton - Excellence in History
 Penny Nell - Excellence in English
 Ben Papworth - Excellence in Science
 Charlie Brown - Excellence in Technology (BCATS), Merit in Physical Education
 Gus Casey - Solly - Excellence in Physical Education, Merit in Economics
 Alyssa McGinity - Excellence in Food Nutrition and Health, Merit in Physical Education
 Bree Middleton - Excellence in Physical Education, Merit in Food Nutrition and Health
 Megan Rutter - Excellence in Physical Education, Merit in History
 Angus Spittal - Excellence in Mathematics, Merit in Science
 Kitty Bloomfield - Excellence in Food Nutrition and Health, Merit in English and Physical Education
 Timothy Taylor - Excellence in Science, Merit in Digital Technology and Mathematics
 Adam Shears - Excellence in Mathematics, Merit in Economics, English, History and Science
 Franchezca Juanico - Excellence in Digital Technology and English for Speakers of Other Languages
 Caitlin Roberts - Excellence in Agriculture and Art, Merit in English
 Georgia Williams - Freeman - Excellence in Design and Visual Communications and English,
 Jessica Smith - Excellence in English and History, Merit in Agriculture and Science
 Jakob Ree - Excellence in English and Mathematics, Merit in Music, Science and L2 Classical Studies (Distance Learning) and the Talbot Family Cup for effort in classroom music
 Eddie Millichamp - Excellence in Agriculture, Mathematics and Mechanical Technology along with the Ashburton Grain and Seed Association Award
 Jacob Ermio - Excellence in Art, Design and Communication, English and Science Merit in Mathematics
 Jessica Hydes - Excellence in Food Nutrition and Health, Mathematics, Physical Education and Science Merit in English
 Sammie Mackle - Excellence in Design and Visual Communication, Economics, English and Science
 Chloe Keijzer - Excellence in Art, Design and Communication, English and Music, Merit in Mathematics and Science

The Mt Hutt Ski Area Prize for Top Academic Achievement in Year 11 - Jessica Barron - Excellence in Design and Visual Communication, Economics, English, Mathematics and Science

Year 12 Merit Awards

George Butterick - Merit in Economics
 Will Copland - Merit in Food Nutrition and Health
 Justin Garcia - Merit in English for Speakers of Other Languages
 Sian Gerard - Merit in Physical Education
 Hazel De Paz - Merit in Art
 Victoria Hutana - Merit in History
 Logan Stockdill - Merit in Real World Skills
 Cameron Holmes - Merit in Economics and English
 Annina Birt - Merit in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physical Education

Year 12 Excellence Awards

Caitlin Blackwell - Excellence in Real World Skills
 Monique Johnson - Excellence in Physical Education
 Cassius Kulsen - Excellence in Technology
 Kimberly Mallari - Excellence in Design and Visual Communication
 Ben Nordqvist - Excellence in Technology, Merit in Mathematics
 Yash Soni - Excellence in English for Speakers and Other Languages, Merit in Technology
 Grace Bleach - Excellence in Agriculture, Merit in Chemistry, English and Physics along with the Ashburton Seed and Grain Association Award
 Ella Braidwood - Excellence in History, Merit in Classical Studies (Distance Learning), Geography and Mathematics
 James Jessep - Excellence in English, Merit in Biology, Economics and Mathematics
 Lauren Pluck - Excellence in Food Nutrition and Health and Physical Education
 Elise Heffernan - Excellence in Design and Visual Communication and English, Merit in Biology



Talented duo Jake Ree and Charlotte Blundell

Nina Atkinson - Excellence in English and History, Merit in Biology, Geography and Mathematics
 Chloe Small - Excellence in Agriculture, Chemistry and Mathematics, Merit in Physics
 Charlotte Blundell - Excellence in Chemistry, English and Music, Merit in Biology, Mathematics and Physics
 Lily Goodwin - Excellence in Art, Biology, English and Geography
 Neil Alomro - Excellence in Digital Technology, English, Mathematics and Physics, Merit in Accounting (Distance Learning), Chemistry and Economics (Distance Learning)
 The Ashburton District Council Prize with the ANZ Bank Cup for Top Academic Achievement for Year 12 - Hannah Stratton - Excellence in Chemistry, Design and Visual Communication, English, Mathematics and Physics

Year 13 Merit Awards

Max Cotter - Merit in History and the Amanda Vaughan Trophy for diligence in Digital Technology
 Thomas Henderson - Merit in Physical Education
 Aliyah Hyslop - Merit in Art
 Robert McDonald - Merit in Physical Education
 Caitlin Smith - Merit in English and Statistics
 Isabelle Talbot - Merit in Agriculture and Geography
 Victoria Williams - Freeman - Merit in Music and Tourism

Year 13 Excellence Awards

Isobel Barker - Excellence in Tourism
 Davina Johnston - Excellence in History

Ben Lightfoot - Excellence in Tourism
 Tessa Nathan - Excellence in Physical Education
 Rosemary Taggart - Excellence in Statistics
 Amelia Taylor - Excellence in Food Nutrition and Health
 Samantha Fitzgerald - Excellence in Art, Merit in Biology



Caitlin Titheridge with her numerous trophies!

Simon Harford - Excellence in Music, Merit in English

Academic Prizes

Agriculture - The South Pacific Seeds (NZ) Ltd Prize & The Ashburton Grain and Seed Association Award - Rosemary Taggart
Agriculture - The South Pacific Seeds (NZ) Ltd Award for Interest in Agriculture. (Awarded to the student who irrespective of scholastic ability or academic attainment through qualities of diligence, tenacity of purpose and enthusiasm for rural life gives evidence of being most likely to become a successful farmer) - Isabelle Talbot
Agriculture - Primary Industries Prize for the Top Student in Year 11 in Primary Industries Academy - Nicholas Ewart
Art - The Peter Beaven Architect Memorial Prize - Samantha Fitzgerald
Biology - The Methven Medical Centre Prize - Rosemary Taggart
Chemistry - The Humm Engineering Prize and the Holdaway Family Cup - Harrison Hydes
Design and Visual Communication - The Photolife Ltd Prize - Lily Goodwin
Digital Technology - The Methven Seed Cleaning Prize and the McLaughlin Cup for Computer Skills - Amelia Taylor
Economics - The Croys Ltd Prize - Barron Mitchell
English - The Snowfed Prize - Davina Johnston
Food, Nutrition and Health - The Aqua Japanese Restaurant Prize and the Edna Low Trophy for Home Economics with recipe book from the Mid Canterbury Federation of Women's Institutes - Davina Johnston
Gateway - The Tertiary Commission Prize for Excellence in the Gateway Programme - Tessa Nathan
Gateway - The Dixon Machinery Ltd Prize - For Dedication, and Service - Will Copland
Geography - The Methven Travel Prize with the 'BD' Trophy and book award - Caitlin Smith
History - The Methven Branch RSA Prize for History with the Irene Dalton Memorial Trophy - William Hogg
Mathematics with Calculus - The Methven Autoservices Ltd Prize - Rosemary Taggart
Mathematics with Statistics - The Snowfed Builders Prize - Amelia Taylor
Music - The Wrights Drycleaners Prize with the Rita Mangin Trophy for General Excellence in Music - Simon Harford
Outdoor Education - The Currie Family Trophy for contribution, perseverance and achievement in Outdoor Education - Louis Bryson - Boe
Physical Education - The Methven Panel & Paint Prize with the Collins Cup - Caitlin Titheridge

Physics - The R & R Spreading Ltd Prize - *Samantha Fitzgerald*

Technology (Fabric) - The Bradfords Builders Prize and Fabric Technology Trophy - *Chloe Small*
Technology (Hard Materials) - The Shaun Lightfoot Painting and Decorating Prize - *Ben Nordqvist*
Tourism - The Methven Travel Ltd Prize - *Davina Johnston*

Vocational Pathways - The Shearmac Aluminium & Joinery Prize for a student who through their diligence, enthusiasm and development of workplace skills is well prepared for employment - *Justine Caranay*

Extra Curricular Awards

Basketball - The PTA Shield - *Emma - Lake Hill*

Cricket - The BD Trophy for Contribution to School Cricket - *Will Copland*

Football - The Most Positive Contribution / Sportsmanship Trophy - *Darcy Taylor*

Football - The Opuke Trophy for Girls Football - *Megan Rutter*

Music - Christine McCartney Cup for Most Improved Itinerant Student - *Max Cotter*

Netball Methven Club Trophy for Best All Rounder A Netball - *Rosemary Taggart, Lauren Pluck*

Netball - Most Improved Player in the A Netball Team - *Alyssa McGinity*

Rugby - Edmund Body Trophy for Sportsmanship in Senior Rugby - *Mitchell Barron*

Rugby - Ballantrae Cup for Contribution to Girl's Rugby - *Isabelle Talbot*

Rugby (Girls) - The Methven Rugby Club Trophy for Most Improved Player - *Grace Bleach*

Skiing - Nicol Duff Memorial Trophy - Most Meritorious - *Ellie Boekholt*

Snowsports - The Boekholt Family Cup for Most Promising Student in Snowsports - *Reilly Duff*

Swimming - National Age Group Representative - *Bree Middleton*

Mountain Biking - The Big Al's Trophy - *Caitlin Titheridge*

Tennis - Girls' Senior Champion - *Rosemary Taggart*
Written and Spoken Communication - The Diana Limbrick Family Cup for Excellence - *Caitlin Smith*
Vocal Music - The Rhys Smith Trophy - *Charlotte Blundell*

Music - The Mid Canterbury Choir Scholarship and The Holmes Family Cup for Most Improved NCEA Music Student - *Victoria Williams - Freeman*

Boyd Keijzer - Big Buddy Award and Trophy - *Emma Lake Hill*



Major Extra Curricular Awards

Arts - The Shirley Body Trophy - This award is for the senior student who best exemplifies commitment and high participation in the Arts, and whose contribution to the Visual Arts of the school has been outstanding - *Samantha Fitzgerald, Victoria Williams - Freeman*

Brian Blackwell Sports All Rounder Trophy - or the senior student with all round achievement, contribution and participation in school sport this year - *Caitlin Titheridge*

Cochrane Trophy for Highest Achievement - Outstanding achievement to the highest level in a sport for the year - *Brea Roderick*

New Zealand Honours - awarded to students who have achieved a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in a national sporting event - *Reilly Duff, Ellie Boekholt, Chloe Keijzer, Bree Middleton, Brea Roderick, Caitlin*

Titheridge

2019 House Trophy - BLUE House

Major Awards

The Matt Wallace Memorial Award Best All Round Year 11 Boy - *Jacob Ermio*

The Matt Wallace Memorial Award Best All Round Year 11 Girl - *Jessica Smith*



The Ken Lowe Memorial Prize with the Limbrick Memorial Cup for Diligence and Involvement in School Activities - *Max Cotter*

Mark and Nicky Robinson Family Awards for Positive Contribution to School Life throughout their School Career - *Thomas Henderson, Amelia Taylor*

Rotary Club of Ashburton Awards to students with high achievement and significant contribution to school activities over their school career at Mount Hutt College - *Ellie Boekholt, Simon Harford*

The Argyle Schoolwear & Ballantynes Cup For Innovation and Excellence - *Victoria Williams - Freeman*

EA Networks Academic Scholarship - *Harrison Hydes*

The Midlands Music Scholarship - *Charlotte Blundell*

Zonta Community Service Award - *Caitlin Smith*

The Methven Lions Club Tertiary Prize (to a school leaver with academic success and contribution to

school life) - *Isabelle Talbot*

Methven Masonic Lodge Good Citizenship Awards - *Samantha Fitzgerald, Robert McDonald*

The Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award - *Tessa Nathan*

Board of Trustees' Award for Best All - Round Boy - *Mitchell Barron*

Board of Trustees' Award for Best All - Round Girl - *Caitlin Smith*

Proxime Accessit The R O McDowell Crystal Globe and The Ashburton High School and Rotary Club of Ashburton Prizes - *Davina Johnston*

2019 Dux Rotary Club of Ashburton and Philip Wareing Ltd Cup - *Rosemary Taggart*

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MHC Social Studies Challenge



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Thursday 7 November was World Outdoor Classroom Day.

Our students (and teachers!) enjoyed lots of fun activities out in our beautiful school grounds! There was so much learning happening; designing, problem solving, exploring, teamwork, self reflection and resilience!

What an awesome day! We can't wait to be involved again next time!

Cash and Carry

Annie Jacobs

The Cash and Carry Exhibition has started at Mount Hutt Memorial Hall Art Gallery.

Various artists have their works for sale; three paintings each, with all works under \$500. Snowfed went down to take a look, and there are some beautiful works available from artists: Maria Foley, Bertie Holmes, Jo

Gerard, Libby Chambers, Fred Day, Jen Dearborn, Susie Milliechamp, Clare Naden, George Coppard, Sebastiaan Bierema, Brenda Knight, and Katrina Leah Stadler.

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A Great Success!



The 5th Annual Methven & Foothills House & Garden Tour was a success again this year, with seven properties participating.

Ticket sales were down slightly from last year, however the plant stall and Gourmet BBQ proved very popular and boosted the amount raised to approximately \$9,500.

A huge thank you to the property owners and volunteers involved, this amazing event simply cannot be done without the dedication of you all.



Ashburton Nights of Lights

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Fri 29 Nov 6:30pm - 9:30pm
The lighting of Ashburton's Christmas tree in Baring Sq East, presented by EA Networks

Fri 6 Dec & Fri 20 Dec 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Music at Baring Square East presented by The Ashburton Courier

Fri 29 Nov - Fri 3 Jan
Lights and art along the East St walking path, presented by Four Seasons Treecare Ltd

Fri 13 Dec 6pm - 9.30pm
Join us for a Elf themed night at Baring Sq. East presented by More FM



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Every child deserves the best early childhood education

Children are being short-changed by government underfunding. This looks like:

- **A teacher shortage** – There are now more children in early childhood education, but since 2010 there has been a 55% drop in trainee early childhood teachers.
- **A funding crisis** – A lack of funding for 100% qualified teachers means our centres are stretched to the limits when trying to create the best quality environments.
- **Ratios** – Teachers want to see the Government fulfil its commitment to lowering child to teacher ratios. This means more teachers working in smaller groups – research shows this is what our youngest learners need to thrive.

On average, early childhood teachers are paid 23% less than colleagues in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools – despite being just as qualified. Children, parents and teachers all pay the price for a lack of investment in our youngest learners.

It's got to change!

Every child should have access to quality ECE no matter how much their parents earn or where they live. That means we urgently need to keep and attract great teachers. It's time for the government to value ECE. Investment in the workforce and our centres/ services is an investment in children. It's time for:

- A plan from the government to fix the pay gap in ECE
- Better funding for quality and lower ratios.

We're asking you to show support for teachers by:

- Support what they're asking for at ECEVoice.org.nz
- Sign our petition around funding and ratios
- Share your story about why you value ECE on social media and tag @ecevoice or use #ValueECE #FixtheGap
- Talk to friends, family and community or write to your local MP.

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Intrepid India

Continued from last week

We made an effort to visit the main religious temple/shrine for each of the key religions and the main top tourist places to see and you could not fail to appreciate the beauty of the architecture and the amazing historical background of each place.

The daily drives were filled with unimaginable sights from children living and playing in gutters and on roundabouts in the centre of busy roads, to people pulling huge loads, washing stretched across intersections and huge religious statues towering over the

rooftops. The city was smoggy due to the autumn burn offs and rubbish levels were extreme but glimpses of beauty and daily life broke the more depressing sights. Colourful gardens, saris and flags, along with animals grazing on the verges and negotiating the busy traffic made it impossible to stop swivelling your head in case you missed something!

Tip - must carry scarves for head covering for entry into religious sites. Cotton is best as the "silk" ones sold are often synthetic and sweat.

Trousers not allowed into Muslim sites and they charge for shower curtain type attire so would also carry a long pull on type skirt. We already had our shoulders covered but full arm required. Shoes also need to be removed most places and left so take old slip ons or jandals. Must add though, nothing taken our whole trip.

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Consistent sleep practice can help.

- Try to go to bed and get up at the same times each day
- Try to get bright light first thing in the morning and avoid it later in the evening
- Keep your bedroom cool and dark
- Avoid caffeine and nicotine for at least six hours before bed and reduce your level of alcohol
- Limit electronic device use as much as possible particularly before bed
- Hydration is important – try to drink your 2-3 litres of water through the day to reduce night time bathroom trips
- If you wake up don't clock watch or scroll through your phone- this stimulates the brain and increases mental activity

9 days to go!

There are exciting happenings at this year's Methven Resort Two Day Multi Sponsored Golf Tournament.

New sponsors, plus our many returning sponsors, new players entered and new club competition will make for an impressive line up at this year's Two Day Multi Sponsored Tournament run by the Methven Golf Club.

"New Premier sponsor Methven Resort, plus several other new sponsors, along with our many returning sponsors has been a great encouragement for the Club," says Golf Coordinator Bruce Dickson.

"Entries so far have been encouraging with players new to the tournament having paid up to compete over the two days. It is also great to see the familiar names of players who have supported us over many years, returning," said Bruce. "There is still room, however, for more Ladies' two person teams to ensure a successful tournament."

The Club has announced that this year there will be a trophy awarded to the best visiting Club which has at least two teams entered. Individual winning pairs will receive a trophy each to keep as a memento of their success.

Entry forms can be found on the website - www.methvengolf.co.nz

- If you can't get to sleep then get out of bed for a while and read or make a herbal tea. This has been shown to be much more effective for getting back to sleep than tossing and turning for hours.

One method my clients report finding helpful is to add up the number of hours you are able to sleep eg. 10pm -2am then 4am to 6.30 am means you are getting 6 1/2 hours of sleep. If you are aiming for 8 hours then build up gradually using this method. If you need to wake up at 7am then you don't go to bed until 12.30am. Even if you are tired, maintain this schedule for a week. The next week go to bed at midnight and maintain until you have a week of uninterrupted sleep. Then go to bed a half hour earlier etc. If you start to wake in the night again then move bedtime to a half an hour later again until you are sleeping through

the night. This may take several weeks and considerable discipline but it will be worth it for a full night's sleep right?

If you would like more assistance with sleep hygiene or try acupuncture/acupressure, exercise therapy, relaxation or someone else to help educate your stubborn teen on performance and sleep then give us a call at Contact Physio at Methven Medical Centre 3028 205.

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Class of 1954

Annie Jacobs

The lovely little Mount Hutt Road building nestled in beside the Playcentre on Main Street has had an interesting and varied history.

Most of the Methven District used to come under the auspices of the South Rakaia Road Board, with a small portion embodied in the Mount Somers Road District. A tender of 460 pounds was accepted for work which included the building of an office, cottage and stable. The Board were then able to hold meetings in their own building before the end of 1879.

Much of the role of the Mount Hutt Road

board was laying out and maintaining roads, building bridges, setting out reserves where they were required, and establishing gravel pits where they were needed.

What is not so widely known, is that the little building was also used; as a classroom, Sunday School Room, Library store room, the Methven Choral Society (now Methven Theatre Company) was formed there, Methven



Citizens Committee, Red Cross packed parcels there for sending to service men and women during World War II, and the Methven Caledonian Pipe Band.

From 1925-1950 it was used periodically as an alternative school room when the local schools did not have sufficient space. How ever did a teacher fit more than twenty children and desks and chairs into such a tiny space?

Back in October 2011, there was a class reunion for one of the classes held in the Road Board building.

The building is the oldest building in Methven.



Class of Standard 2 and 3, (1954-1955), Saturday 21 October 2011.

Front: Lorraine Cornelius (nee Jopp), Mary Rowan (nee Shearer), Huntley Gray, Lynette Kiddey (nee Cook), Jane Helmore (nee Goldsborough), Noel Titheridge (Teacher), David Logan, Jeanette Thompson (nee McLaughlin), Jocelyn Syme (nee reddie), Leonie Clarke (nee Stockdill), Dion Crooks, Don Clarke (Leonie's husband).

Back: Lloyd Orr (& wife Yvonne), Heather Fryer (husband Max Aspinall behind), Joy Doak (nee Ruddenklau), Michael Shearer, Joy Hydes (nee Harmer), Anne Gray (nee Fahey), Pat Andreassend (nee Smith), Judith Marshall (nee Radcliffe), Alan Dickson, David Wightman.

Local Thespians Celebrate



The Big Little Theatre Company are celebrating 10 years with a performance of Twelfth Night on the 22nd 23rd 24th November.


Some of the cast: Back row: Leah Maw, (Mt Hutt College -MHC) Taryn Clark, Grace McClelland.

Front row: Quin Austin, Bella Casey-Solly, (MHC) and Layla Manning (MHC).

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Mary Ralston

It's cold out there today – so much for the weather turning a corner! It's a good reminder that we live in an unpredictable climate and unpredictable times. A small island in the middle of the ocean, with a mountain range running along its length, should expect all sorts of weather!

So, given our climatic limitations, what crops should we plant that will survive, thrive and give us bountiful harvests? Do not bother trying to grow bananas or avocados in mid Canterbury. Potatoes may not have the excitement of pineapples but are reliable producers, store well for months and there are so many ways to eat them, that they are very worthwhile. We have great soil and conditions for them, and they don't mind irregular heat and cold and wet/dry. They are susceptible to frost, so if the night looks cold, still and clear, cover with frost cloth (but if they aren't covered and get frosted, they will bounce back with fresh growth).

If your garden space is limited, potatoes can be grown in containers and sacks. For sack potatoes, simply roll down the top of the bag, put some compost in there, and place several potatoes in the compost. Make some holes in the bottom of the bag. When the green potato tops appear, unroll the bag a bit and add more compost.

For potatoes in a bucket, make sure there are drainage holes in the bucket or they will rot.

Growing potatoes outside is easy too. They like well-drained soil and to be mounded up. Pea straw can be placed around them as a mulch and to add to the space that they can send out shoots into.

Other root crops are also very reliable in our climate. Radishes like cool conditions. Carrots, parsnips and beetroot grow well and can be planted up till early December (later than that will not allow enough time for them to mature before growth slows in autumn/winter). Beans perform best in hot weather, but some varieties are better than others.

Scarlet runner beans usually do well in this climate. They are vigorous climbers so need good support. Smaller, dwarf varieties are susceptible to the wind but if you have a protected and warm place, can give bountiful crops.



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All Clare for Insurance!

A year ago, Clare Keene was struggling with her 135kg weight that she gained after two pregnancies and the stresses of moving halfway around the world.

She was constantly tired, depressed and suffered panic attacks, which made life seem like a huge effort as she started isolating herself until her mental and physical health got to an all-time low.

When she was denied life insurance due to her weight, it was time to make some changes. So, almost one year ago, she joined Weight Watchers, which was a big move for someone full of anxiety, but friendly faces and encouraging people helped her through her weight loss journey, which saw her shed over 43kgs.

"My journey has been so much more than weight-loss. I am now confident in who I am, energetic and I do not feel I am just existing anymore; my days are filled with purpose. My depression has lifted and rarely do I have panic attacks," said Clare, "I have also been approved life insurance!"

Clare's success prompted her to become a Weight Watchers Coach and open a workshop here in Methven. "We have a fantastic group on their wellness journey who support, empower, share and learn from each other. They have lost over 160kgs and have developed healthy habits for life," said Clare who says that losing the weight and gaining healthy habits has changed her life.

Weight Watchers offers a holistic program for weight loss and wellness, using science and community to guide members towards eating better,



moving more and shifting their mindset.

If you are interested in joining Methven Weight Watchers, come and see Clare at the Mount Hutt Memorial Hall, 6pm each Thursday. You can also find out more from Clare at the Methven High Country Fete.

Keen to learn a bit more about Whisky?

Methven Summer School are holding an evening course at Southern Cross Lodge, Methven on Thursday 9 January starting at 7pm if you want to learn a bit more about the "water of life."

The world of whisky is complex and varied and one of the easiest ways to get to know it is to come along and enjoy a tasting evening with Michael Fraser Milne of Whisky Galore.

The tasting will take you on a journey through Scotland's Single Malts.

Michael is originally from Keith in the Highlands of Scotland and has spent over 20 years in the whisky industry. In 2008 Michael was awarded with an appointment to the Keepers of the Quaich, an international society that recognizes outstanding commitment to the Scotch Whisky industry.



Book your place, enrol online:

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Early bird prices end 30 November.

Agri Training in Mid Canterbury

Agri Training is set to become New Zealand's newest education provider and will be based in Mid Canterbury. The Agri Training programme is fully user pays and will lift training in the primary industries to a new standard by partnering with the world-renowned City & Guilds who have been providing technical skills-based education and training since 1878. The partnership with City & Guilds complements the Agri Training programme, and as a result offers the diplomas credibility for graduates and employers. The programme will have specialist streams across dairy production, arable, sheep & beef, and deer. This offers students a unique approach to training and assessment across the agricultural industry producing a wide-ranging knowledge for graduates.

The Agri Training programme has been in the making for several years and has been guided to its launch by Founder Matt Jones who has had a long involvement with agribusiness and recruitment over a 20-year period. "Having dealt with thousands of clients and potential candidates who were looking to be placed within the primary industries, I can see from both sides the skills that are desperately needed by employers and in demand by candidates," said Matt Jones. This has been taken into account as the Agri Training programme has been built over recent years and as a result a style of training has been developed to ensure students are trained in a very accountable way that is transparent to employers who can literally see what they are getting during farm placements, and also when hiring graduates.

Matt Jones says, "One key element of the education industry that we are very aware of is how future employers perceive qualifications and what it will mean to them in terms of valuable employees, and the feedback we've received to date about how we are structuring our programme is that it will produce an elite graduate who can hit the ground running with confidence and capability."

Agri Training has already attracted a strong group of potential students who are wanting to define how they can enter the world of primary industries. Those students range from secondary students considering their careers through to people in the workforce who are looking for a change or wanting to complement their industry experience with a world-renowned qualification.

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Situated in a quiet, desired location this quality Oamaru Stone home built is now on offer for another family to enjoy. This property is tastefully modern and pleasantly homely. Attentive care has been taken to ensure spacious and easy family living with open plan living kitchen dining and the separate lounge. The gas fire and further heat pump are thoughtfully placed to provide maximum comfort. Four double bedrooms, with the master having an ensuite as well as a walk in wardrobe and outdoor access. Being shared by the rest of the family is a contemporary bathroom offering a spacious shower, separate bath and separate toilet with hand basin. **\$635,000**

Open Home Thursday 14th November 5.45-6.15pm 100a Spaxton Street

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CHARACTER PLUS

This lovely 3 double bedroom character home, built in 1920's has so much to offer. The stunning wood features and open fire add character. With a large open plan family style kitchen and living with skylight and gas fire. Set on 809m2 section with views to the mountains and a short walk to all schools. Additional features are a single garage, wood shed and garden shed. This is an ideal first home or great rental opportunity.

Price guide: mid \$300,000's

Deadline sale closing at 2pm on 10th December (unless sold prior)

Open Home Thursday 14th November 6.30-7.00pm 11 McDonald Street

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DOWNSIZING OR ENTERING THE PROPERTY LADDER?

If you are looking to downsize, taking your first step onto the property ladder, or looking to invest; this is the property for you. This large 1980's unit, built of summerhill stone has 2 double bedrooms with built in wardrobes. The generous living area, kitchen/dining is open plan and heated by a floor heatpump. With new carpet, paint and LED lights the property is ready for you. **Offers over \$293,000**

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318 Colcord Place

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IDEAL FIRST HOME OR INVESTMENT

This family home is close to town and would suit a first home buyer or investor. There are three spacious double bedrooms and one bathroom. The property has a large lounge with separate dining and laundry. The exterior cladding is roughcast and sits on a well maintained section. The property is heated by a heat pump. **Offers over \$242,000**

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THE PERFECT PACKAGE

This is a classic home been thoughtfully designed to maximise space and comfortable living. With four double bedrooms, a family bathroom and an ensuite, the home is well appointed and suited to a range of lifestyles. Features include a separate lounge, open plan living, kitchen with butlers pantry and a master suite (walk in wardrobe and ensuite). Along with double garage, separate laundry, built in wardrobes in all bedrooms, double-door fridge space and so much more. Currently being built by Stonewood Homes, interior design assisted by Country by Design. Stop into Professionals office to check out the colour palette and floor plan. Buy now to be able to have input into the finer details or a great opportunity to have a brand-new home with all the details taken care of. **Price guide: \$600,000's**

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Lovely three bedroom Lockwood style home with plenty of privacy nestled up a long driveway out of view from the road. Open plan dining/kitchen area with sliding doors out to sunny deck area. A sunny home with a central log burner and underfloor insulation keep this home warm year round. A fully fenced easy care 809 sqm section with carport that has direct access into the kitchen. **\$316,000**

29 Colcord Place

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FIRST HOME OR INVESTMENT...YOU DECIDE!

This four bedroom, two bathroom home has proven to be a fantastic rental investment for the current owner but it is now time for someone else to reap the benefits of this great opportunity. Sitting on a 491sqm easy care section, this large home of 160sqm captures great sun. **\$299,000**

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Pushing beyond just the positive

One of the many valid criticisms of politicians is their (or our) apparent insistence of speaking in generalisations, and in making nice fluffy statements that border on the meaningless. Often it's backed up by equally banal policy pronouncements, allocating money to a cause almost no one could argue with.

They're sometimes referred to as "motherhood and apple pie," - the sort of stuff that makes everyone feel good. Naturally there's a place for that in politics. The reason that people don't argue against, for example, more money for child cancer research is that it's fundamentally a good idea.

There's plenty of that in the Social Services discussion document released recently by National. Much of it focusses on the first 1,000 days of a child's life, investing more to give new Mum's the option of three days' stay in a hospital or postnatal facility after they've given birth, so they have time to bond with their baby and help with breastfeeding. Or allowing families flexibility to give Dad's paid parental leave at the same time as Mum's, so the whole family has time together at the very start.

These are sound ideas which we hope will give kids the best start in life. But sometimes

we need to go further, pushing the envelope a little bit, perhaps confronting things that aren't so fluffy and positive.

It won't have escaped your attention that this year we've seen a measles outbreak, centred mainly in Auckland and Northland, but also numerous cases here in Canterbury. It's a matter of public record that the vaccination rate for measles has dropped from 92.2 per cent in 2017 to 90.1 per cent today, well below the target set for herd immunity for measles. It means that those who can't be immunised due to their age or medical condition are at greater risk of contracting measles, because more people are choosing not to vaccinate. Tragically some of those who've contracted measles this year have died.

My view has always been that education is the best approach; arming Parents and Caregivers with the information they need to ensure they vaccinate their children. But as the numbers show, we're going backwards in those efforts, due in part to the overwhelming level of misinformation online.

I'll provide an example of just how deceptive this information can be, sourced directly from the Dihydrogen Monoxide Research Division: they state that DHMO is a colourless, odourless

chemical compound, which is used as an industrial coolant,

in the production of Styrofoam, and in the distribution of pesticides. When ingested in sufficient quantities it contributed to the death of 68 New Zealanders last year.

Most alarmingly, it can be bought at your corner dairy, often stored just metres from milk or bread. It is of course, simple water, but that hasn't stopped others for falling for the hoax.

For some the simple truth will never be enough, which has led to us asking the question - should more be done to encourage families to vaccinate? In the document one of the ideas proposed is to give benefit-dependent families the choice of receiving a benefit, or not vaccinating their kids.

It's a step far beyond what we've had previously, I'd welcome your thoughts:

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Snowfed ran an old Watson Contracting advert last week that had ploughing as a service offered.

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Pat Mac

Report for week ending 10 November 2019

Town versus Country played on Sunday 3 November at Ashburton (Men) and Hornby (Women). Our club was represented by Brent Mayson (Singles) and Craig Carter and Tim White (Fours). Whilst Craig and Tim won both their games, it was all about the aggregate, and Town won on the day. The Women played at Hornby and we were represented by Di Callaghan (Pairs). Once again Town won the day. Both greens were registered at 30 degrees, and I always think that the actual temperature is far higher. So hats off to them.

Women's Fives Interclub

This was played away at Parklands. A long drive in, but we were warmly welcomed into a lovely new clubhouse. The Pairs game was a blinder with Di Callaghan and Lyn Fensom playing their socks off to win convincingly on what they considered to be a perfect green.

The Triples however was a completely different story. Pat McElwain, Wendy Carter and Shirley Pagey battled it out on what they considered to be a terrible green (funny that!) to lose by a ridiculous margin which I am not even going to print. In fact I have completely removed it from my memory. We were so disheartened that on the way home we diverted and went into town to visit the new Riverside market. A fabulous place which lifted our spirits and emptied our purses.

The Friday Triples are played every Friday (!) at various greens in Ashburton. Some of our members have a regular team entered. But the story of the week must go to the Eddington boys. They turned up to play THREE bowl triples with only ONE bowl (John) and only TWO bowls (Gary). I suspect that will be the one and only time that that happens!

However, not to be outdone, I can actually report that Gene Pagey almost trotted off to the Darfield Farmers' Tournament on 1 November with NO BOWLS at all, having left the bowling green with his bag, but he had left his bowls sitting on the green. Only the observant Craig Carter who delivered them to him saved his life. Gene reported that his bag did feel rather light...

Saturday, Interclub Round 4 Men's 2x4 Pennants

There are two separate teams here making a total of 16 players. So at this point I will not name the players or we'll be here all day. However, there are two teams who play as a whole in Division 1, and the same in Division 4. This weekend they were all at home playing against Fendalton and Rangiora respectively. Division 1 teams won both games and Division 4 teams won one and lost one. But there is plenty of time yet to get ahead.

So when they are at home it is a bit of a military exercise getting the green ready and prepared for an early start, but these guys are good. Having played all morning, they all settled in for an afternoon of Championship rounds. So the clubhouse was buzzing with good camaraderie by the end of the afternoon with some rather pink cheeks from the norwest winds. At least that is what they said it was.

Friday, 8 November

A lovely evening welcomed a nice little group of people from local businesses to have a go night. We didn't get as many as we would have liked, but this time of year is difficult, and local businesses are cranking up right now. But those who came did come had fun and are wanting to come back again next Friday for another go. So to those businesses that were unable to make it, have another try next Friday.

Sunday, 10 November

Christchurch Centre Men's Singles Post Section play was held at Belfast. Rob Fensom was the only member to qualify in Section Play several weeks ago. Congratulations to Rob for getting through to the semi finals which will be played in February at the Centre Finals weekend. Rob played against fierce competition. Well done, Rob.

And good luck in the finals!



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