

Mount Somers Information Station

We have made a start!!!! It has been a long time coming but the build of the Information Station has begun. Today in lovely spring sunshine (25th of September) the builder is "setting out" the building, Kane Brown from Gorge Earthworks has begun stripping the top soil and levelling the site. In addition some shrubs have had to be removed, while a large tree and one picnic table have been relocated.



Securing the site and meeting our Health and Safety obligations has been achieved by the erection of safety fencing, around the perimeter of the site. This fencing has been kindly provided by the Methven Lions.



Construction of the building should start early next month. Busck Prestressed Concrete, formerly part of the Bradford Construction group have confirmed that they will supply the concrete abutments for the building at the price which was indicated about three years ago - and that was at cost price then!



The generosity of local businesses in rural communities is outstanding and allows projects to prosper that would have never otherwise got off the ground.

Limestone sculpture – or what

Have you seen this interesting piece of limestone "sculpture" in the Green. So what is it, and why is it in the Green?

It is one of a large number of blocks of Mt Somers limestone that formed part of the columns of the Christchurch Roman Catholic Cathedral which was largely destroyed in the Christchurch earthquake (see accompanying photo).



While Oamaru limestone was used extensively on the exterior of the building, Mt Somers stone was preferred for its strength in the weight bearing components like the columns - both inside and out.

The columns still standing strong in the front of the building can be clearly seen in the photo of the damaged building

Purchased by the Schikker family and donated to the Green, this fluted piece of limestone is back just a few kilometres from its birthplace. It's a very moving tribute not just to the earthquake but also to the importance of our local stone in public buildings throughout New Zealand and Australia.

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All past members and supporters welcome. Please RSVP by Saturday the 26th of October \$50 covers meal and desert

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Bank account number mt somers rifle club is 02-0868-0102757-000

Please also RSVP to Julian Evans 021 295 7676

Andy Oram 027 418 3701
or Dave Millichamp 027 434 5882

If you have any questions please contact one of the above.

A COMMENT:

Modern cars have all manner of bells and whistles, the car I drive at present is no exception amongst other things it has emergency braking. This means that should some object suddenly appear in my path theoretically speaking I should need to take no action; the car should just stop. I am not game to test this feature out, for should it fail, I would crash into this object a car or truck or whatever. Sometime back I was on a detour at the time the Tinwald traffic lights were being fitted, on this side street at an intersection I was on the straight through run while a heavy truck and trailer was coming toward me but signaling for a right turn, after looking right and left I commenced to advance forward only to find the truck had at the same time commenced to turn right, fortunately I came to a sudden stop as did the truck also, I had to reverse off, when finally the truck continued on his way and I continues on my way I felt a little shaken but also proud thinking my reaction time must be very good, I was surprised that all had been good my car had stopped instantly! This was amazing, but as I settled down and thought it out more clearly it was not so much me, but the clever car had seen the truck and stopped, I may have braked but I think the car had seen the truck and braked for me which surely is a great feature. I wondered about testing this feature, but

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no not a good idea, I could check it when parking the car in my garage the only bother it may fail then I would find myself through the garage wall and into my neighbour's garden, which would be an embarrassing situation.

I notice in today's Christchurch Press Joe Bennett writes in glowing terms of his 'Skoda Yeti' which he appears to appreciate and find no fault whatsoever. His concern this day is that the Skoda company have written to him offering free of charge to replace the air bags in his Yeti asking him to contact the nearest agent. Joe thinks not, the air bags give him no concern. I don't know this man, I read his article each Wednesday on the opinion page, But Joe why wouldn't you let Skoda replace these air bags free of charge if they think it wise, I guess Joe has no idea whether these air bags will work in the time of need, if it was my car I would hurry along to the nearest agent and take advantage of the offer, but each unto his own.

I have now been the owner of four cars that have air bags in all manner of places, to date I have never made use of them, I might add fortunately, perhaps my emergency braking is so far making the many air bags in my present car items not required, the day may well come when their use could be a life saver.

The other issue I felt a need to comment on was my smoke alarms; in the house and garage adjoining the house, not in the car. A new subject: lithium Ion batteries which I appear to have quite a collection of in various workshop and garden tools. The fire danger is a concern, these modern rechargeable batteries can present a fire risk, I have thought of various ways of protecting against fire. Something like a lock up dog kennel well away from the house in a back corner of the garden could be a sort of safeguard, it would have to be a large kennel to store my E bike! For now, I have bought a set of four smoke alarms, they come as four as they are Wifi smoke alarms when one goes off all four go, this to me seemed logical as one smoke alarm going in the workshop come garage while I slept soundly at the other end of the house would be unlikely to let me know there was trouble in the garage. So far, they are not effective as after buying them over a month back they remain in the carton they arrived in, however the good intention is there.

A visit to the Regent Theatre last week and viewing the film titled 'Maurice and I' was a real treat, this film was by in large on the work and lives of Maurice Mahoney and Sir Miles Warren, the two leading architects of Christchurch City with particular emphasis on the Christchurch Town Hall, the building and the rebuild after the earthquake. The film includes very graphic filming of the Major earthquake. It is very good viewing and in my judgement a film not to be missed. Now showing at the Regent theatre Ashburton.

Enough from me cheers Denis

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After seven successful years the driving programme has now become a standalone entity with the forming of a new charitable trust. We are still a partnership between the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust and Safer Mid Canterbury, but we have a whole new board and a new name. We are now governed by the Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Trust and we continue to do what we have always done. That is work towards reducing isolation in newcomers in the rural areas of Ashburton by helping them to get a drivers license. By getting a drivers license life becomes very different for our newcomers. They make new friends, learn new skills, improve their English language and become independent. It is life changing for them and their families. A whole new world opens up with the opportunity to get a job, new found friends along with many more benefits.

We are still getting a lot of interest in the programme, which shows there is a real need in the rural community to get people out on the road.

We have just finished our fourteenth road code course so are busy working our way through the learner license tests. It's really exciting to see a new batch of earner drivers out on the road. Our next road code course will be in March next year. We already have registrations for this course, so if you are interested in joining us, don't leave it too long.

Many thanks to COGs once again for their support for another year. We can't run this programme without our wonderful sponsors.

If you would like to be part of this amazing programme, as a student, driving mentor or to volunteer in other ways, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Wendy Hewitt on 027 611 3301 or wendy.hewitt@safer.org.nz

We are also on Facebook, just search for the Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Scheme.

The Mid Canterbury Rural Driver Licensing Scheme is a partnership with the Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust and is proudly sponsored by Waka Kotahi, Advance Ashburton Community Foundation, Ashburton District Council, The Lion Foundation, COGs and Community Trust Mid & South Canterbury.

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It's spring!!! Is it????

Not sure yet, and the forecast for the coming weekend doesn't look too promising. This spring weather seems to be very fickle this year. The farmers and gardeners are into one of the busiest times of the year so it probably doesn't leave a lot of time for reading. And that's a pity, there are so many good books coming onto the market.... in time for Christmas most likely. I hesitate to say that word, but in fact it is creeping around very quickly. New books to the library:

'The Last Witch of Scotland' by Philip Paris.

A great historical read based on fact. It is set in Edinburgh about 1727, and is the story of the last 'witch' to be hanged and burnt in Scotland. This wasn't a rare occurrence..... some 60,000 people were accused and punished (as in death) of witchcraft in Europe at this time. And the vast majority were women and children. It didn't take much to be accused..... just a wrong word at a wrong time, or misfortune falling on an enemy, or a falling out with the local minister. Scary times! This book held my interest throughout, and I recommend it.

Another great 'witchcraft' book in the library is '**Witchlight**' by **Susan Fletcher**. Once again it is based on fact, namely the battle of Glencoe in Scotland. A fabulous read much enjoyed by our local bookgroup.

I have just bought Susan Fletcher's latest book...

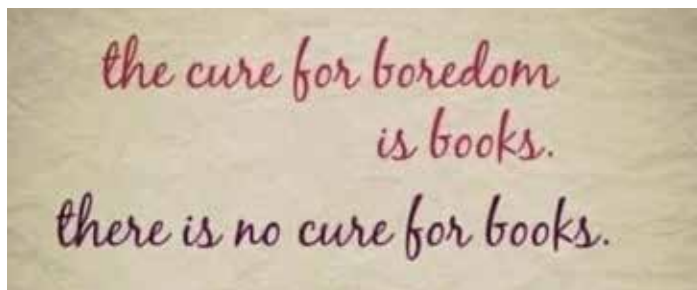
'**The Night in Question**'. It is very different from her usual style of writing, much lighter and slightly frivolous in parts. It took me a while to get used to, and then I got over my expectations of the book and actually quite enjoyed it for a nontaxing light read. It follows the death of a resthome manager which could be murder or just plain bad luck. She falls to her death. but maybe she was pushed?? Two of the residents are determined to find out what really happened, and there are many red herrings to sort through. I would describe it as a fun read. Not a typical Susan Fletcher.

'Tell me Everything' by Elizabeth Strout.

Wonderful!!

I just loved this book, it is the author's latest about her favourite town in Maine USA and several of its inhabitants, all of whom have appeared in her other books. For example, Lucy Barton, Olive Kitteridge, Jim and Bob Burgess, even Isabel Goodhue from Strout's first book 'Amy and Isabel'. She has written 10 books in total and the library has several on the shelves. And if you want to read more, I have them in my own library. I'm happy to lend. It was a treat to revisit characters' lives from other books, and learn what had gone on in their lives. Two of this series of books have been listed for the Booker prize, and 'Olive Kitteridge' won the Pulitzer Prize in 2008. It was also made into a film.

Other books to look out for:



'Whale Fall' by Elizabeth O'Conner.

In 1938 while the world is on the very edge of war, Monod aged 18. dreams of a life different from the one expected of girls her age on the remote Welsh island she calls home. And then when two anthropologists visit the island, becomes entwined in another aspect of the island and what it maybe offers. This has been recommended to me by a bookseller who described it as a haunting read. It is not a big book, barely 200 pages long and could well end up in our new section of smaller reads in the small wooden wall bookcase in the library.

'In the Margins' by Gail Holmes

Another story based on fact.... The tale of Frances Wolfreston. an early book collector in the 1600s. But she was much more than her books.... She was, as a rectors wife, charged with enforcing religious compliance by informing on her parishioners. In taking increasingly bold steps to help the women and children of the parish, she attracts the ire of a patron of the church who questions Frances love and collection of books..... not encouraged at this time in history, particularly by a woman.

The following books are due out in Oct/Nov so I am keeping a close eye on them! No doubt they will duly appear on our shelves... watch this space!!

'Fire' by John Boyne... the third book of his trilogy.

'Dusk' by Robbie Arnott

'Shy Creatures' by Clare Chambers

'Freedom' Angela Merkel.

'The Last Muster' by Carly Thomas

'An Island to Oneself' by Tom Neale .

Finally, in a small community like ours, many people contribute time and energy (and money) to keep the community spirit alive and well. In our case, the library could not function if it weren't for our volunteers who give of their time willingly. If you can help out, please let us know. We are always grateful to add names to our list of library helpers for when it is open twice a week.

A big 'thank you' to all the other volunteers in the area and township who help to keep our village looking loved and cared for. A great effort and it is appreciated by many.

Happy reading! AC.

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Scholarships are not limited to those studying at university or polytechnic. Industry training scholarships provide financial assistance to those in vocational training or undertaking trade apprenticeships of any type.

Lastly, if you plan to undertake a personal development course in 2025 such as Outward Bound or Spirit of Adventure, there are scholarships available to cover the course fees for an experience of your choice.



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At our September meeting we had an interesting speaker from the blind society explaining the work they do and equipment available to help visually impaired to lead independent lives.

This year Rural Woman nationally have as their project Leptospirosis. Over the last 50 years they have helped fund research into vaccines for animals. Leptospirosis can spread to humans from infected animals by contact with the animals urine via mouth nose eyes or open cuts or contaminated water. Symptoms are fever headaches muscle pain sore eyes. It can be mistaken for flu.

ANY ONE INTERESTED IN MORE INFO ON RURAL WOMAN AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR GROUP YOU ARE MOST WELCOME CONTACT KAY KING 02733395131

October Extravaganza

If you fancy a cheeky night out with the girls let the Mayfield Women's and Districts Dinner Club know and you could join us on Tuesday, October 29.

It's a busy time of year and we've rescheduled our "Big Dinner" in the Mayfield Hall to stop a few scheduling double ups.

Our night promises to be a bit of a surprise, there'll be some luck involved and a few nervous giggles ... not to mention big hair, bosoms and lots of colour. One thing's for sure, there will be a delicious dinner and lots of laughter.

If you're already following us on our Facebook page, we'll reveal our entertainers on October 18.

If that sounds like you, give the committee or let your ringers know you're keen. Dinner is \$50, starts at 6pm. We need numbers by October 22.



Committee:

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Cate Hogan-Wright (021 555-629)
Sharon Wallace (027 222-9066)
Wendy Grigg (027 428-8084)
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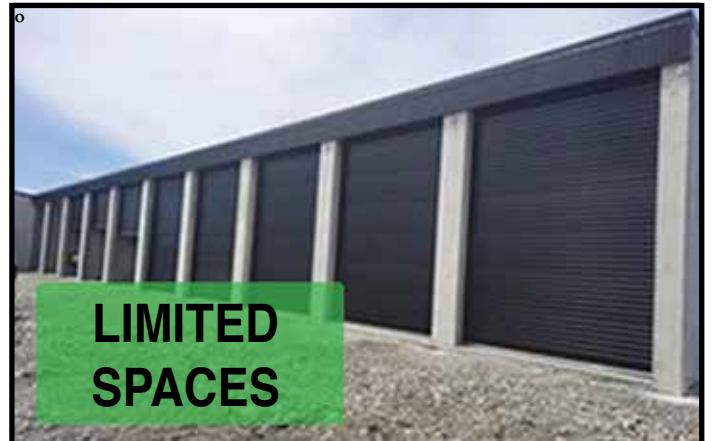


Mayfield and Districts Lions Report

At our September tea meeting, our quest speaker was Pita Alexander. Pita is an agribusiness accountant with many years experience in the farming industry. He was very informative with interesting facts and figures, also how we can learn from past events and knowledge to take into future.



Robert Schikker proposed a vote of thanks to Pita Alexander along with Roger Baxter Club President.



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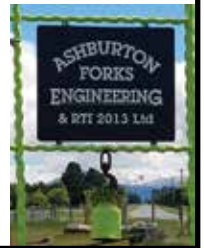
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Outings often play a major role in "sitting". Volunteers and clients alike enjoy a drive and a change of scene. Take Colin for instance. As well as bringing clients to Hospice for activity sessions, he enjoys sharing his favourite cafes and destinations around Canterbury. Pies in Temuka are a particular favourite.

As they establish a rapport with clients, volunteers come to learn what their client enjoys, and this can lead to all sorts of visits and entertainments. For some, it may be the art gallery, for others a movie or sitting in the domain with a takeaway coffee.

Volunteers often walk alongside clients as their needs and circumstances change. Kathryn recognised that her client needed extra support when he moved into a rest home and made daily visits to help the client settle in and be reassured.

For another volunteer, as his client became less responsive, and ice-creams at Mount Somers were no longer an option, he was able to tap into the client's lifelong passion for motorbikes with a variety of videos on the topic. During one of these in-house viewings, a family member heard the laughter and chat and commented: "That's the most responsive Dad has been for ages."

The value of "sitting" cannot be underestimated. Not only does it enhance the lives of clients, it also provides a valuable break for carers looking after someone with a life-limiting illness. Like all the other services HMC provides, it aims to help people live every moment in whatever way is important to them.

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We've been buzzing with activity lately, and we wouldn't have it any other way! The Tamariki have enjoyed so many fantastic sessions recently, it's hard to pick a favorite. The spring weather may have kept us on our toes, but we've made the most of it by soaking up the sunshine. And when the weather's been less kind, our covered veranda—complete with drop-down curtains and new carpet—has been a real lifesaver!

Messy play week was an absolute hit! We dived into slime, cornflour gloop, and paint, embracing the chaos as always. Other standout sessions include our Jazzy music, sampling the fresh produce from our own garden, and a visit from a couple of *baaa*-rilliant guests (check out the photos to see who they were!). As if that wasn't enough, the Tamariki also had a blast exploring Methven's farm machinery museum!

With just a few more weeks until the end of term, we've got some exciting projects lined up for the holidays, so stay tuned for updates next term!

****Reminder****: Connect with us on Facebook or via email at mayfield@playcentre.org.nz to join our Alumni Facebook page and to grab your ticket to the Alumni Dinner on Thursday, October 17th at Panthers Rock (\$60pp).

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Kia ora, Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Namaste, Ni Hao, Bula, Hola, and Namaste - greetings everyone.

What a fabulous month we've had here at Mayfield School! It's been jam-packed with events, and it's been a real treat to see our tamariki, staff, and the wider community coming together in such wonderful ways.

We just celebrated Pet Day – always a favourite here at Mayfield, and this year was no different! Our Agri-Education students, along with their awesome teacher, Mr Greenslade, organised and ran the entire day. The children arrived at school bright and early, kitted out in high-vis vests and ready to guide the day. They did an amazing job keeping things moving and helping out where needed – they truly were the stars of the show! The fancy dress parade was a highlight, with all sorts of creative costumes. We had a dog in a Superman outfit, a lamb wearing a korowai, a horse dressed as a butterfly, and much more.

All the pets took centre stage for judging, and one of the most popular activities was the speed-drinking competition – who knew watching animals down a bottle of milk could be so entertaining? We also had a dad's cake section, with over 20 dads entering. The cakes were auctioned off at the end of the day, with Duncan King, our presiding member, serving as auctioneer. We managed to raise almost \$1,000 from the proceeds! Alongside this fundraiser, our Ruapuna class ran a sausage sizzle and sold other treats to raise funds for our 2025 Stewart Island Camp. A big thanks to all our whānau and friends who supported us – we really appreciate it!

The day wouldn't have run so smoothly without the help of Ethan and Maureen from Christchurch Party Hire, who supplied and set up the sound system, making transitions between activities seamless. Our amazing community members also helped us out by undertaking the difficult job of judging - a massive thanks to each and every one of them!

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Another highlight this term was the screening of *Mayfield: The Movie* at the Geraldine Cinema. This film was created to showcase all the learning our tamariki have done in terms 1 and 2 this year. The overarching concept for our learning in 2024 is *Tūrangawaewae*, which means "Our Standing Place" – and for us, that's *Mayfield*. In term 1, we explored this through a Social Science lens, where the children learned about themselves, their culture, their names, and more. In term 2, we looked at *Tūrangawaewae* through a Science lens, leading our tamariki to explore farming, changes over time, the RDR, rivers, mining, and bird life. We are fortunate to have Donna-Marie Lever as a parent, and we utilised her expertise to put this learning on film – thus, *Mayfield: The Movie* was born!

To celebrate, we rolled out the red carpet, and our tamariki rose to the occasion, looking sharp and full of excitement. The cinema was packed with whānau and friends, and the atmosphere was electric! Everyone was so proud of our tamariki – and rightly so. They put in a tremendous amount of work, and it showed. All proceeds from the event are going towards our seniors' Stewart Island Camp in 2025, so a massive thank you to everyone who supported this incredible event. Your generosity means so much.

On the teaching front, we were thrilled to welcome Mrs Walker to the Montalto class this term. She's been fantastic, but we're also excited to have Mr Richard Kidd back as the full-time teacher next term. The kids have missed him, and I know they'll be thrilled to have him back in the classroom.

As we gear up for the final stretch of the term, I want to express a huge thank you to everyone in our school community. *Mayfield School* is a special place, and that's down to the support and enthusiasm of you all – staff, students, parents, and whānau. We've had a brilliant few weeks, and I'm sure there's plenty more to come. Here's to finishing the term on a high note!

New Enrolments

Here at *Mayfield School* we welcome all visitors and anyone wishing to enrol their children. We also welcome children of any age to be pre-enrolled. If you would like your child to attend our wonderful school please pop in to see me or email me at principal@mayfieldschool.nz or phone 03 3036214

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Aroha Stewart (Tumuaki/Principal)



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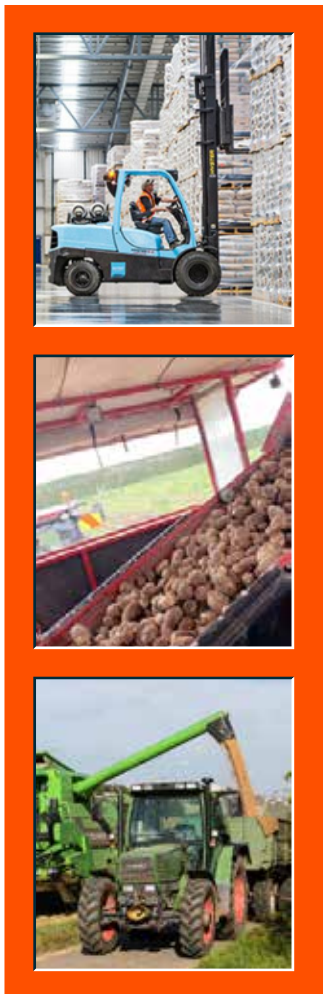


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You might get a bit tired of me waxing lyrical about the beauty of nature, especially in the Spring. But I have to tell you that the garden has been my happy place for as far back as I can remember. I love mowing the lawns, because it gives me time to plan & just plain think. My way of having time out, because let's face it, it doesn't take much effort to sit on a mower and go round and round. Sorry I have to say, I think again, how wonderful the flowering bulbs have been this year.

Last week I celebrated another birthday and what a great day it was. Our daughter-in-law chose a café at Tai Tapu one I had heard a lot about over the years, and lunchtime so that our great grand-daughter could join in the celebration. So there were nine of us.

Our elder daughter is still with us. One grand-daughter was missing because she had just had her wisdom teeth out, but we caught up with her when we went back to our younger son's home for the birthday cake. When our children were young my parents would arrive every few weeks on a Sunday afternoon for a visit, and my Mother always brought one of her Ginger Sponges with her. It was a cross between a light spongy sponge and Gingerbread and topped with whipped cream. Our Son has been nagging me for ages to try and find the recipe. And finally recently I located it and gave him a copy. And he made it for my birthday cake.

That evening our younger daughter and her daughter both in Southland rang and I had a

really good chat with both of them. Penny and I seem to spend most of the time these days talking about the edible parts of our gardens. Phillippa, who is nearing the end of her Training Future Farmers course told me about the lambing beat she is doing on Glenary Station. She has a flock of 6,000 ewes to go round and it takes her five and a half hours. I hope as usual that your lambing and calving are going well.

Blessings, Annette Eggleston

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Date	Time	Location	Preacher	Notes
October				
6th October	10:30 AM	Methven	Anglican	All Saints
	2:00 PM	Rakaia	Anglican	St Marks
	10:00 AM	Foothills	Anglican	St Aidans
13th October	9:30 AM	Rakaia	Laurence Ennor	
	10:30 AM	Methven	Paul Eden	
20th October	3:00 PM	Rakaia	Phyll Harris	Combined Closure service Afternoon tea following the service
27th October	10:30 AM	Methven	Abi Trevathan	
	9:30 AM	Rakaia	Video Church	Mission meeting following service

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Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre

This past month has just flown by for us here at Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre. It feels like term 3 only just started and now we're back into holidays!

Early in September, us Playcentre mums spent an evening together at centre. Every child has their own Profile Book to keep a record of all the fun and learning they do, with learning stories completed by our Session Facilitator and by us. We were amassing quite the stash of stories and artwork that needing glued in so we made it a nice social get-together.

We've been enjoying the spring weather (everything from sun to snow!) and with the warmer weather approaching we are looking forward to our Sandpit upgrade, taking place these holidays. Thanks to Symon Bell, this popular area is going to be looking smart for term 4. We also have a new slide and bridge sides to come too!

We visited the new Ashburton Public Library recently where



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we listened to stories and songs and had a look around this exciting new space. The playground was popular!

We ended the term with a celebration session last Thursday. There was a 2nd Birthday for Fiona, a graduation for Cameron and Rylee completed her chemo treatment last week too! Cheers all around!

If you've been considering Playcentre for you and your child, Term 4 begins on Tuesday 15th October. Pop on in and say hi! 9am - 12pm, 50 Pattons Road.

NOTE:

Hi severyone. My name is Gemma and as the PR/Promotions Officer for Mt Somers Staveley Playcentre, writing these articles has been one of my jobs for the past four years. I have also been the President for the past two years. I have really enjoyed these two roles. As my son has now turned 5, I am sadly waving goodbye to our time at Playcentre. Back in 2020 I forced myself out of my little introvert bubble and attended Playcentre with my two kids. It was one of the best things I have done. My children have made wonderful friendships that have continued on through to school and so have I. Joining this great community has done wonders for all of us and I am so glad I pushed myself out of my comfort zone. If you've been thinking about attending Playcentre, I urge you to give it a go, it is a great way to get to know other parents in the area. It's a fantastic place for kids but also for us parents too!



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Special Visitors

Last week we were lucky enough to have our friends from the Piwakawaka class at Carew Peel Forest School join us for the morning! We welcomed back some very familiar faces who have not long transitioned to school and had some very excited tamariki eager to see their friends and siblings.

The preschoolers buddied up with the older children and got into three groups. We then set up three different stations to keep everyone busy and evenly spread across our wee preschool environment. One group set off to a music and movement session with our resident musician and head teacher, Abbey. Here they sang, danced and even had a go with some musical instruments. The next group went outside where Debs had a very exciting activity planned in the sandpit. Here the task was to work together to create a model of our local awa/river, the Rangitata River, using paint, tinfoil, rocks and foliage from our trees. Everyone had a lot of fun getting messy with mud and paint before coming inside to wash off and start the next activity. The final group was with Casey and was tasked with creating a collage of our local maunga/mountain – Tarahaoa or Mt. Peel. Our Piwakawaka friends helped the preschoolers to draw their outline, and we then used torn up paper from various hunting and fishing magazines and scrap paper and glue to create blue skies, brown rocky mountains and lush green bush. The end result were some fantastic art pieces that represented our local maunga, a place that we are fortunate enough to look up at every day.

To finish off the visit we introduced the school kids to our preschool pet lambs, and they were kind enough to help us feed them. We are so lucky to have the space and resources to have farm animals on site – We are hoping to be able to take our lambs over to the Carew Peel Forest School Pet Day next term! We cherish the special relationship we have with Carew Peel Forest school and are lucky to have this wider learning network for our tamariki. Building and maintaining this relationship with our local school means transitions are a lot easier for everyone when the time comes to head off to ‘big school’.

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