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15 Lions Machinery Auction, 11am
18 Steak Night at the Brown, $20
19 Methv. Croquet Club AGM, 11.30am
19 Seafood Mkt, outside iHub, 3-5pm
30 Ski Scholarship Applications close

JUNE

5 Bike Methven AGM, 7pm,
19 Mens Health Night, MHMH
20 Fire and Ice Hot Air Balloon Glow

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Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am
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Methven Public Library 2pm-4pm
Methven Museum 2pm-4pm

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Methven Green Waste drop off, Vaughans Rd, 12.30pm-2.30pm

THURSDAY
Tai Chi, All Saints Church, 9.15am
Methven Bowling Club 1.30pm

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

SATURDAY
Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am
Methven Public Library 10-11am
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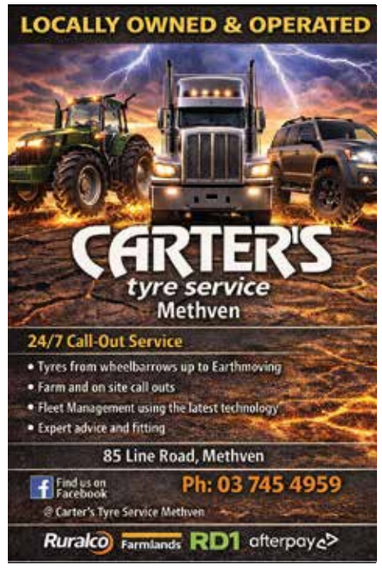

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Birdsong Trill with Delight!

Annie Jacobs

Methven and Foothills Birdsong Trust is trilling with delight after a very generous donation of $20,000 from the Molloy Ag Lions Golf Tournament last week.

The tournament is organised by Methven Lions and has been running since it's inception in 1967.

The first tournament raised $90.43 (approx $2,000 in today's money).

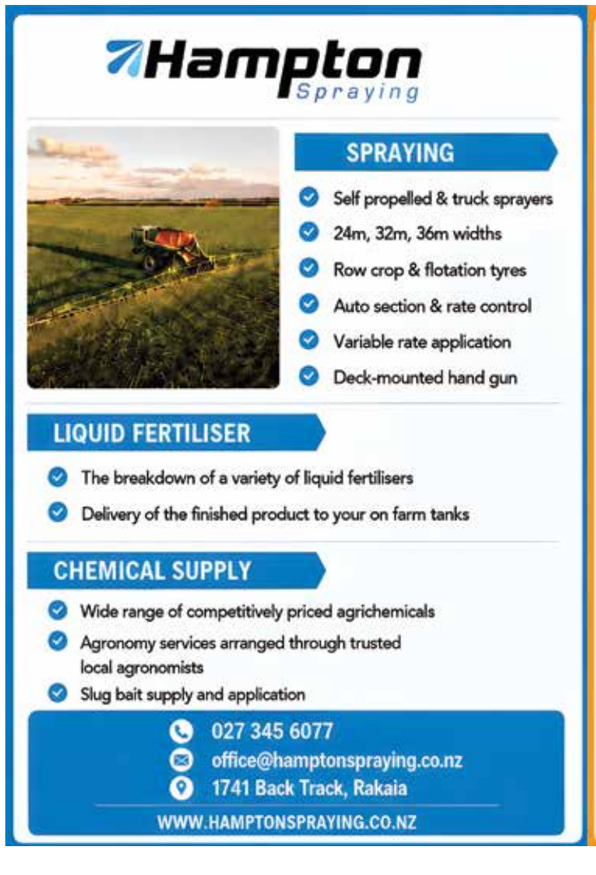
Held annually, the tournament is generously sponsored by local businesses with Molloy Agriculture kindly being the naming sponsor for the last three years.

This team came all the way from Blenheim, bringing their own four person golf cart with them!

With around 100 attendees at this year's tournament, some came from local businesses who used it as a great day out for team building with employees.

"The day went very well, I had great feedback on the change of format which contributed to the success of the day. Everyone had a good time and a good laugh," said Neil Gubby who was the Methven Lions Tournament Lead.

"I had very big shoes to fill (Allan Lock has done it for a number of years previously), so I leaned on him a lot. We even had a team travel down from Blenheim and they stayed in Methven for the night and they're going to come back next year - they loved it, they even brought down their own four person golf cart!" he laughed.



Sandra Walker, Ken Brister and Tracy Ilton

Methven Golf Club was packed for the Molloy Ag Methven Lions Golf Tournament

With the event being so popular, be sure to get in early with your team registration for next year's event.

The very generous donation from Methven Lions will assist the Methven And Foothills Birdsong Trust in developing the Garden of Harmony. On Saturday 11th April, volunteers for the Birdsong Trust undertook the first of three stages of planting for the additional land that has extended the Garden of Harmony Kā Karotī a te Manu (kaa ka ror tee aa tee ma noo). The first stage saw around 2,700 native trees sourced locally, planted with protectors around them. Most of the plants were purchased from Arowhenua Nurseries. Sir Graham Harrison also kindly donated 300 eco-sourced plants for stage one of the project.

"It's exciting - already the plants are growing new leaves and shoots," said Project Lead John Corbett.

The second stage will incorporate the land behind Methven Pre School and behind the established Garden of Harmony, with the third stage planting the rest of the land out to Main Street.

John said, "The money will go towards plants for stage two and additional track materials." Stage One had the largest section of planting required with stages two and three being smaller.

"This donation gives us confidence to carry on - it will get us past half way," said John.

So far over 800 volunteer hours have gone into the project with numerous working

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Before planting began. The Pipe shed is in the middle, Methven Pre School is top left, established Garden of Harmony top middle .

Stage 1 Planting begins

bees, utilising people on foot, local businesses and contractors helping out with spraying, tree removal, rubbish removal and use of heavy machinery.

During the last year, native bird counts in over 20 places around Methven show that the number of native birds in the area is very low - due to significant predation and lack of natural food sources.

The developing section of the Garden of Harmony will provide a sanctuary of food sources for native birds, improving their chances of survival, giving a stunning community asset for generations to come.

Stage 1 planting complete

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Tracey is a Superstar!

Tracey Thomas
Photo by Kayla Dynes

Tracey Thomas - a wonderful, kind helpful person in our community, received the award for Bayleys Canterbury Support Person of the Year recently.

Unflappable, thorough, conscientious and helpful, Tracey is the "go to" person for many in the community, helping them with photocopying, printing, emailing and other support.

Congratulations Tracey!

2026 Methven Lions Mt Hutt Ski Scholarship

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Mt Hutt Ski Area and the Methven Lions are delighted to be able to offer two children a Mountain Sliders Scholarship this winter.

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Di Callaghan,
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Scholarship applications close Saturday 30th May 2026. Ski gear is available free of charge from Big Al's and travel to Mt Hutt is supplied by Methven Travel if required.
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Sharing Food and Produce at Community Pantry

Built and installed by Methven Lions a number of years ago, Methven's Community Pantry is a much-used facility for sharing.

The Community Pantry is situated on the grass outside All Saints Church on Chapman Street. It's a place where anyone who has excess food or produce can leave it in the pantry, to share with whoever would like it.

Unfortunately in the last year or so, well-meaning members of the public have been dropping magazines, books, clothing and other items at the pantry, which has created work for local volunteers who've had to clear them out. Methven's Community Pantry is for sharing food and produce only and the items freely given are available for who needs or wants them.

A question that has been raised by the public is, "It's only for the needy isn't it?" The answer is that the pantry is for sharing excess food and produce so that it does not go to waste, so is for anyone that needs or would like it.

It is respectfully asked that donators do not put on Facebook that they have just popped something in the pantry, as some of the more needier members of our community cannot afford internet so don't always have access to Facebook and miss the opportunity.

"It would be lovely to give those members of the community the chance to access items in the pantry," said Lara Burke from All Saints Church.

It is asked that if members of the public want to donate books for others to freely read, that they go to the bookshelf in the iHub set aside for this purpose, or to the Lilliput Library which is further down Chapman Street from the Community Pantry. Another alternative is that excess books are donated to Methven Red Cross to put up for sale in their shop.

If you would like to donate food parcel items to be shared with families who are needing help in the district, please email **Sage or Lara Burke** on: **midcanterburyanglican@gmail.com**

Annie Jacobs

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METHVEN FOOTBALL CLUB

John Peneycad

Honours even

A much appreciated tidy pitch awaited the two teams on a sunny afternoon, with the wind blowing strongly, providing advantage to each side for one half.

Methven have been accused of being too sluggish at the start of games in recent weeks but this time round they were holding their own and looked up for the fight.

Methven's stand in goalkeeper was Joe Lill for the absent James Wasley, with the shot stopper enjoying a rather peaceful first half with no scares to note.

Nil a piece at half time and the teams were deadlocked for a long time in the second period. Both sets of defences played admirably, denying any clearcut chances.

As the match drew to its conclusion, there was definitely a feeling of one goal could settle it. Unfortunately, Methven lost the ball in a dangerous area when transitioning to a counter attack. A deflected cross fell kindly to the gambling striker who just needed a touch to prod past the fast approaching keeper, 1-0.

With only stoppage time remaining, the Mountaineers didn't let their heads drop. Alistair Coppard displayed his tremendous pace to cut through the defence from the wing. His initial shot was parried but his momentum sent the rebound over the line, 1-1. Methven almost completed a surprising turnaround when youngster Finn McGrath surged through the backline but his last gasped effort was comfortably saved by the Halswell keeper. The match ended one a piece and probably a fair reflection on two sides who worked hard but failed to create many clearcut, goalscoring, opportunities throughout the 90 minutes finishing with Halswell Goal Exchange 1 V Methven FC 1.

Methven will return home this weekend to face the leagues in form side, Waimak United Huntsmen.

Giant's Armchair covered in snow

Winter is around the corner
Photo courtesy of Clayton Yaxley

Bike Methven MTB · BMX · Road

AGM

Friday 5th June, 7pm
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Sue Abel

As we move through May and unsettling times it is probably prudent to consider the effects of the global landscape on our communities and what is happening.

Locally, how does this impact? I'm a glass half full type of person so I'm going to say that I believe that little old New Zealand can punch above its weight. Wars won't be won by throwing human lives at oncoming battle, they will be won through strategy, technology and resilience and isn't that something that as Kiwi's we are pretty good at?

The more we take control of our own outcomes, the more we can shape our path. We can't control the wider economy, but we can stretch what we have in small, practical ways.

A veggie garden is a great place to start. It doesn't take much to grow a few basics, and over time it can make a real difference to the cost of meals. When there's extra, sharing with neighbours helps everyone. Freezing what you don't use means you've always got something on hand.

Think about how you get around too. Using something like the Community Connector to head into Ashburton can turn a simple trip into a full day out. You can get your shopping and banking done, enjoy a low-cost lunch, especially for pensioners, and make it a social outing rather than a chore.

For heating, a local wood bank is a practical idea. There's often leftover wood from arborists or tree surgeons after a day's work. Council tree work in parks and reserves can also be a source. With a bit of coordination, a working bee to cut and stack logs could build up a shared supply for winter. That kind of effort can make a real difference for people struggling with heating costs. There are plenty of local groups and volunteers who can help with something like this. It's also a good chance to involve community figures, even the local police, in a positive, hands-on way.

Staying connected matters just as much. Community groups, craft groups, or regular meetups offer more than just an activity. They provide warmth, conversation, and a sense of belonging, often with a cup of tea and something to eat. That kind of connection goes a long way, especially during tougher times.

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Margaret Lee

For many years I have trained each year with Dr Lam in his workshops held in Sydney. Tai Chi is an evidence-based, low impact with many trials taken supporting its health benefits.

Tai Chi for Newcomers is gentle exercise with a strong emphasis on mental relaxation. All Tai Chi lessons train the mind to be more relaxed. Learning a lot of Tai Chi movements quickly doesn't necessarily give you greater benefit or more satisfaction; steady, careful progression does. The emphasis is on slowness and being mindful. Tai Chi is designed to be enjoyable and has a higher rate of adherence – many people practice it for years.

It is challenging and fun to continue to strive for a higher level, but it's important to understand that no one knows all about Tai Chi, nor is it important to be perfect. The enjoyment and benefits come from the experience of practice and progression. Through regular practice you'll truly understand the inner meaning of Tai Chi as well as receive its great benefits. To improve your Tai Chi you must understand the principles and practice regularly and with awareness. Do your movements slowly, without stopping. Make them continuous like water flowing in a river, maintaining the same speed throughout. Imagine you are moving against a gentle resistance to cultivate your inner force (qi). Imagine the air around you is becoming denser and that every move you make is against a gentle resistance, the feeling you have when moving through water. Be conscience of weight transference. This is important for improving mobility, coordination and stability. Maintain an upright posture and body alignment. Keep the body straight without creating tension. Loosen or 'song' the joints and relax when you do Tai Chi.

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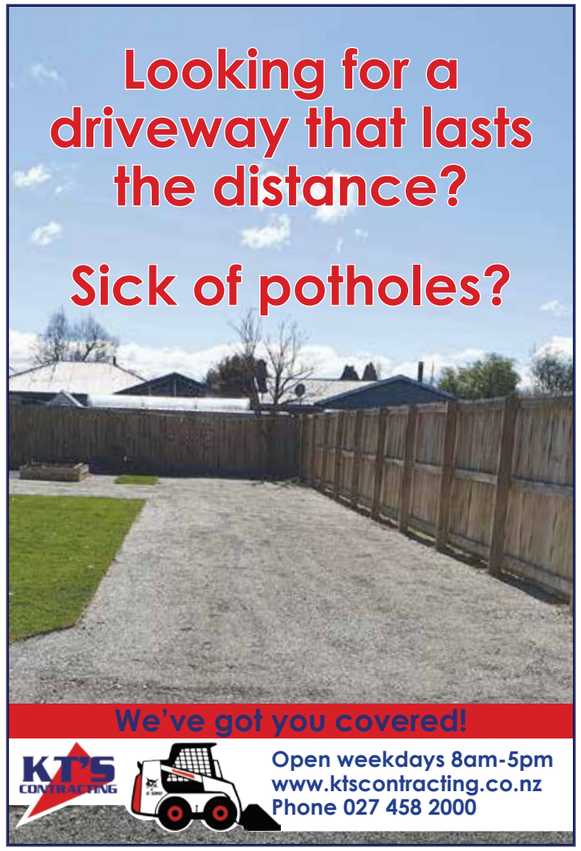
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Schools News

Methven Primary School

In Opuke B we have been learning about tectonic plates and earthquakes.

We did a hands-on activity where the biscuits acted as tectonic plates, while the jam represented the magma beneath Earth's surface. By sliding, colliding, and separating the biscuits, students were able to model the three main types of plate movement and see how these motions can create earthquakes.

Here are some of the things we learnt:

"We pulled about the cookies and the jam. The jam went in the cracks. It showed how earthquakes happen and how volcanos and mountains can form." ***By Lenny.***

"A convergent earthquake can cause mountains and volcanos. The tectonic plates move by sliding on top of each other. Tectonic plates are moving all the time." ***By Amelia***

"Tectonic plates move as fast as your fingernails grow in one year. If tectonic plates slide together, it can cause an earthquake." ***By Eloise***

"Divergent boundary is when the tectonic plates pull a part. A convergent boundary is when one plate goes below the other plate. Transform boundary slide past each other." ***By Zara***

Check out Kyben's earthquake writing:

"Today I am going to share about earthquakes. An earthquake is when tectonic plates in the Earth rub together to make a shaking or jolting feeling. A tsunami is an earthquake underwater and they make big waves." ***By Kyben***

Schools News

Mount Hutt College

Humans of Ōpuke - a Mt Hutt College Project

Introducing Lucas Plimmer

I have spent my entire life in the same house in Methven and I have enjoyed it very much. My family would describe me as kind, compassionate, and funny. At Christmas years ago, my cousins and I were using their slug gun to shoot cans. Little me didn't realise that you weren't supposed to put your eye right up against the scope, so I fired and got myself a black eye! It's funny now looking back on it, my Grandparents still bring it up at Christmas.

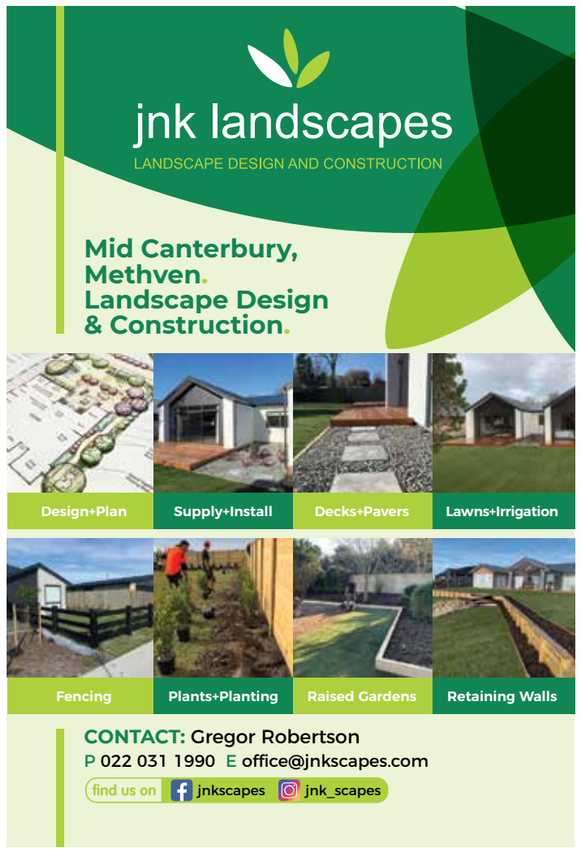
I feel the most happy whenever I am with my friends. They make me laugh endlessly which can really lift my spirits if I am not feeling 100%. Before most of my friends left for university this year, I hosted a going-away party. There was a moment where we were all sitting around the fire just talking, listening to music, and enjoying each other's company. That was definitely a highlight for me this year, and I hope to do it again once everyone is on uni break.

My role as Head Student at school was definitely a highlight for me, especially in the year of our Centennial. Having the capacity to help organise the event, meet incredible people, and listen to my grandparent's generation talk about their days at school and life in Methven truly filled me with joy. I have inherited my Nan's trait of loving family history and history about our district, so this event was so special to me.

Currently, I am working at Ray White in Ashburton and Methven whilst studying for my Real Estate Licence via distance through Open Polytechnic. I am thoroughly enjoying my job and my study; it brings me so much joy meeting new people, helping salespeople in the office and learning on the job.

My short-term goal at the moment is to gain my Level 4 Real Estate Licence qualification and become a salesperson in my home town of Methven. During my time at Mount Hutt College, I was a part of some community groups as a student. My other short-term goal is to become a member of some local community groups to help out people in our community wherever I can.

During my final year of school and my first part-time job, I have been given so much great and insightful advice from many different people. It has helped me determine what I want my life to be, and how I can make this happen. My advice is to actively listen to every piece of advice you are given, as it could change the trajectory of where you see yourself going, just like it did for me.



METHVEN NETBALL CLUB

Results for week ending 10th May

Social 6th May: Methven Blue Pub vs Celtic Green won 16-10. Methven Brown Pub vs Hampstead Social Blue won 28-20.

Prem 7th May: Methven Wareings A vs College Snr A lost 40-61, POD *Tilly Johnson*. Methven EuroAgri B vs Southern B lost 17-34, POD *Lily Newport*.

Yr1/2 7th May: Methven Garage Gym, POD *Frida Carvalho & Marthie Royston*.

Yr3/4 8th May: Methven Martin Seed Dressing vs ACS Adrenaline, POD *Georgia Copland*. Methven Southface Contracting vs Netherby Pukeko, POD *Kora Hickman*. Methven CG Ag vs St Joseph's Fever, POD *Isabelle Turner*. Methven Paddock Vets vs Longbeach Blazers, POD *Tulia Ravouvou*.

Yr7/8 9th May: Methven R&R Spreading vs JFK Tinwald Force drew 7-7, POD *Elizabete McMillan*. Methven R&R Spreading vs Allenton Y7/8A lost 9-10, POD *Elizabete McMillan*. Methven Kayla Dynes-Bayleys vs Allenton Y7/8B lost 3-5, POD *Scarlett Meadows*. Methven Kayla Dynes-Bayleys vs Hampstead Junior B won 9-5, POD *Scarlett Meadows*. Methven Blue Sky Farms vs St Jo's Thunderbirds lost 1-13, POD *Lucy Bayley*. Methven Blue Sky Farms vs Allenton Y7/8 Gold won 5-1, POD *Lucy Bayley*.

Yr5/6 Sat 9th May: Methven Gluyas Motor Group vs ACS Ascend, POD *Ruby Preston*. Methven Coleridge Law vs St Jo's Swifts, POD *Jade Shaw*. Methven Dargue Hedge Trimming vs St Jo's Swifts, POD *Anna Letham*. Methven Clear Ear vs Wakanui Y5, POD *Bulou Botaira*. Methven Clemens Seed Dressing vs Southern Tanglez, POD *Georgia Gibbs*.

Senior Sat 9th May: Methven Trucking vs College 10B won 17-12. Methven Trucking vs Southern Groves Dairies won 14-13. Methven Shearmac vs ACS Black lost 4-5, POD *Bailee Hende*. Methven Shearmac vs Hampstead U18 Dev drew 6-6, POD *Bailee Hende*. Methven Panel & Paint vs College 9B lost 6-20, POD *Frida Wood*. Methven Panel & Paint vs College Red won 19-14, POD *Frida Wood*. Methven South Pacific Seeds vs Southern Welshy's won 5-3, POD Asha Macfarlane-Hydes. Methven South Pacific Seeds vs United KFC B lost 6-11, POD Asha Macfarlane-Hydes.

Weekly Community Heroes

Celebrating our local heroes and heroines!

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Mel Davidson

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14 - 20 May

David Dirks 18
Isobelle Talbot 25
Kayleigh Feekie 10
Paul Wilkins 70
Wyatt Hende 12
Rosie Kilpatrick 10
Julie Middleton
Leiah Reid 13
Glenda Hedge 18
Sue Monk 50
Kelly Stanley 40
Rosie Payne 2

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Paul Wilkins
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Room for rent?

The end of May will see an influx of winter workers arriving in Methven ready for another season at NZ's Best Ski Resort!

We will have several employees seeking accommodation for the upcoming season.

If you have a reasonable price property, sleepout or room available from May/June-October, we can advertise this for you to our team.

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SPORTS & NUTRITION

Race Ready or Rest Room Roulette?

Cushla Holdaway
NZ Registered Dietitian

Are you race day ready or playing rest room roulette? Let's cover some frequently overlooked gastrointestinal (GI) irritants which can play havoc on your gut…

Nutritious and plant-based foods are essential for everyday wellness being rich in micronutrients and dietary fibre, but fibre is not something you want to overdo before a race. Reducing fibre and higher FODMAP foods is recommended pre-exercise (1, 4). Additionally, sugar alcohols, polys and sweeteners (the 'P' in FODMAPs) are generally poorly tolerated, especially if consumed in larger quantities. These can hide in sugar-free electrolytes, pre-workouts, chewing gums, and high protein/low carb products. Examples include sorbitol, xylitol and mannitol (2). Lactose is another FODMAP and common intolerance. If you know you are more sensitive to this, it would be wise to consider how much is consumed pre-race. The highest lactose-containing dairy foods include cream, ice cream and cow's milk.

Caffeine is one of the most researched performance enhancing aids, but it has a sweet spot. Everyone has varying levels of tolerance, and it pays to be cautious pre-race, particularly if nerves and anxiety are already high (3).

Hypertonic refers to a higher osmotic concentration than bodily and intracellular fluids. Most gels and some sports drinks (depending how concentrated they are made) fall into the hypertonic category. Hypertonic products require fluid to be drawn into the GI track to assist digestion, which can increase the risk of GI distress. Practicing with hypertonic products in training is essential.

Common non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen and naproxen work wonders on inflammatory pain, but they can pose a risk to GI function and the kidneys. NSAIDs are generally discouraged in endurance sports (1, 5).

Excess nerves and anxiety can play havoc on the GI system due to the gut-brain connection (6). Working with a sports psychologist and/or considering hypnotherapy can be useful. There is emerging evidence and ongoing research by Monash University of hypnotherapy as a treatment in improving symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (7).

Avoiding alcohol the night before an event goes without saying. Also be aware of fizzy or carbonated drinks, these can lead to gastrointestinal discomfort, particularly excess gas, bloating and belching. Lastly, nothing new on race day…this one's a no brainer! That goes for nutrition, clothing, shoes, and routine. It's not worth the risk!

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Mt Hutt Elim Church
112 Main Street
10:30am Sunday

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Catholic Church Main Street
8.30am Sunday

Three Peaks Mission
(previously Presbyterian)
Jackson Street
10:30am Sunday

METHVEN GOLF CLUB

9 Hole 3rd May: 3rd Mary Fahey: *Annette Maw* 48-22-26. *Ross Keown* 46-17-29. *John Barwell* 56-26-30. **PGG Wrightson best Player** *Annette Maw*. Methven Travel 2nd Shot *Angela Simonett*.

Ladies Results 6th May: Competition Stroke And 2nd Eclectic. 2nd Eclectic is Pending. **Hammer Hardware Best Nett Of Day** *Tania Wilson* 73. **Nearest The Pins:** No 4 Open & Bronze B 2nd Shot Methven Pharmacy *Becky Hood*, No 6 Open Primo *Roz Gran*t, No 13 Open Farmhouse Design & Decor Station Coffee *Linda Ayers*, No 17 Open Methven Foursquare *Bev Isherwood*. **Two's And Nett Eagle:** *Heather Middleto*n.

Mens Results: **Best Nett:** *Bruce Dickson* 96-29-67. **Second Best Nett:** *Robert Turney* 68. **Other good scores:** *Phil Elliott* 69, *Phil Johnson, Dayle Lucas* 70, *Piers Rolton, Graham Shaw, Paul Middleton* 71, *Athol McAlpine* 72, *Richard Maw, John Robinson* 73, *Richard Houston, Graham Gunn* 74. **Nearest the Pin:** No 4 Charterhouse Farm *Phil Johnson*. No 6 Hunters Wine *Craig Middleton*. No 13 Ski Time *John Robinson*. No17 Blue Pub *Dayle Lucas*. **Twos:** *Simon Wareing, Michael Kemp, Phil Johnson, John Robinson, Robert Turney, Phil Elliott, Peter Harper, Richard Maw.*

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This role offers regular, consistent hours within a supportive school environment.

A Class 2 Licence and P Licence is preferred, however support can be provided for the right applicant to obtain this. If you are dependable, enjoy working with children, and want to contribute to your local community, we would love to hear from you.

For further information or to apply, please contact the school office at: office@mtss.school.nz

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Methven 28 Jackson Street

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Methven 3027 Methven Highway

Premier lifestyle

3 2 3 4

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Methven 35 Elmwood Farm Lane

Settle in before the ski season begins

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37 Sam Holmes Drive, **Methven**

4 3 2

- 4044m2 lifestyle section
- Built by Stu Bell Construction in 2024
- Elevated foundation & large windows
- Open plan kitchen with walk in pantry
- Upstairs is a spacious flexible space

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Price on Application

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96 Ashburton Gorge Road, **Mt Somers**

4 3 3

- 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom lifestyle property
- Designed by the owner and built by Joseph Builders in 2021
- Modern chef's kitchen
- High ceiling and large windows

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- Septic waste system required

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