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Talent Runs In This Family



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

THURSDAY

Methven Bowling Club 4.30pm

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Methven Toy Library 9-10.30am
Methven Public Library 10-11am
AA Meeting All Saints Church, 6pm

SUNDAY

Methven Green Waste drop off,
Vaughans Rd, 12pm-4pm

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Not so long ago in 1963, the up and coming talent of Carol Williams was being noticed at Methven District High School, where she was in Form 3 (now called Year 9).

"I was always good at running and would go to sprinting competitions in Temuka and Christchurch. Carol was described as being good at sport and she enjoyed it.

"We had an Athletics Club in Methven which ran regularly at the Domain. My Parents Stan and Pearl Williams always supported me. Mervyn Crowe trained me later on and took us to different athletic meetings at weekends," Carol said. She went on to win the Athletics Cup at Methven District High School.

Her daughter Lisa would later follow in her running shoes. Lisa was always good at athletics at school and Carol said she was a good all rounder.

"We had one day and did everything on one day (no prelims) - sprinting, triple jump (hop, skip, jump into the long jump pit), long jump, not javelin, shot put and discus," Lisa said.

"I remember when she got into her first Counties," said Carol. "Lisa ran back to the car and was put off by all the people. No amount of talking helped so she didn't compete in that first one, but did after that."

"We went to QE 2 and then down the hydroslide after, which was lots of fun," recalled Lisa. She won the Athletics Cup at what had become Methven High School.

Lisa's daughter Ella is also excelling in Athletics, attending what is now known as Mt Hutt College.

"Ella is really good and will try anything," said Carol.

"She enters all the optional stuff and she does like doing it," said Lisa and Ella agrees.

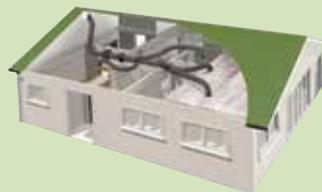
"I like the running as you just have to go and beat them, but discus is better because you get three goes at it and you don't have to do it within a certain time. The adrenaline with running is cool."

A pretty unique occurrence - three ladies from the same family have won the Athletics Cup, along with Ella's Aunty, Tania Quinn, (now Wallace) and all have their names engraved on it.

Lisa won the cup 30 years after her Mum, Carol, and Ella won it 31 years after Lisa. Who knows what will happen in thirty years time? And what might the College be called then?

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Annie Jacobs



Back: Pete Summers, Jason Elliot, Sam Elliot. Front: Dan Clark, Farrah Wilson, Cameron McCaw

A very successful Christmas colouring in competition, supported by a number of generous local businesses resulted in some excited winners, announced over the weekend!

The competition concept came about during a brainstorming session in the Snowfed office, where we wanted to do something nice in the community for Christmas. Our amazing Lucy Tombleson organised it all.

Thanks to the creative talents of Sam Elliot, (who created the picture to colour) and his Dad Jason, who created the Santa Post Box at Station Coffee, entries for the competition flooded in. Snowfed printed the colouring in competition in the newspaper along with heaps of extras, which were quickly scooped up. It was clear that all competitors put lots of effort into their colouring in and the judges had a very tough decision on their hands.

Prizes were generously sponsored by Dirt Bandits, Simply Delicious and Rosa Dekker at Bayleys Real Estate.

Winners of the Dirt Bandits experiences are Cameron McCaw, Dan Clark and Farrah Wilson. The winner of the Simply Delicious Celebration Slab is Tessa Sim. Harry Ridge, George Lock, Hugo de Kleijn and Sadie Sim each won a \$10 Simply Delicious ice cream voucher and Zealah, Alyssa Cuttle and Rosa Guild have won vouchers sponsored by Rosa Dekker. All prize winners have been notified.

Many thanks to *Dirt Bandits, Simply Delicious and Rosa Dekker* for sponsoring the prizes.

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Thanks to all those for helping make this
party possible!

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Like Wallace & Gromit? National Youth Brass Band is coming!



The 2025 NZ National Youth Brass Band, led by Tyme Marsters from Christchurch, will perform at the Ashburton Event Centre on Friday 24 January 2025.

The band is proud to present what they're sure will be a cracking live concert for the whole family to enjoy. The first half features solos from band members alongside an entertaining programme of classic and contemporary music, which includes pieces everyone is sure to know and love as well as some new music which showcases the versatility of brass bands.

The nationwide representative band comprises of 35 of New Zealand's most talented young brass and percussion musicians under twenty-three years of age. They're selected from nationwide auditions of members from community-based brass bands, throughout New Zealand.

For the second half, the band is delighted to present the New Zealand premiere of Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. The much-loved movie will be shown while the band plays the soundtrack live, and the band is looking forward to performing this for the first time in New Zealand.

The Ashburton concert of the NZ National Youth Brass Band will be held at the Ashburton Event Centre at 7pm on Friday 24 January. Come along and join them for what is sure to be an enjoyable and entertaining evening of music.

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FROM THE EDITOR *Mai i te Etitā*

As I write, in the Snowfed office, I'm listening to the rain twinkling down on the iron roof and thinking that with the hundreds and hundreds of raindrops that fall, so are there hundreds and hundreds of you who do so much in our community to make it the amazing place that it is. Thank you.

Thank you for being the wonderful you that you are and the giving you freely give. It is often at this time of Christmas that we thank and recall the kindnesses, generosity and goodwill that enables us to live our lives, do our mahi (work) and look after others.

I want to draw attention to the wonderful people who are part of our Snowfed team - thank you for what you do to share the Snowfed with our Foothills communities, New Zealand communities and globally - we have a strong domestic and overseas readership and following which is not limited to Mid Canterbury!

- **Canprint staff** - you guys have my back for 49 weeks per year, thank you!
- **Lucy Tombleson**
- **Bethany Gibbs**
- **Mary Ralston**
- **James Meager**
- **Our fantastic residential delivery team:** Charlie, Ella and Grace - you do a fabulous job with only three weeks off per year - thank you!
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- **Betty Dawkins** - our wonderful community watch dog and article writer - you have so many people wondering who you are (and no, it is not Annie!)
- **Carmen Lye** - the mini breaks you have given me over the last five years are invaluable
- **New Zealand Couriers** for your reliable fast service every week
- **Our Sports and Clubs contributors:** Colin Clemens, John Peneycad, Sam Crofsky, Tania Wilson, Annette Maw, Geoff Rhodes and Chris Woods
- **Legal Deposit at the National Archives in Wellington** - thank you for looking after each issue for generations to come
- **Thanks to you who've shared your story with our readership** - there is so much to be positive about in our community
- **You, our readership**

The Snowfed is a pretty unique newspaper - it is thought that it is the only newspaper in New Zealand and maybe the Southern Hemisphere, that is owned by the local college. As well as providing a free, vital, connective weekly link for our wider community, thanks to the foresight of teacher Bruce Dickson; the profit that it makes goes back into furthering the education of our children.

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Annie



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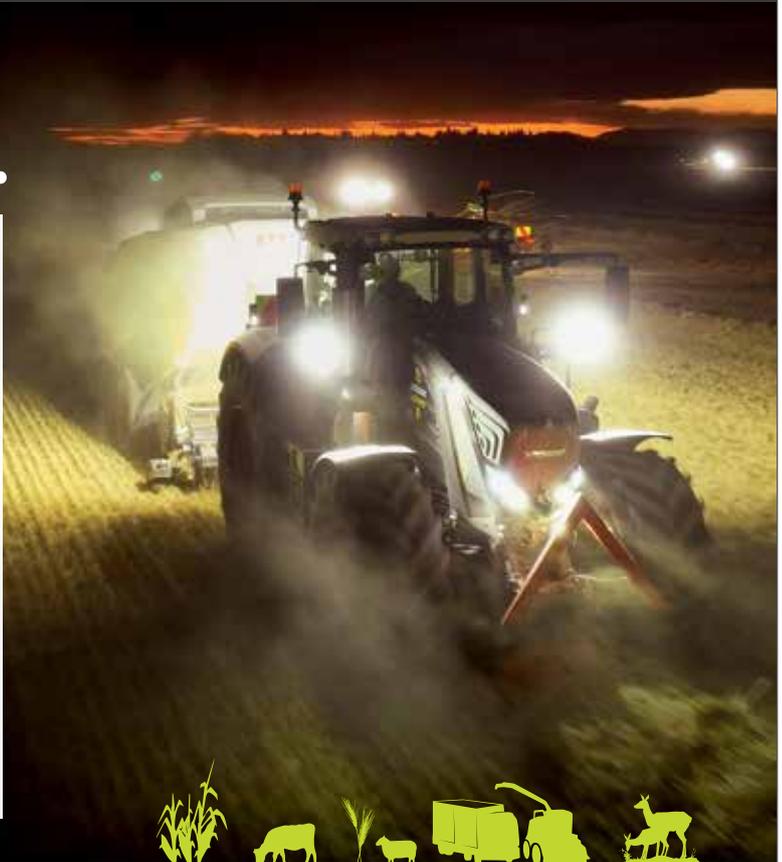


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Diligence Across All Subjects in Year 7 *Jacko Grieve, Jonty Guild, Lucy Keane*. Diligence Across All Subjects in Year 8 *Yoosra Fernando, Samuel Palmer, Logan Wheeler*. The Marr Family Award for accepting challenges and exhibits the school motto "Strive for Excellence" *Charlie Russell*.

Silver Awards: Year 7 *Brooklyn Anger* Japanese. *Leah Bailey* NZ Sign Language. *Alexiah Coley* Technology Hard Materials. *George Creech* Technology Hard Materials. *Holly Douglas* Art. *Arthur Resende* Technology Hard Materials. *Angus Robertson* Mathematics. *Tyler Adams* Health and Physical Education. *Nate Cudmore* Health and Physical Education. *Sam Guevarra* Food and Textile Technology. *Maru Naa* Music, Science. *Scarlett Olsen* Health and Physical Education, Te Reo Māori. *James Joyce* Music. *Chris Tapp* Te Reo Māori. *Bethany Foster* Art, Te Reo Māori. *James McNally* Food and Textile Technology, Technology Hard Materials. *Dibisha Thapa* Health and Physical Education, English Learning Language.

Year 8 *Max Coleman* Technology Hard Materials. *Tom Currie* Technology Hard Materials. *Haidee Preece* Digital Technology. *Clarry Hooker* Art, Health and Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials. *Ashlyn Lee* Digital Technology, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies. *William Chambers* English. *Shelby*

Kirkpatrick Te Reo Māori. *Tarran Lowe* Art. *Priscilla Cavallotti* Art, Music. *Solene Padilan* Japanese, Social Studies. *Adam Walker* Health and Physical Education, English. *Liam Keller* Digital Technology, Mathematics, Science. *Paige Adams* Technology Hard Materials. *Joshua Dagomo* Technology Hard Materials. *Kaylum Davis* Music. *Charlie Drake* Digital Technology. *Justine Lim* Art. *Corey Morrison* English. *Oscar Parris* Health and Physical Education. *Charlie Russell* Art, Technology Hard Materials. *Elin Holmes* Mathematics, Science, English.

Extra Curricular Awards: Art-The Ponweiser Cup & Spruce Gardens Prize for Contribution to Art *Isobella Gray*. Written and Spoken Communication-Diana Limbrick Family Cup for Excellence *Kayla Thompson*. Performing Arts-For Contribution *Kayla Thompson*. Tennis-Rodger Harris Memorial Trophy for Junior Girls' Tennis *Ava Mangin*. Basketball-Most Promising Player (Girl) *Henrietta Cairns, Halo Cooksley*. Music-Most Improved Itinerate Music Student *Keegan Oates*. Basketball-Most Promising Player (Boy) *Jerome Campbell*. Football-Most Promising Player *Euclid Kidayan*. Hockey-Most Promising Player *Charlie Quinlan*. Rugby-Most Promising Player *Flynn Whittaker*. Netball Yr 7-Most Promising Player *Kiti Botaira*. Netball Yr 8-Most Promising Player *Henrietta Cairns*. Touch Rugby-Most Promising Player Female *Halo Cooksley*. Touch Rugby-Most Promising Player Male *Flynn Whittaker*.

School Involvement in Year 7 *Isabella Barlass, Jerome Campbell, Shital Chhetri, Ethan Clark, Rhianne Delos Santos, Xavier Quinn*. The Reach for the Stars PRIDE Award and the Arabica Café Prize for the highest achieving students in Year 7 of PRIDE Awards: *Geo Song*. School Involvement in Year 8 *Katalina Ahotaailoa, Henrietta Cairns, Clarry Hooker, Euclid Kidayan, Cameron McCaw, Genevieve Wiggins*. The Reach for the Stars PRIDE Award and the Arabica Café Prize for the highest achieving student in Year 8 of PRIDE Awards: *Isobella Gray*. Citizenship in Year 7 *George Creech, Holly Douglas, Oscar Gorrie, Lucy Keane, Sophie Marr, Geo Song*. Citizenship in Year 8 *Ava Harrower, Lucy Kennedy, Shelby Kirkpatrick, Huey Mee, Keegan Oates, Charlie Russell*.

Gold Awards: Year 7 *Jerome Campbell* Health and Physical Education. *Ella-Marie Gaveganc* Health and Physical Education. *Harvey Copland* Health and Physical Education, Silver Te Reo Māori. *Oli Costello* Health and Physical Education, Silver Te Reo Māori. *Maddy Cradock* Technology Hard Materials, Silver Art. *Skyler Sapang* Art, Silver English. *Asha Macfarlane Hydes* Science, Silver Food and Textile Technology, Music, Social Studies. *Isaac Stanley* Mathematics; Silver in Music, Science, Social Studies. *Abbie Heneghan* Social Studies, English, Silver Art. *Beau Ballagh* Mathematics, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Silver Food and Textile Technology, Social Studies. *Rhianne Delos Santos* Art, *continues on page 10*

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Joseph McHugh Technology Hard Materials, Social Studies, English, Silver Food and Textile Technology, French, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics.

The Thai Chilli Restaurant and Asian Store Prize for General Excellence in Year 7 **Isabella Barlass** Gold Art, French, Mathematics, Music, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies and English, Silver Food and Textile Technology. **Stephanie Lill** Gold in Art, Food and Textile Technology, French, Mathematics, Music, Science, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, English, Silver Technology Hard Materials.

Gold Awards: Year 8 Israel Waaka Te Reo Māori. **Lucy Kennedy** NZ Sign Language, Silver Art. **Devon Staples** Digital Technology, Silver English. **Anna Costello** Technology Hard Materials, Silver Health and Physical Education, Music, Social Studies. **Isobella Gray** Art, Silver Digital Technology, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics. **Charlie Quinlan** Health and Physical Education, Mathematics. **Olivia Fletcher** Digital Technology, Social Studies, Silver Music, Science, Te Reo Māori. **Felix Bruce** Japanese, Science, English; Silver Art. **Keegan Oates** Digital Technology, Music, English, Silver Health and Physical Education, NZ Sign Language. **Owen Hende** Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials, Social Studies, Silver French, Te Reo Māori, English. **Angus Hamilton** French, Music, Science, Te Reo Māori, English, Silver Health and Physical Education, Mathematics,

Social Studies. **Henrietta Cairns** Art, Health and Physical Education, Music, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, Silver Mathematics, NZ Sign Language, Science, English. **Charlie Honeywell** Technology Hard Materials. **Mason Roskrug** Art. **Joshua Veix** Te Reo Māori. **Flynn Whittaker** Health and Physical Education. **Katalina Ahotaeiloa** Health and Physical Education, Silver Digital Technology, Science. **Kamana Rai** Social Studies, Silver Japanese, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori. **Kate Odiamar** Art, English Language Learning. **Ryan Galbraith** Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials, Silver English. **Cameron McCaw** Digital Technology, Health and Physical Education, Silver Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials, Social Studies. **Kayla Thompson** Digital Technology, Music, Science, English, Silver Social Studies. **Phoenix Harris** Digital Technology, Mathematics, NZ Sign Language, Social Studies, English, Silver Art Te Reo Māori. **Alex Aquino** Art, Japanese, Mathematics, Science, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, English, Silver Digital Technology, Technology Hard Materials. **Ayla Beattie** Art. **Noah Gill** Music. **Genevieve Wiggins** Digital Technology. **Roshani Ghimire** Mathematics, Silver English Language Learning. **Olive Cronin** Art, Silver Digital Technology, Mathematics. **Guy Ensor** Health and Physical Education, Silver Digital Technology Social Studies. **Euclid Kidayan** Science, Silver Health and Physical Education, Music. **Isobel Davey** Science, Silver Art, Mathematics, Social



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The Wrights Dry Cleaners Prize for General Excellence in Year 8: **Paddy Guild** Gold in Art, Digital Technology, Health and Physical Education, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Te Reo Māori, Social Studies, English, Silver French.

Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving 2024

Diligence Across All Subjects: **Grace Harrison-Hastie, Ryan Hussein, Piper Lill, Paige Stewart, Stacey Hayes, Melissa Rutherford, JM Santos, Cathleen Yroy.** Emily Brennan Challenge Award: accepting challenges and exhibits the school motto "Strive for Excellence" **Rillie Gavegan.**

Silver Awards Year 9: Mitieli Botaira Physical Education. **Poima Brightwell** Art. **Fletcher Cavanagh** Physical Education. **Logan Glass** Technology Hard Materials. **Hunter Guthrie** Social Science. **Ash Lau** Science. **Brock Leitis** Technology Hard Materials. **Roy Martin** Technology Hard Materials. **Frank Rooney** Physical Education. **Benjamin Saxelby** Te Reo Māori. **Apirihama Tah-Nathan** Te Reo Māori. **Lucian Brown** Mathematics, Physical

Education. **Conor McGrath** Food & Textile Technology, Physical Education. **Ruby Saxon** Design & Visual Communication, Music. **Max McGinity** Music, Physical Education, Science. **Ella Arbuckle** Design & Visual Communication, Mathematics, Science, Social Science. **Luca Brown** Art, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science.

Silver Awards Year 10: Cash Baker English. **Cooper Baker** Art. **Izaak Bruce** Outdoor Education. **Cordell Cooksley** Health & Physical Education. **Yorifumi Franks** English. **Sharleese Greenall** Music. **Ivan Heneghan** Mathematics. **Bailey Imms-Protheroe** Business Studies. **Zara Kirkpatrick** Te Reo Māori. **Olly Meadows** Science. **Alex Parris** Health & Physical Education. **Issac Tait** Food & Textile Technology. **Ben Costello** Agriculture, Technology Hard Materials. **Charlie King** Agriculture, Health & Physical Education. **Bree Muir** Design & Visual Communication, Health & Physical Education. **Oliver Bellew** Agriculture, Mathematics, Outdoor Education. **Hunter Dirks** Digital Technology, English, Science, Social Science. **Stella Hamilton** Design & Visual Communication, Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Social Science.

Extra Curricular Awards Art Oram Cup for Contribution to Art **Frida Wood.** Basketball Most Promising Player Female **Sienna Poyner.** Basketball Most Promising Player Male **Cordell Cooksley.** Cricket Girls' Cricket most improved player **Emma Kinzett.** Choir

Award for Dedication & Commitment to Choir **Peyton Fews.** Performing Arts Thirza Currie Trophy for Commitment to the Performing Arts **Peyton Fews.** Football Most Promising Player **Cash Baker.** Snowsports Boekholt Family Cup for Most Promising Student in Snowsports **Mackenzie Currie.** Written and Spoken Communication Le Lieve Family Cup for Excellence **May McCaw.** Golf Grant Family Trophy for Best Performed Golfer **Finn McGrath.** Mountain Biking Big Al's Trophy for Best all Rounder **Baxter Florance.** Netball McTigue Cup Sportsmanship in Junior Netball **Grace Newport.** Rugby (Girls) Methven Rugby Club Trophy for Most Improved Player **Jasmine Chalk.** Rugby Leadership and Sportsmanship Trophy **Alexander Mijs.** Touch Rugby Female Player of the Year **Ella Quinn.** Touch Rugby Male Player of the Year **Cordell Cooksley.** Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Bronze **Lamont Davidson.** New Zealand Honours for National Event placing **Zara Kirkpatrick.**

School Involvement in Year 9 **Ella Arbuckle, Aidan Bungard, Charles Clark, Joel Dwyer, Peyton Fews, Lily Newport, Georgia Schiphorst.** School Involvement in Year 10 **Jasmine Chalke, Lamont Davidson, Emily Heaven, Charlie King, Jeziel Lopez, Finn McGrath, Ella Quinn, James Sauer.** Citizenship in Year 9 **Vincent Contreras, Ella-Rose Ingram, Kelly Lingard-Davidson, Sophia Lyons, Tiger McMahon, Monty Murphy, Sienna Poyner, Jake Richan.** Citizenship in Year 10 **Samantha Batt, Lamont Davidson, Harvey Lilley, Blake Marett, Melissa Rutherford, Brooke Wheeler.**



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Fri 27 Dec	➔ Saturday

Collection returns to normal from Monday 30 December. There is no change for New Years.



To view holiday hours for our resource recovery parks and other Council facilities visit ashburtondc.govt.nz



Wishing everyone in Methven a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you all for your incredible support throughout 2024. It's been a pleasure working with such a wonderful community, and I'm looking forward to continuing our journey together in 2025.

Wishing you peace, kindness, and moments of joy this holiday season. Stay safe, and see you in the new year!

Warm regards,



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Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving continues

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Green Family Cups awarded for Top Year 10 Citizenship with the Methven Autoservice Prize: **Kaidyn Broomhall**, **Grace Newport**. Social Studies "Thinking Outside of the Square" Trophy and Prize **Oilly Meadows**. Agriculture South Pacific Seeds Prize for Interest and Enthusiasm in Agriculture **Emma Kinzett**. Jeanette Paul Award for Enthusiasm & Contribution in Technology **Zoey Reveley**. Outdoor Education Contribution & Enthusiasm **James Sauer**. Presbyterian Support Cup awarded to a student who has shown excellence in assisting others through their supportive attitudes and actions **Lamont Davidson**. The Reach for the Stars PRIDE Award and the Photolife prize for the highest achieving student of PRIDE Awards in 2024, Year 9 **Charles Clark**. The Reach for the Stars PRIDE Award and the Time for Diamonds prize for the highest achieving student of PRIDE Awards in 2024, Year 10 **Jeziel Lopez**, **Grace Newport**, **Nessiah Soriano**. Inaugural Ōpuke Innovation Hub Trades Academy 2025: **Kaidyn Broomhall**, **William Carnell**, **Cordell Cooksley**, **Billy Drake**, **Rillie Gavegan**, **Ivan Heneghan**, **Haleigh Joyce**, **Ryley Kennedy**, **Charlie King**, **Riley McCall**, **Cody Ramsey-Turner**, **James Sauer**, **Pieter Struwig**, **Michael Yates**.

Gold Awards Year 9 Flynn Carr Technology Hard Materials. **Archer Henson Friend** Art. **Amber Hood** Art. **Gus Morris** Art. **Kody Owen** Design & Visual Communication. **Isaac Stewart** Technology Hard Materials. **Anusha Chhetri** Art, Silver Food & Textile Technology. **Vincent Contreras** Physical Education, Silver Art. **Fraser Hill** Technology Hard Materials, Silver Food & Textile Technology. **Pat Johnson** Physical Education, Silver Technology Hard Materials. **Chris Luscombe** Technology Hard Material, Silver Physical Education. **Tiger McMahon** Science, Silver Mathematics. **Jacob Oakley** Music, Silver English. **Marissa Reid-MacFarlane** Design & Visual Communication, Silver Technology Hard Materials. **Levi Watene** Physical Education, Silver Te Reo Māori. **Peyton Fews** Mathematics, Silver English, Music. **Ella-Rose Ingram** Music, Silver English, Social Science. **Monty Murphy** English, Silver Art, Music. **Kate Ferguson-Cooke** English, Silver Design & Visual Communication, Te Reo Māori, Technology Hard Materials. **Alijah Poipoi** Science, Silver Art, Mathematics, Social Science, English, Silver Art, Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Te Reo Māori. **Georgia Schiphorst** Te Reo Māori, Silver Design & Visual Communication, English, Food & Textile Technology, Physical Education, Science. **PJ Coetzee** Design and Visual Communication, Physical Education, Silver Music. **Matthew Douglas** Art, Science, Silver Social Science. **Salote Fifita** Design & Visual Communication, Te Reo Māori, Silver Physical Education. **Cameron Meadows** Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics, Silver Science. **Benjamin Mijs** Physical Education, Te Reo Māori, Silver Food & Textile Technology. **Joel Dwyer** Social Science, Technology Hard Materials, Silver Mathematics, Science. **Imogen Galbraith** Food & Textile Technology, Te Reo Māori, Silver Mathematics, Social Science. **Zoe Robertson** Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Silver Art, English, Social Science. **Jessie Luscombe** English, Food and Textile Technology, Silver Design and Visual Communication, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Te Reo Māori. **Liam Clark** Design & Visual Communication, Te Reo Māori, Silver Art, Food & Textile Communication, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Social Science. **Sienna Poyner** Design & Visual Communication, Social Science, Silver Art, Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Te Reo Māori, Technology Hard Materials. **Lily Newport** Art, Design & Visual Communication, Social Science, Silver English, Mathematics, Science, Te Reo Māori. **Jake Richan** Design & Visual Communication, English, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials, Silver Art, Physical Education, Science. **Meghan Nish** Art, Design and Visual Communication, Music, Technology Hard Materials, Silver English, Food and Textile Technology, Mathematics, Science, Social Science. **Addison Griffiths** English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Social Science, Te Reo Māori, Silver Design and Visual Communication, Music, Science. **Jess McKenzie** English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Te Reo Māori, Silver Music, Social Science, Technology Hard Materials. **Frida Wood** English, Food & Textile Technology, Science, Social Science Te Reo Māori, Silver Art, Design & Visual Communication, Music, Physical Education.

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12 - 31 Dec

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 Abi Cavanagh 19
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 Elsie Burgess 5
 Charlie Drake 13
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 Ella Mielnik 17
 Lachie Hilliam 6
 Eva Patterson 8
 Maddie Stewart 6
 Hunter Dirks 15
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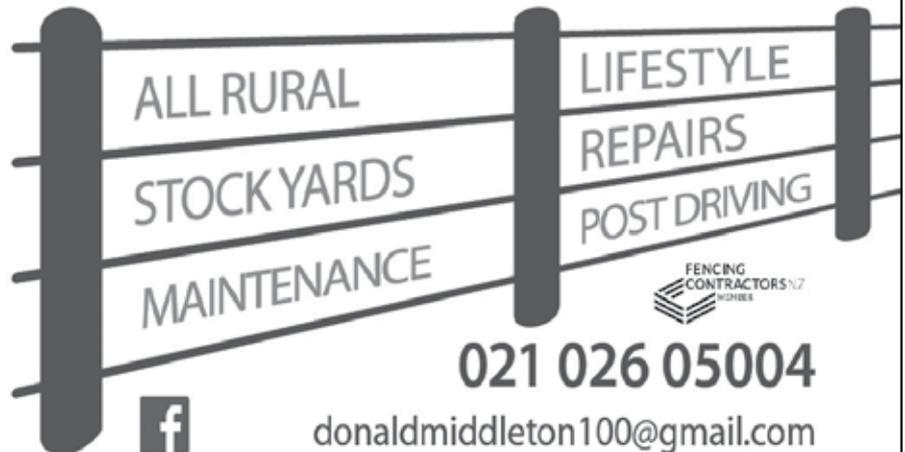
Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving continues

Charles Clark Art, Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics, Music, Social Science, Te Reo Māori, Technology Hard Materials, Silver English, Science.

The Mt Hutt Ski Area Prize for General Excellence in Year 9 **Sophia Lyons** Gold in Art, Design and Visual Communication, English, Food and Textile Technology, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science, Te Reo Māori; Silver in Technology Hard Materials.

Gold Awards Year 10 **Levi Adams** Digital Technology. **Charlotte Giles** Design and Visual Communication. **Flynn Harden** Outdoor Education. **Matilda Jordan** English. **Ryley Kennedy** Outdoor Education. **Finn McGrath** Health and Physical Education. **Alexander Mijs** Art. **Jack Palmer** Social Science. **Lacey Wallace** Food and Textile Technology. **Brooke Wheeler** Social Science. **Connor Jenkins** English, Silver Mathematics. **Struan Robertson** Health and Physical Education, Silver Technology Hard Materials. **Mackenzie Currie** Mathematics,

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Silver Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education. **Emily Heaven** Health & Physical Education, Silver Mathematics, Science. **Jeziel Lopez** English, Silver Business Studies, Food & Textile Technology. **Luke Warburton** Mathematics, Silver Science, Social Science. **Kabir Chhetri** Science, Silver English, Social Science, Technology Hard Materials. **Billy Drake** Design & Visual Communication, Silver English, Social Science, Te Reo Māori. **Teaghan Preece** Design & Visual Communication, Mathematics, Silver English. **James Sauer** Health & Physical Education, Technology Hard Materials, Silver Agriculture. **Anijaya Sirichusinwong** Design & Visual Communication, Music, Silver Mathematics. **Hamish Campbell** Health & Physical Education, Te Reo Māori, Silver Business Studies, English. **Zyra Pervera** Design & Visual Communication, Science, Silver English, Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics. **Lamont Davidson** English, Social Science, Silver Art, Design & Visual Communication, Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Science. **Tamika Preece** English, Mathematics, Science. **Konrad Furdorfler** Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Outdoor Education, Silver Business Studies. **Nessiah Soriano** Art, Business Studies, Design & Visual Communication, Silver Social Science. **Kaidyn Broomhall** Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Technology Hard Materials, Silver Agriculture, Science. **Emma Kinzett** Agriculture, Outdoor Education, Social Science, Silver Business Studies, Mathematics, Technology Hard Materials. **Ella Quinn** Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Silver Business Studies, Mathematics, Science. **Victoria Waite** Business Studies, English, Social Science, Silver Design & Visual Communication, Food & Textile Technology, Science. **Rylan McSweeney** Agriculture, Mathematics, Science, Technology Hard Materials, Silver Health & Physical Education, Social Science. **Blake Marett** Agriculture, Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Technology Hard Materials, Silver Mathematics, Science, Social Science. **Ethan Muckle** Health & Physical Education, Outdoor Education, Science, Social Science, Silver English, Mathematics, Music. **Zoey Reveley** Food & Textile Technology, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Silver Design & Visual Communication, English, Music. **Samantha Batt** Business Studies, English, Science, Social Science, Te Reo Māori, Silver Mathematics. **Grace Newport** Business Studies, Food & Textile Technology, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics, Social Science, Te Reo Māori, Silver English, Outdoor Education.

The Mt Hutt Ski Area Prize with the Veteran Cup for General Excellence in Year 10 **May McCaw** -Gold in Art, English, Food and Textile Technology, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Silver in Business Studies.



Kaikoura Coast Lures Ladies Walking Group

Alison Hydes

Nine ladies from the Womens Walking Group set off recently to do the Kaikoura Coast track just south of the Conway River. We arrived at our first night's accommodation by the sea in time for an evening meal. The first day's walk involves walking along the beach for about an hour then the track heads inland to a hut set up as a lunch stop. From here, the track climbed a little then we walked in bush gradually climbing until we came out on a hill, with superb views of the coastline. Off to our accommodation, we'd decided to supply our own meals. The next day we were picked up and taken out to the main highway for the start of the second day. We gradually climbed up Skull hill (about 500m high) and rewarded with fabulous views of the coast line and mountains behind. Then it was all downhill back to the start of the track from the day before. This track is a self guided walk of about 5-6 hours walking and where your luggage is transported for you.

Some of us stayed on to climb Mt Fyffe in Kaikoura. The views were fantastic of the snowy mountain tops and the township of Kaikoura and the surrounding area. We had a lovely fine day to climb this mountain. It took us about four and a half hours to get to the top, then three hours downhill.

All in all, a lovely three days tramping.

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2025 Start Dates

Detailed information and confirmed times will be sent via email in January.



Wednesday 22nd January

- School Office Open

Thursday 30th January

- Yr 9/10 New Students Orientation
- Yr 12 First Aid Course (Day 1)
- Yr 13 Leadership Camp (Day 1)

Friday 31st January

- Yr 9 Surf Safe Day
- Yr 12 First Aid Course (Day 2)
- Yr 11 Leadership Programme
- Yr 13 Leadership Camp (Day 2)

Monday 3rd February

- Yr 12 Peer Support Leadership Day
- Yr 13 Leadership Programme / Big Buddy
- Yr 7 Orientation Day
- Yr 8 New Students Orientation Day

Tuesday 4th February

- Pōwhiri 8.30am
- First day for all students

Wednesday 5th February

- Normal school timetable

Thursday 6th February

- Waitangi Day - Public Holiday

Friday 7th February

- Teacher Only Day



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Methven Primary School 2024 Prizegiving Results

Sporting Cups MPS Excellence in Swimming *Elena McNally*. MPS Excellence in Athletics *Rykie Greybe*. Methven Primary Triathlon Fastest Male (Donated by Brown Family) *Teddy Marr*. Methven Primary Triathlon Fastest Female (Donated by Brown Family) *Rykie Greybe*.

Academic Cups MPS Robinson Cup for Public Speaking *Kees Schiphorst*. MPS Excellence in English (Donated by J. Don) *Scarlett Meadows*. MPS Excellence in Mathematics (Donated by G. Smith) *Emily Glass*.

Cultural Cups Music Scholarship (Donated by Fiona Maw) *Emily Glass*. Boys Award for Dedication and Commitment in Cultural Activities (Donated by Isherwood Family) *Kyan Gibson*. Girls Award for Dedication and Commitment in Cultural Activities (Donated by Isherwood Family) *Honor Coleman*. The Arts (Donated by Hannah Kidd) *Felix Keenan*.

Class Star Awards Māhuri C *Laksh Sharma*. Māhuri F *Nixon McLaughan*. Māhuri K *Cooper Maw*. Māhuri L *Lincoln McLeod*. Māhuri S *Hugo de Kleijn*. Pīwakawaka B *Harper Lee*. Pīwakawaka I *Georgia Gibbs*. Pīwakawaka W *James Kirby*. Ōpuke C *Will Fitzgerald*. Ōpuke L *Elise Foisset*. Ōpuke M *Emma Ferguson-Cooke*.

Winning House MPS House Trophy (Donated by Jack & Rosemary Taggart) *Kahurangi*.

Star Awards Sporting *Toby Stokes*. Trustworthy *Milly Lill*. Accepting *Honor Rooney*. Responsible *Elliot Russell*.

Stellar Awards Pīwakawaka Community Award - For commitment to extra-curricular activities in the wider community (Donated by Garage Gym) *Sophie Stewart*. Environmental Leadership Award (Donated by Furndorfler Family) *Robin Gottermeyer*. MPS Highest Achieving Male Athlete - School based disciplines Swimming, X Country & Athletics (Donated by Whitehead Family) *Teddy Marr*. MPS Highest Achieving Female Athlete - School based disciplines Swimming, X Country & Athletics (Donated by Whitehead Family) *Rykie Greybe*.

MPS Overall Academic Excellence *Rykie Greybe*. MPS STAR - Male *Lloyd Smith*. MPS STAR - Female *Polly Guild*.

Shear For Life is Back

Mandy Verrall

Shear For Life - In Remembrance of Absent Friends is back and will be held on 1st February 2025.

The event returns for a second time and is similar to the 2019 event, albeit a little different.

Shearers over the age of 50 years will shear 3,000 sheep in an eight hour period. Legends of the shearing industry will be in attendance and shearing, along with some All Blacks greats. The day is a very family friendly day with a family activities area for the kids.

We are also running a teddy bear shearing competition! Our Facebook page SHEAR for Life, has plenty of information regarding the previous event that was held in 2019 raising an amazing \$90,000 for Cancer Support and the Prostate Foundation.

Raffles and Auctions are going to be run on the day with all items having been donated. Our two major recipients of the money being raised this time around are Hospice Mid Canterbury and the Ashburton Cancer Society.

Mark the date on the calendar and come along for a fun day out that raises money for a great cause!



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 Monday 30th - Tuesday 31st 8am - 5.30pm
Wednesday January 1st - Closed
 Thursday 2nd 9am - 1pm

Friday 3rd January
 normal trading hours resume

See you all in 2025!

Our Lady of the Snows Prizegiving 2024

Swimming Ribbons Grade Funky Frogs *Zyler Pervera, Archie Doran, Jonetani Baisagale*. Grade Starfish *Ella Henderson, Nate Pasiona, Ryleigh Martinez*. Grade Goldfish *Lucy Bayley*. Grade Pesky Penguins *Kelsey Naidoo*.

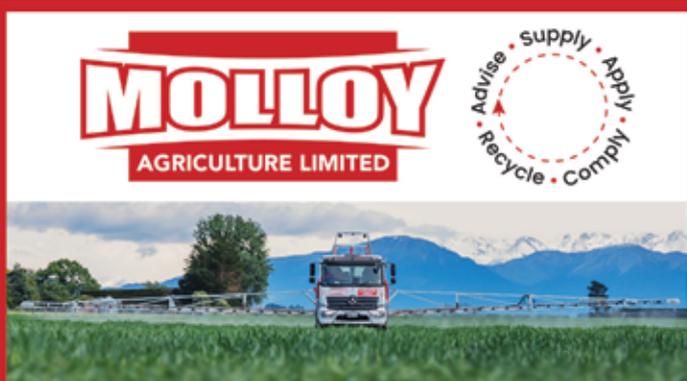
Sports Skiing Prize *Lucy Bayley*. Overall Junior Girl *Sophie Henderson*. Overall Junior Boy *Edward McMillan*. Overall Senior Girl *Elizabete McMillan*. Overall Senior Boy *Tristan Naidoo*.

Citizenship Room 2 *Jonetani Baisagale*, Room 1 *Aviel Jachin Lucob*. **Diligence** Room 2 *Zoe Bayley*, Room 1 *Kristoffer Odiamar*. **Religious Education** Junior *Jon Barangay*, Senior *Mariadne Soriano*.

Junior Academic Prizes Speeches: Yr 1/2 *Kelsey Naidoo*, Yr 3/4 *Tristan Naidoo*. Literacy Prize *Zyna Pervera*. Mathematics Prize *Edward McMillan*. Art Prize *Saige Dole*. Junior Room Most Improved Academic Performance *Cooper Dickson, Saige Dole*. Junior Room Overall Academic Achievement *Sophie Henderson*.

Senior Academic Prizes Speeches: Yr 5/6 *Aviel Jachin Lucob*, Yr 7/8 *Marivelle Lubos*. Literacy Prize *Samuel Slaven*. Mathematics Prize *Lucy Bayley*. Art Prize *Joelle Barangay*. Senior Room Most Improved Academic Performance *Sofia Salazar*. Senior Room Overall Academic Achievement *Marivelle Lubos*. Completed Senior Care Values *Joelle Barangay, Lucy Bayley, Mariadne Soriano, Tristan Naidoo, Aviel Jachin Lucob*. Presentation of 2025 House Leaders McAuley Captain *Lucy Bayley*, Vice *AJ Lucob*, Convent Captain *Sofia Salazar*, Vice *Mariadne Soriano*, Mercy Captain *Elizabete McMillan*, Vice *Zian Mirana*. Presentation of 1st Holy Communion *Liam Dalaguit, Zian Mirana, Karla Camille Martinez, Sofia Salazar*. Presentation of New Families *Doran Family, Pringle Family, Millar Family, Heaton-Caffin Family*. Presentation to departing families *Lubos Family, Odiamar*

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Mid Canterbury Leading New Zealand's Agricultural Success

James Meager

As I travel around our electorate, I'm constantly reminded of the incredible contribution Mid Canterbury makes to New Zealand's economy.

This week's announcement of record-breaking projections for our food and fibre sector reinforces just how significant that contribution is.

The Ministry for Primary Industries is forecasting our nation's agricultural exports to reach nearly \$57 billion by mid-2025, before pushing on to an unprecedented \$58.3 billion the following year.

Behind these impressive figures are the thousands of hard-working Mid Canterbury families who get up early every morning to produce world-class food and fibre products.

What's particularly encouraging is the broad-based nature of this growth. While dairy remains our powerhouse, set to generate \$25.5 billion in export earnings, we're seeing strong performance across all sectors.

Meat and wool exports of \$11.4 billion and a booming horticultural sector reaching \$8 billion demonstrate how our region's agricultural diversity is creating resilience.

The Government understands that achieving these results requires removing obstacles that stand in farmers' way. That's why we've already taken action to slash unnecessary red tape, reduce compliance costs, and free up our primary producers to do what they do best.

I'm particularly pleased with this week's announcement about innovative public-private partnerships for tree planting on Crown land.

This smart approach means we can advance our environmental goals without compromising valuable farmland.

It's exactly the kind of practical solution our region needs – one that balances economic and environmental priorities while creating new

opportunities.

During my regular farm visits across Mid Canterbury, farmers tell me they want policies that make sense on the ground, not just in Wellington.

The recent changes we've implemented show we're listening and responding to these concerns.

There's growing global demand for premium agricultural products with strong environmental credentials. Mid Canterbury is perfectly positioned to meet this demand, and with continued government support, we'll remain at the forefront of New Zealand's export success story.

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James Meager MP for Rangitata

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Our Lady of the Snows Prizegiving 2024 continues from page 18

Family, Taojo Family. Presentation to departing Board of Trustee Members **Romelen Dalaguit.** Presentation to thank Staff Members **Rosalie Fleming.** Presentation to departing senior students - Friends of the School for Years 6-7-8. Yr 6 - FOTS Voucher: **Joelle Barangay, Kristoffer Odiamar.** Yr 7 - FOTS Voucher: **Marivelle Lubos, Rapha Taojo.** Candle Ceremony (2025 House captains) McAuley Captain **Lucy Bayley,** Convent Captain **Sofia Salazar,** Mercy Captain **Elizabete McMillan.**

*Merry Christmas
from the Mid Canterbury team!*

Our office will be closed from
**Friday 20 December 2024 to
Monday 20 January 2025**

You can contact us by email from
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Have a wonderful Christmas, see you all in 2025.



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Congratulations to Methven Red Y5/6 who proudly earned runners up in B Grade at the end of this year's 2024 Miniball season.

Even with a few newcomers to miniball for the season this team all worked so hard together, each player showed great sportsmanship. Three of our players received individual awards. Kyree Cooksley was awarded Girls Got Game All Star 5. Haven Cooksley and Beatrix Poyner both were awarded: B Grade All Star 5 awards.

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In any season, there are crops that are especially good, some that fail and many that are reliably average.

This spring/summer (so far), I have had good lettuces and broad beans, but the garlic is a failure. Rust has invaded! This is a fungal disease that produces rust coloured spots on the leaves, and can happen in humid weather. The leaves wither, growth is reduced and the bulbs are of poor size and quality.

The garlic also has mouldy bulbs and although both conditions flourish in humid conditions, it seems these are different diseases. On some bulbs that are not too bad, the mould can be scraped off and the remaining part used.

And today I have probably done exactly the wrong thing – watered in the morning while it was cool, thinking it was going to stay that way – but the sun is now beating down and the day hot...perfect conditions for fungal disease to set in on the onions. Hopefully it will be okay.



Tomatoes are a needy crop. They like plenty of water and nutrients, need support and are susceptible to disease. To maximise your chances of a good crop, keep them well watered, give a liquid feed every few weeks and minimise the risk of fungal attack by keeping them well off the ground with stakes or winding around a string. Cutting off any lower leaves that are touching the ground helps minimise disease by improving air circulation, and helps more light reach the ripening fruit.

Greenhouses have been getting pretty hot lately – ventilation is really important, so have them open as much as possible.

Apples are growing quickly and if there's a lot on your tree, it's a good idea to thin them so that there are only three in a cluster.

It's also a good idea to remove fruit from first year trees, so that the tree puts its energy into growing into a healthy sturdy tree rather than fruit.

**Merry Christmas from the team at
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Thank you for all the support this year!

Holiday Hours

24 Dec - close 12pm
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Methven Central Opening Confirmed Janine Holland

We confirmed at our recent AGM that in the middle of next year, Methven Central's modern, well-equipped care home will officially open.

The replacement for Methven House resthome will offer fifteen care rooms and five studio care suites. Residents from Methven House and the flats will be the first to move to the complex next to The Blue

Pub. There is a buzz of excitement, mixed with a bit of nervousness, as they prepare for this significant change. Our team is working carefully to make the transition as seamless as possible for residents with support from both committees, MAPWAI (Methven Aged Persons Welfare Association Inc) and MCT (Methven Care Trust).

The first resident of Methven Central's retirement apartments moves in this month. In the new year, we hope to profile him, but by all accounts he's delighted with his new home. A second apartment is under offer, and the remaining four apartments are available to view over Christmas and New Year. To arrange a visit to the apartments or to find out more about the complex, please call

Mandy Mee on 021 867 322. You can also visit our website www.methvencentral.org.nz

Thanks to this generous community, locals have raised almost \$3.75 million to support the build of this modern carehome. Apartment sales will contribute a further \$1 million. It has always been our goal to deliver Methven Central debt free. We aim to realise the final \$750,000 prior to our official opening, so please talk to one of the Trustees or Mandy about how you can make a donation and support keeping our treasured elders in this community. Or visit our Give a Little Page <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/methvencaretrust>

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Audrey Lilley (pictured with great grand daughter Juliette Lilley), is one of the Methven House residents moving in the new year to Methven Central

Busty's Build Bulletin

Busty from Big River Builders who is leading the Methven Central build says, "You might not see much from the Main Street but behind the hedge, it's all go!

By Christmas Care Home bedroom wing building work will be complete

Early January Painting, carpet and joinery installation in the bedroom wing can start

Recently Shearmac Aluminium installed new north-facing windows and sliding doors

Coming Soon Balconies!



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METHVEN CRICKET CLUB

Chris Woods

Photo by Nicole Hawke



The opportunity to play for the first time on a grass wicket this season was taken with pleasure and The Billygoats travelled to Coldstream this week to take on The Alpacas.

To think at lunchtime there was discussion about having to forfeit the match, Methven would have been happy with coming away with the win.

Having won the toss and electing to bowl, the pitch certainly lived up to the hype and gave plenty of opportunities for both sides. Runs were slow to come by and wickets hard to obtain but some strong hitting towards the end saw Coldstream get through to 130 for the loss of only two wickets. Disciplined bowling from Methven saw them only bowl 5 extras this week, a considerable drop from other weeks.

Mention must be given to wicket keeper, Matt Mason, who helped keep these extras down with some great saves. Alex Keenan and Chris Woods the only bowlers to take a wicket each, but a team effort in the field ensured Methven had a chance to chase a little less than it certainly could have been.

In stepped young Finn McGrath, on loan from Mt Hutt College, straight into the breach opening in his first game of senior cricket. McGrath played an innings well beyond his years and showed maturity and fight to bat deep into the innings for his 44.

McGrath was well supported by Connor Glynn (38) and the boys kept the score ticking along and kept The Billygoats in the game, allowing some clean hitting from Adam Preston to finish the job. An impressive 22 not out off 10 balls, striking at 220, Preston took it to Coldstream and finished the job with balls to spare.

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