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# Rising Stars at FMG Young Farmers Nationals!

Annie Jacobs

***Mt Hutt College students Emma Kinzett and Meghan Nish travelled to the Taranaki region last week, to participate in the Junior Young Farmer Competition, incredibly coming away with third place!***

*Centre: Jack Taggart previously from Methven, now at Hinds Young Farmers won an incredible second place in the FMG Young Farmer of the Year Competition, with Meghan Nish (left) and Emma Kinzett (right), Mt Hutt College students, who placed third in the FMG Junior Young Farmer Competition*

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Both girls have put in the hard yards studying, learning and practicing their practical farm skills both at school under the teaching team of Fiona Jessep and Emily Talbot, and out on farm and for their part time jobs.

Travelling up with family, the girls had an exam on Thursday evening which included 20 multi choice questions, 15 short answer questions, followed by essays and maths question (preparing a budget for a farmer in North Canterbury).

"We split it up, with Emma working on the exam and essays and me working on the maths question. We were prepared for the worst but found it really easy," said Meg, "It took us one hour." Emma essayed on the importance of nutrients in the last six weeks in pregnant ewes and what environmental factors affect soil in August - Emma chose leaching with rain.

At the Opening Ceremony, Te Radar was Master of Ceremony. Emma, Meg, Jack Taggart, (ex Methven resident and Young Farmer contestant) and the girls from Ashburton College, plus the three AgriKids teams all went up on stage together, to represent Aorangi.

More cramming followed. The next day was an 8am start, where teams went to different farmlets with seven modules, to complete in 15 minutes each. Modules included: Fire and Emergency, Fire Seasons and Safety, a New Holland Farm Machinery Module (a tractor with a mud scraper on it and a soccer ball which had to be reversed around a course and get the soccer ball into a bucket). Because it had a pressurised seat, (safety feature) and Meg's legs are short (and no time to move the seat in a high pressure environment), the tractor kept stopping. Nonetheless, they still managed to complete the course! There was an FMG (Farmers Mutual Group) module about rural theft and burglary. Next was a Ministry of Primary Industries module on Bird Flu, Lincoln University Tectonic Plate module along with building predator traps and identifying useful dairy breed traits. Every module was marked adding to their points tally.

"After the modules, we had a 15 minute break then we went back out to the farmlets and had to complete practical skills, where we had to set up a calf feeder, a rain gauge on a post, set up a three wire fence, a choice of a taped gate or a Taranaki gate, set up a water trough with a ball cock, cut out a cheeseboard in the shape of Mt Taranaki and identify different cheeses, riparian planting, then a sheet with different steps of shearing wool which Emma did. We also had to run out and do a five minute speech - we chose "What Skills are necessary to farm in 20 Years" - we did a it in a futuristic sense looking back on remembering farming 20 years ago," said Meg.

"It went really well - we were on limited time so had to prioritise the tasks to our skills and strengths," said Emma.

In the evening we went to TSB Show Place, where the top teams were called up on stage for another quiz. Then the AgriKids winners were announced, and other award winners for the Juniors.

After this the top three winners were announced.

"Mum and Dad were very proud. So many

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15 Cancer drop-in at MHMH, 10-12 noon
16 Methv. Historical Soc. AGM, 7pm
20 Methv. A & P AGM, 7.30pm, MHMH
26 Elder Housing Feedback closes
28 U3A Ashb. Olympic Bob Sleigher
31 Dogs need to be Registered

## AUGUST

1 Rak. Gorge Musterers Rugby, 2.30pm

## COMMUNITY

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**TUESDAY**
***Methven Toy Library*** 9-10.30am
***Methven Bowling Club*** 1.30pm
***Methven Public Library*** 2pm-4pm
***Methven Museum*** 2pm-4pm

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

**FRIDAY**
***Methven Public Library*** 2pm-4pm
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**SATURDAY**
***Methven Toy Library*** 9-10.30am
***Methven Public Library*** 10-11am
***AA Meeting*** All Saints Church, 6pm

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# All Agri NZ Growing from

***One of the wonderful businesses we have in Methven is All Agri, owned by Blair Jackson and Kimberley Blakemore.***

***Annie Jacobs***

*The team from All Agri NZ*
*Back left: Tony (Parts), Ciaran (Tyres) Nathan (Mechanical)*
*Front left: Jamie (Mechanical), Kimberley, Blair*

"In my previous job people were coming to me wanting 'this or that' and I could see a niche market with me providing that this or that," said Blair. "Then they wanted to do a service or clean," and the concept of a business supporting all things for agricultural machinery grew.

Situated at 10 Line Road, Methven, All Agri NZ started out in Greenstreet. It quickly outgrew it's space there, so Blair and Kimberley moved the business to Mayfield, which again it outgrew. The couple have lived in Methven for many years so it made sense to move the business here,


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# Strength to Strength

*Blair, Jamie, Ciaran and Nathan with a tractor about to leave the workshop*

which they did a couple of years ago.

All Agri is dedicated to doing the 'this or that,' mixed with providing clients with a highly valued, excellent service. Since moving from Mayfield to Methven, the foot traffic has grown immensely.

Blair sources used farm machinery from around New Zealand, bringing it to their Methven sales yard. There, they clean the machinery, giving parts a spruce up, paint if needed and fix any issues before putting the items up for sale - their clients love the service and All Agri has a strong, loyal, customer base.

At their on-site workshop they sell parts, agricultural and all terrain tyres, provide servicing, cleaning and get the machinery in tip top shape ready for it's new owner.

Their small staff team punch above their weight and have a wealth of knowledge from all walks of life, that they bring to the table.

"Nathan brings his experience from 26 years with John Deere. Jamie had 11 years at John Deere. Both Nathan and Jamie do repairs and mechanical work. Tony had his own business "Moore Mechanical" for 24 years plus has further work experience. Ciaran's background was a gamekeeper on Craigmore Station and eight years in the UK with general farm experience - he is the tyre man and has an on-farm fleet truck," said Blair.

All Agri can service on-farm needs with a second fleet vehicle and one more on the way.

Now they have grown to be a nationally recognised company, delivering a high standard of service and product, whilst working alongside a large range of companies. They are distributors of Fuchs Lubricants and supply BKT agricultural tyres.

Blair has contacts all over New Zealand to help him source the right machinery for his customers, resulting in recurring trade and client loyalty.

"We pride ourselves on our customer service and relationship building," said Blair, "repeat business is your best business ever."

All Agri is one of the largest retailers of the brushless cleaning product that many local farmers and contractors already use.

So if you're needing parts, agricultural or all terrain tyres, on-farm servicing or a piece of agricultural machinery, then get in touch with the team.

"We're here to provide a good honest, down-to-earth, affordable and efficient service. Farmers can call up for any farm equipment service," Blair said.

And to help you save a bit of time, All Agri are running a Thermomix TM7 promotion for the ladies. (A Thermomix is a cooker that does everything, valued at $2,800!" said Kimberley. All you have to do is purchase a set of four 4WD tyres to go in the draw, which will be drawn at the end of July.

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# Another Huge Season for Bike Methven!

***What a season it's been!***

Bike Methven continues to go from strength to strength with membership increasing to 300 riders, and another great year both on and off the trails. Thanks to the incredible support of our members, volunteers, sponsors and wider community, we've continued to grow one of New Zealand's premier community mountain bike parks.

This season we successfully hosted:

- Aoraki School Championships
- Mt Hutt Enduro
- 679 Cross Country
- Southern Downhill Series / NZ Open Downhill
- Oceania Continental UCI Downhill
- Diggler Downhill & our inaugural Whip Off
- South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships

The Secondary Schools Championships alone attracted over 1,000 competitors and brought an estimated 1,500 visitors to Methven, providing a significant boost to our local economy.

This year Bike Methven invested approximately $80,000 into major trail improvements, including upgrades to Wrightys, Meadowmaker, Fuzz DH and Little Ripper, along with the construction of our new climbing trail, Keenans Knob.

Our volunteers planted around 3,000 native plants, helping make the Bike Park even more enjoyable for future generations.

The ever-popular Chocolate Fish Races continue to thrive, regularly attracting 50–60 young riders each event, while our new Dirt Dolls programme has inspired more women and girls to get involved in mountain biking.

**Busty Coleman**

Four successful shuttle days attracted around 150 riders each event, creating another fantastic social atmosphere while helping fund future trail development.

From trail builders and dig night volunteers to event marshals, sponsors and committee members, every contribution helps make Bike Methven what it is today. A special thank you goes to our trail sponsors, grant funders, volunteers and the many local businesses that continue to back the Club.

*Patron Graeme Harrison*

This year, Bike Methven introduced a new tradition of recognising those whose dedication and hard work helped shape the Club. We were proud to honour Graeme Harrison as our inaugural Patron, while Alistair Gilchrist and Daniel Burgess were awarded Life Memberships in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Bike Methven over many years.

Planning is already underway for another exciting season, with more trail upgrades, events and opportunities to get involved. Whether you're an experienced rider, a family looking for adventure, or keen to volunteer, we'd love to have you as part of Bike Methven.

Join the ride. Support your local Bike Park.

Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up with what's happening and become a member for the 2026/27 season.

# Community Strength and Longevity on show at Ruralco Instore Days

***Bringing the farming community together, strengthening existing relationships and forging new connections has been the focus of this year's Ruralco Instore Days.***

This year's 33rd Instore Days event took place on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July at the Mid Canterbury based cooperative's three retail stores in Ashburton, Methven and Rakaia. As well as connecting Ruralco members with the latest in products, services and innovations which support their farming operations, this year there was also a strong focus on supporting community groups.

This meant locals had the opportunity to connect with the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust, Federated Farmers, Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective and the organisers of the Ruralco Longbeach Coastal Challenge. "We are very proud to partner with these local organisations assisting them in making meaningful connections as they deliver a variety of wonderful support to Mid Canterbury farmers," says Ruralco CEO, Tony Aitken.

*Ruralco Board Chair Sir David Carter (left) with Ruralco CEO Tony Aitken at the 2026 Ruralco Instore Days event in Ashburton.*

"Instore Days is about more than just providing great pricing for our members – it is about being part of something bigger which sees us come together as a farming community and this event is a reminder of how strong our community is when that happens with over 2,500 farming folk in attendance."

Most farming sectors, with the exception of arable, are experiencing one of the best seasons for some time this year, so it was not surprising feedback from site holders at the two-day event reported good sales leads and orders. This bodes well not just for Ruralco, but also for the wider Mid Canterbury region, says Tony. It means the spend stays local, which benefits the whole community.

"Ruralco is incredibly proud of the role it plays in supporting the community. Through our business and our merchant network, we enable or facilitate more than $250 million spending in Mid Canterbury each year."

Instore Days has become a cornerstone event in Mid Canterbury, providing a great opportunity to bring together farmers, merchants, and suppliers in a genuinely valuable way.

"Ruralco was founded by Mid Canterbury farmers in 1963 looking to lower input costs for their farming operations and that local ownership and core focus remain just as strong as we look to the future," says Tony.

# Shianne and Sophie Training for Springston Trophy

**Annie Jacobs**

***Sophie Sauer is in her first year of university at Lincoln studying a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Agriculture, in addition to being a member of the Methven Pony Club team entering this year's Springston Trophy.***

"I started riding soon after I was born when I was plonked on a pony," laughs Sophie, "I got my first pony called "Jerry" when I was two, Mum rides too. Mum's side of the family are all involved in horses." And equestrian runs in the blood - Sophie's Granddad Ron Miles will be judging at the Cross Country for the Springston Trophy. He is an eventing and show jumping judge.

There have been multiple horses since Sophie's first ride. "The first proper pony I competed on was Stella, who Mum broke in for me when I was five. I got to go choose Stella - we went up to Colleen's, (Roberts) and chose the one out of the paddock that I wanted. She was a Welsh Mountain and grew to 11.2hh. We did lots of showing on her with Lead Rein and Ridden classes," said Sophie. Next came Toad who was 13.2hh, and it was Toad that started Sophie's jumping interest.

"We did a bit of everything together. He's up in North Canterbury now." Cookie followed, who was purchased from Anna Poole. Cookie was eight years old, but had only recently been broken in. Sophie had taken her to a show and was riding her to gain further experience, but they ended up buying her.

"I had Cookie for a few years. She was my first real jumping pony at 14hh. I introduced her to jumping, we did lots of showjumping, eventing and she was a really good Round the Ring Hunter Pony. We did really well at Christchurch Show, we won our Round the Ring Height Class, and achieved 6th in the Ballantynes Cup which is a prestigious Round the Ring

Photo by Michelle Clarke Photography

Sophie and Shianne

Class. The wee girl that has got her now - we still keep in touch. I get messages most weeks about what she is up to," Sophie said. Lacey came next and was six years old when Sophie purchased her from Anna.

"Lacy was known to be a little s@%t but somehow we got on well together. We both didn't have much eventing experience but went to the Springston Trophy in Cromwell. Having only been together for six months, we were part of the team that got third! She was a really good show jumper and cross country jumper. She was really brave for a young pony - very, very willing. We were quite successful showjumping. Sadly, we lost her last year."

"We tried eight different horses and Shianne used to be ridden by Anna. We ended up picking her up out of her paddock in Southland, she'd been uncovered and was feral. She wasn't really

Photo by Olivia Skidmore Photography

Shianne and Sophie show that teamwork makes it happen!

looking her best self. We were very lucky to lease her off her owners. We hit the ground running, got her back into work, started show-jumping and then got her eventing which is her happy place. I enjoy eventing with her too - its what she is very good at. We did a couple of events at 95cms, then stepped up to 105cms with first placings in almost all of our classes," Sophie said.

Last year Shianne and Sophie competed in the Springston Trophy in Blenheim and despite it not being their best event, they were still happy with how they'd done together.

Sophie and Shianne competed at last year's South Island Show Jumping Championships in Ashburton and looked really sharp together - a stunning unity of horse and rider.

The talented pair competed at the National Showjumping Show Hunter Show at McLean's Island back in January, achieving second in the Rising Star Show Hunter title - and this comes about with sheer dedication and work!

"We have stepped up to one star eventing (trickier dressage, 1.05 Cross Country entry, and 1.10 Show jumping). We did our first one and got fifth," shared Sophie proudly.

Training now for this year's Springston means Shianne is in full work five days per week to work on her fitness, keep her fit, flat work for her dressage right - something they're working hard on and a wee bit of jumping.

"We're also going to One Day Events just to get her ready." Shianne grazes in Rolleston so that Sophie can still attend Uni, but is close by to work Shianne.

"Being a Senior at Methven Pony Club, I love seeing all the Juniors develop their ponies and getting out there together. Last year we had so much fun together. Getting out afterwards with Anna and her wee baby heading to the pool - we're all friends," Sophie said. And looking forward to this year's Springston Trophy, is hoping that the Cross Country will be their best phase.

"I want all three to go well, but the cross country is the most challenging, which we love."

Sophie has bred a warmblood youngster, Quinn, who she hopes will showjump and event and has another Stella coming through the ranks too.

"Mum says I'm not allowed any more horses as I've covered all my bases for now." This is quite an achievement for someone who is only 18 years old! "But it is thanks to Mum (Sarah) for supporting me with everything and to Anna Poole for all the lessons, helping me with my pony and helping me to get where I am," said Sophie gratefully.

Sophie and Shianne will compete in the Springston Trophy at Ashburton A & P Showgrounds from 2 - 4 October and at Rakaia Pony Club for the Cross Country section.


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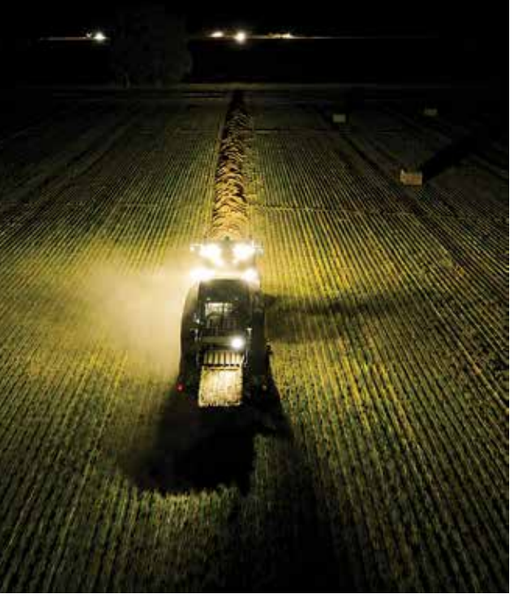

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# Schools News

***Mt Hutt College held it's Haka Wero (challenge) Competition last Wednesday afternoon in the school's gymnasium.***

*Mt Hutt Students proudly perform their school haka in the annual Haka Wero (challenge)*


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## Mount Hutt College

Students and staff at the College are allocated a House to belong to when joining the school. Houses are divided into Blue, Red, Gold and Green. During the year, they practice performance of the school's haka.

Daniel Hāpuku returned to judge the Haka Wero Competition. He is the composer of the Mt Hutt College Haka, gifting it to the school in 2014. Daniel judged a number of aspects of the haka including presentation and pūkana, with the students encouraged to wear their house colours. It is an enormous step for many to perform live in front of a live audience which included other students, staff, family and friends.

**Results**: 1st Green, 2nd Gold, 3rd Blue, 4th Red.

## Rising Stars at FMG Young Farmers Nationals!

people came up at to us at the competition and congratulated us - it was all a bit of blur," said Emma.

"Dad was sitting next to me the whole time saying we were going to be third. Te Radar announced us in third place. It was a good feeling! We won tickets to the next evening's event which was the overall winner of the Young Farmer Contest which Prime Minister Luxon came to. Emma and I shook hands with him four times that night," laughed Meg.

"We are really happy with how it turned out - especially since it was our first time around. Thank you to Methven Lions and our other sponsors in the community for helping us to get up there, we are very thankful for the community support," said the girls.

"I developed my public speaking skills, farm management, working as part of a team, and learning how to divvy up tasks to different people's strengths to get them done in time. It was pretty special and inspiring to be around rural leaders in the industry," said Emma.


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## METHVEN GOLF CLUB

**Last week's results:**

**Best Stableford:** 83-16-67 *Andrew Wright* 41 stablefords. Second Best Stableford: *Alister Maxwell* 79-10-69, 38. **Other good scores:** 37 *Russell Currie*. 35 *Phil Johnson*. 34 *Pete Harper, Paul Middleton, Graham Gunn*. 33 *Phil Thomas*. 32 *Dayle Lucas*. 31 *Michael Kemp* B/L. **Nearest the Pins:** No 4 Charterhouse Farms *Phil Thomas*. No 6 Hunters Wine *Pete Wood*. No 13 SkiTime *Mike Bushell*. No 17 Brown Pub *Pete Wood*.

**This week's results:**

**Best Nett:** *Rob Withers* 77 B/lot. 77 *Robert Turney, Peter Withers*. 78 *Hamish Woolsey*. 80 *Michelle Amos, Brian Gallichan*. 81 *Wanda Campbell* B/lot. **Nearest the Pin:** No 13 SkiTime *Peter Withers*, No 17 Blue Pub *Wanda Campbell*.

**Ladies Results 1st July**

**Competition 5th LGU, 5th Tuis. Silver:** *Ellen Kemp*. **Bronze A:** *Tania Wilson*. **Bronze B:** *Judith Sommerville* 100-32-68. Hammer Hardware Best Nett Of Day *Judith Sommerville* 68. Mt Hutt Lodge Best Nett for June *Judith Sommerville*.

**Nearest The Pins:** No 4 Open & Bronze B 2nd Shot Methven Pharmacy *Bev Isherwood*, No 6 Open Primo *Judith Sommerville*, No 13 Open Farmhouse Design & Decor, Station Coffee *Ellen Kemp*, No 17 Open Methven Four Square *Dennise Hood*, No 14 Bronze B 2nd Shot Hard Yards Ltd *Bev Isherwood*.

**Two's And Nett Eagles:** *Sharon Burrell-Smith, Bev Isherwood, Emma Hampton.*

**9 Hole 26th June: 6th Stableford, 5th Putting**: Mike Markillie 51-17-34, 20 Stablefords, 15 Putts. Colin Woolsey 57-22-35, 19 Stablefords, 17 Putts. John Barwell 64-26-38,17Stablefords, 18 Putts. PGG Wrightson Best Player Mike Markillie. Methven Travel Nearest the Pin Colin Woolsey. Methven Travel 2nd Shot Mike Markillie

**3rd July**: **Stroke Round:** Alan Willis 53-25-28. Ross Keown 47-17-30. John Barwell 58-26-32. PGG Wrightson Best Player Alan Willis. Methven Travel Nearest the Pin Bryan Petrie. Methven Travel 2nd Shot Ross Keown.



# Schools News — Methven Primary School

Book Week at Methven Primary School was a fantastic celebration of reading. Throughout the week, children were immersed in a wide range of books, exploring different stories, genres, and authors in their classrooms.

A highlight for many classes was the "Book Off", where students read and compared books before voting for their favourite. It was wonderful to see students sharing their opinions and enthusiasm as they celebrated the stories they loved most.

One of the most special parts of the week was welcoming parents and family members into our classrooms to read with the children. Students absolutely loved having their whānau visit and share favourite stories.

The celebrations ended on a high with our much-anticipated Book Character Dress-Up Day. The school was filled with colour and creativity as students and staff arrived dressed as their favourite book characters. A very special guest, Clifford the Big Red Dog, made an appearance, delighting everyone! The parade was a standout moment, with students proudly showing off their costumes, there was a fantastic effort from everyone involved.

Alongside the festivities, we hosted a Scholastic Book Fair, run by our wonderful volunteer parents. Thanks to this support, funds were raised that will go directly toward purchasing new books and classroom resources for our school.

Book Week was truly a celebration of reading, community spirit, and creativity. It was wonderful to see our students so engaged and excited about books, and we look forward to continuing to foster a love of reading at Methven Primary.

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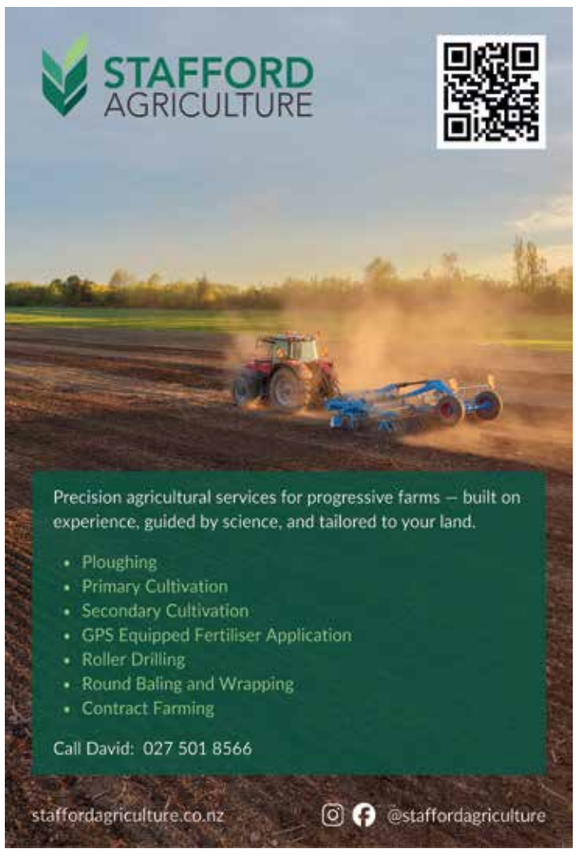



# Schools News

## Our Lady of the Snows School

**Community and Connection Shine Brightly at OLS Matariki Celebration**

The spirit of kotahitanga (togetherness) and manaakitanga (hospitality) was on full display this past Wednesday evening, as our school community gathered together to celebrate Matariki.

Embracing this year's national theme, "Matariki herenga waka – For everyone," the evening focused entirely on inclusion, acting as a safe harbour where families, staff, and students from all walks of life could connect, reflect, and look forward to the Māori New Year as one.

The celebrations began with a beautiful liturgy, which blended reflection, remembrance, and hope. A moving highlight of the evening was the Liturgy of the Nine Stars, where individual students read heartfelt prayers for each star in the cluster while beautiful star pictures were presented and candles were lit.

The church was filled with music and pride throughout the night. The entire school opened the performance segment together, setting a unified tone before the junior classes brought absolute joy and energy to the stage with their item. Later in the evening, the senior students showcased leadership and unity with a powerful performance of their own.

Following the final blessing, the evening transitioned from spiritual reflection to wonderful community connection. Families explored the school to participate in interactive activities, including Matariki stars in the library with Mrs. Ree, creating themed artwork in Ruma Tōtara with Annie Johns, and completing Matariki puzzles in Ruma Kauri with Fiona Maw.

The night concluded in the truest spirit of Matariki—by sharing kai. Everyone gathered in the Multi-Purpose Room for a self-service feast

of delicious pumpkin and vegetable soups, completely prepared from scratch by the students themselves. The warm soup was paired beautifully with butter, fresh buns, and homemade focaccia bread.

A huge thank you goes out to Anthony for guiding the musical items, Sandra for her baking talents, the Friends of the School for generously providing the fresh ingredients, and to all the families who brought their warmth and presence to make the night a safe and welcoming mooring place for everyone.

Ngā mihi o Matariki te tau hou Māori — Matariki blessings to our wider local community for the year ahead!


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## METHVEN NETBALL CLUB

**Social 1st July:** Methven Blue Pub vs Mt Somers Social 1 won 34-20. Methven Brown Pub vs Southern HD Ag lost 31-37. **Premier 2nd July:** Methven Wareings A vs Celtic A lost 45-61, POD *Lucinda Hutchinson*. **Yr1/2s:** Methven Garage Gym, P'sOD *Skye Frame, Charlie Landy, Isla Martin*. **Yr3/4s 3rd July:** Methven Southface Contracting vs Longbeach Comets, POD *Whole Team!* Methven Martin Seed Dressing vs Mt Somers Super Stars, P'sOD *Amelia Ridge*. Methven Paddock Vets vs Wakanui Y3, P'sOD *Tulia Ravouvou, Alice Loten*. Methven CG Ag vs Netherby Piwakawaka, P'sOD *Emily Wightman, Isabelle Turner*. **Yr7/8s 4th July:** Methven R&R Spreading vs St Jo's Mystics won 37-7, POD *Lexi Harmer*. Methven Blue Sky Farms vs Southern Bus & Truck lost 11-15, POD *Isla Humm*. **Yr5/6s:** Methven Gluyas Motor Group vs Wakanui Y6, POD *Whole Team!* Methven Coleridge Law vs Rakaia Pohutukawa, POD *Whole Team!* Methven Dargue Hedge Trimming vs Allenton Y6 Thunder, POD *Whole Team!* Methven Clear Ear vs Longbeach Tactix, POD *Whole Team!* Methven Clemens Seed Dressing vs ACS Accelerate, POD *Whole Team!* **Senior:** Methven Trucking vs Southern Groves Dairies won 33-22, POD *Brooklyn Mitchell-Milmine*. Methven Panel & Paint vs College Red won 25-24, POD *Rosie Smith*. Methven South Pacific Seeds vs ACS Burgandy won 23-13, POD *Aliyah Worner*.


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Danni Drake 12
Sam Grant 46
Holly Clemett 33
Nixon Ruck 9
Henry Rooney 51
Lucy Bayley 12
Jake Bell
Sita Lamichhane 31
Arna Wareing
Philly Rooney 42
Reeve Gordon 7
Leah Mee
Elsie Dargue 18
Una Hickman
Luca Leov 12
Leki Robinson 69

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Michael Butterick 19

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# Weekly Community Heroes

Celebrating our local heroes and heroines!

Head into The Alpine Grind to nominate.

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Angela Simonette
Kendra Maw
Martin Nordqvist
Max Bullivant

**Martin Nordqvist**

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**Fixed-term for the remainder of the 2026 school year. This position may extend into 2027.**

**To commence as soon as possible.**

**The role requires someone who:**

- is able to work with low level learners and neurodiverse students
- has an understanding of differentiation between curriculum levels to support the teacher with their lesson plan
- has the confidence to enforce school policy and class expectations
- is computer literate (knowledge of the Google suite would be an advantage)

Patience and understanding are essential to this role as it involves working with a team to provide student support that enhances student learning and wellbeing. Other desirable qualities are being responsive to needs, ability to build relationships and being able to use their initiative. Experience working in a secondary school would be an advantage.

The successful applicant will have to undergo the police vetting procedure.

**Application forms are available on our website (https://mounthuttcollege.co.nz/contact-us) or by emailing college@mthutt.school.nz.**

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## Mt Somers 8 Pattons Road

### Peaceful village living

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Covered by established oak trees, a mature hedge-lined boundary, and a picturesque stream running along the roadside, this is a truly special setting. With no covenants imposed by the current owner. The development contribution fee has not been paid.

**Asking Price** $200,000
**View** by appointment
**Kayla Dynes** 027 697 0915
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## Methven 8 Memorial Crescent

### Unlimited potential

780sqm

Positioned amongst quality established homes in the sought-after Camrose Estate, this 780sqm (more or less) section presents an outstanding opportunity. Essential services, including power, water, fibre and septic, are available at the boundary. Ashburton District Councils development contribution fee remains unpaid.

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## Methven 34 Dolma Street

### A rare opportunity

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Hidden from the road and surrounded by beautifully established grounds, this exceptional property presents a rare opportunity to secure 9,246sqm (more or less) on the edge of Methven township. Designed with family living in mind, the approximately 240sqm home spans two levels and has been tastefully refreshed with new interior and exterior paint.

**Deadline Sale** (unless sold prior)
12pm, Thu 23 Jul 2026
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## Methven 22 Chapman Street

### Opportunity, character and future potential

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For DIY enthusiasts and renovators, this is a chance to restore and reimagine. With a 1,012sqm (more or less) section, the possibilities are extensive. Developers will also recognise the opportunity here.

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46 Zig Zag Road, **Windwhistle**

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37 Sam Holmes Drive, **Methven** 4 4 3 2

- Elegant new build set on 4044m2 amongst extensive plantings & landscaping
- 371.85m2 home with an emphasis on low maintenance
- Multiple living options with large upstairs living space
- This home will capture your heart

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96 Ashburton Gorge Road, **Mount Somers** 4 3 3

* This stunning 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom property is designed by the owner and built by Joseph Builders in 2021
* Offers open concept living and dining filled with natural light
* A separate art room adjoined to large separate garage

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Lot 3 Hobbs Road, **Methven**

- Attractive 1.0596 hectare block located down a private laneway just off Hobbs Road right on Methven township boundary
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2969 Methven Highway, **Methven**

- Lot 2 DP 308461
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