



Dear Parents

Welcome back to MPS for 2018.

It's really exciting being back in Opuke again this year. Getting to know your child as a learner is one of the special things about teaching.

As you will have gathered your child is in Rosie Robinson and Keryn Hooker's home class. This is a shared classroom due to Keryn's DP commitments and Rosie's Kahui Ako commitments. Rosie will primarily teach from Monday - Wednesday and Keryn Thursday and Fridays. Please be rest assured that communication will be constant between both teachers. Both Rosie and Keryn have been teaching for numerous years - we are not wanting to count these up!! Between us we have taught across the year levels so have an interest in both remedial teaching and extension teaching.

We have the same team of teachers working together in Opuke as last year; Milly Deans, Adele Warburton, Sue Monk and Hannah Grant. Hannah will continue as the Team 4 Release Teacher which will see her in Opuke at least one day a week. Milly and Adele each have a composite Year 5/6 class too. Sue Monk will be in Opuke full time to support the teaching and learning programmes.

Allergies: Please ensure that we know about any food or environment allergies that you child might have.

Swimming: We will begin daily swimming in Week 1 of the term. Swimming is **not** an option, it is part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. If your child is not swimming for some reason please send a note to school. When the date of swimming sports come to our attention we will communicate this with you ASAP.

Stationery: We will clearly name books and stationery when the children come to school. Each child will be given a space to safely store their items.

Technology: To ensure we get to know the children we will be in our home classes learning for the first two weeks. We will begin using devices from the second week onwards.

Contacting us: If you are concerned about anything to do with your child's learning in Opuke this year then please get in touch as soon as possible. We are your first port of call for any issues that may arise. Please come in or email me so we can work together to solve any problems. rrobinson@methven.school.nz; khooker@methven.school.nz

On a final note, you are most welcome to come in and see Opuke in action as our door is always open.

Kind regards,

Rosie Robinson and Keryn Hooker