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**Cross Country Transport:**  
If anyone needs help organising transport with the postponement please contact the school early on Monday morning.

Police Vetting information and Consent Forms to be returned to school as soon as possible for all parents interested in supporting with school events, e.g. camps, trips.



**Reminder:** text follow lumsdenschool to 8987 so that you will receive immediate text notification of alerts and reminders via our twitter account (e.g. snow days, cancellations).

Dear School Friends and Families



A good call from Kathryn (Garston Principal) to postpone Cross Country until Monday, given the snow/sleet/wind forecast. Let's hope the better Monday forecast eventuates. The effort which the children have been putting into their training has been impressive, preparing themselves very well for the event.

We have been fortunate to have been able to access some professional development as a staff from some top quality providers this year which has been ongoing. On Tuesday, Averil Lee, Maths Adviser from the College of Education worked alongside teachers in their classrooms, then ran a workshop after school to help us with effective teaching practice to accelerate children's progress. We have also been working with Mark Herring from Using Technology Better, to help us make the most of digital learning opportunities for our children. Miss Mackay has recently visited Te Anau school to learn about their excellent Foundation Class for new entrants; three staff will be visiting Milton School to learn about a programme they are getting great success with in accelerating progress for struggling readers; Mrs Hailes and myself will be attending a principals' conference in Christchurch in June which has some very useful workshops very relevant to our work. We also had four staff members attend the Southland Literacy Symposium in Invercargill last Saturday. We appreciate all these opportunities to grow our capacities as a teaching team to do the best we can for our children.



You may have seen the photo and article about international story tellers Ed Stivender and Donna Jacobs in the paper last week. The year 6 children certainly enjoyed their performances at Riversdale School on Monday afternoon, and hopefully have taken some inspiration from them.

Hope all the Mums out there were well treated last Sunday. Jan McFadzien was the recipient of this year's Duffy Books 'Caught Being a Good Mum' award. Thanks Jan for all the time and work to co-ordinate maintenance of our school grounds and your work as FoLS chairperson.

The Castlerock bus children farewelled bus driver Debbie Grogan at assembly last week. Debbie has recently resigned and is moving North, having delivered children to and from our school for eight years.

Have a good weekend and we'll see many of you at Garston on Monday. A reminder to make sure children have warm clothing for before and after their run, and that it would pay to check that their laces are nice and tight as there will be a bit of mud around probably.



E haere rā

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22	23	24	25	26 FoLS Coffee and Catch up 2.00 pm	27	28
29	30	31	1 June	2 Northern Cross Country, Mararoa	3	4
5 Queen's Birthday	6	7 Stardome Visit	8 Self Defence Course - Yr 3/4 girls	9	10	11
12 Elgrego Show 1.40 pm	13	14 St John in Schools	15	16	16	18
19	20 BOT Meeting	21	22	23 "B for Bike" Day	24	25
26	27	28	29 Bingo Night	30	1 Jul	2
3	4	5	6	7 End of Term 2	8	9

### **Police Vetting Urgent Reminder for All Parents**

Please return Police Vetting Consent Forms to school for all parents interested in supporting with school events, e.g. camps, trips. We would like to get this process underway as soon as possible to ensure this is tidied up well before camps, etc. **Also, we have been advised that as from 1 July 2017 a fee of \$8.50 + GST will be implemented by the NZ Police for each vetting.** Thanks to those parents who have returned all their information as well as provided their required ID. If you need another copy of forms sent home please contact the office.

**NB:** If parents wish to be considered for attending **school camp** this year in Dunedin it will be **essential to have been vetted**. The same will soon apply for school day trips and volunteer helpers. A reminder that consent forms can be accessed on the school website under each weeks newsletter. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Financial Contribution for Term 2 now due**

The Board of Trustees respectfully ask for financial donations from each family to the value of \$100 per child for the first two children and \$70 for the third per annum.

We ask that you pay \$25 per child (for the first two) and \$17.50 for the third child for the second term. Alternatively you may wish to pay the full annual donation as a lump sum. Please make payment to Sharon in the office at school or directly into the school bank account 030960-0112624-00 (child/ren's name as reference). Thanks to those families who have already paid.

### **School Sore and Chickenpox Alert**

We have had a couple of cases of School Sores recently in the school. Early signs are scabby sores on exposed parts of body. Medication is required to treat this infection. Children are infectious for 24 hours until after treatment with antibiotics has started, so they will need to stay at home during this time.

We have also had a few cases of Chickenpox recently. This disease is spread by coughing and sneezing, also direct contact with weeping blisters. Time between exposure and sickness is 13 – 17 days. Early signs are fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot. Children are infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of rash until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days), so they will need to stay at home for one week from the date of appearance of rash.

Please keep a check on your child for any symptoms.

## Absences

If your child will not be attending school please let the school know before 9.00 am. This procedure of following up on absences is put in place to ensure students safety.

Methods of notifying us are:

- Absence form on website (www.lumsden.school.nz)
- Telephone 248 7474
- Sending a note with a family member.

## Change of Clothes

Please send a change of clothes along with children who are going to be playing on the field at interval or lunch time. Thanks.

### Upcoming activities that FOLS are involved with:

**Coffee and Catch up** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 pm, pop along to the staff room, for a cuppa before Assembly.

Staining of wooden fence 10<sup>th</sup> June, fence will be cleaned and then PD guys are staining on the 10<sup>th</sup> June weather permitting.

**B for Bike** day. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Sausage sizzle, come dressed as anything that begins with the letter "B". Parents are welcome to join the children for lunch and look at possible options for the bike track. More details to come.

**Bingo Night** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This fun evening is open to all school families and will be held at the Primary school. 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm. \$1 cards. Donations required for prizes on the night, under \$5 please. These can be left at school office. This is a fundraiser for new library shelving.

Next FOLS meeting is during the day, 2<sup>nd</sup> August in school staff room 1.30 pm.

Thanks from everyone

Jan

## Caught Being a Good Mum

Jan McFadzien, with Angus and Duncan following the presentation of her award.



## Last Drive to Lumsden School



Bus Driver Debbie Grogan, with two of her Castlerock passengers Digby and Abbie on her last day on Friday.

## House Football

Kakariki team talk following their victory in the recent House Football competition.



## New Zealand Speech Board Tuition Opportunity

There is an opportunity for children to have speech lessons through Speech New Zealand from Term 3 onwards. This involves tuition and NZ Speech Board exams. The Syllabus areas to develop children's ability to express themselves with clarity, confidence and courtesy in personal, social and public situations. Tuition fees will be covered by parents, ranging from \$15 to \$20 per session (depending on group size).

So far we have had one family interested in the opportunity. Please let us know within the next few weeks if you'd be interested in your child participating. At this stage there is not sufficient interest to run with sessions during school time. Otherwise there may still be the opportunity for parents to arrange sessions privately with the tutor (Annette Dalziel) here after school on a Thursday.

Give me a call if you'd like more information about this.

## New Entertainment Books have arrived

The new Entertainment Books are now available at the school office. Funds raised will go towards new shelves in the Library. Both the traditional books and digital memberships for your smartphone are available. Online ordering and payment can be done at [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26143w9](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26143w9) Contact Trish Gill for further information: [trishy.mike@gmail.com](mailto:trishy.mike@gmail.com) or 021 0243 2741. Thank you for your support!



## Bible in Schools

**Please note that school is officially closed during this time and parents are responsible for supervising any children not attending Bible in Schools with the exception of some bus children.**

Donations towards the cost of books for the children who attend Bible in Schools would be much appreciated. The approximate cost for each child is \$7.50. **Please send any donations along to school in a named envelope.** We can then forward these on to the LBK Presbyterian Church who provide the books. Thanks to those families who have already sent their donations.

## Football Results:

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Lost 6-0 to Old Boys Jets. POD: Harrison Quartier-Kerr

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Won 10-0 against Kelvin Hotel Queens Park. POD: Cooper Leach

## Rippa Rugby

The Player of the Day for the last week was Hunter Butler.

### Community Trust of Southland Northern Southland Community Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm – 6.30pm

You are invited to join us at the upcoming Northern Southland Community Meeting. We want to find out about what is happening in your community and to take the opportunity to talk about the Trust's investing and granting.

We will also hear from some local organisations about their projects.

**Where**  
Riversdale Community Centre  
73 Newcastle Street, Riversdale

**Guest speakers from**  
Riversdale Arts  
Switzers Museum (Waikaia)

Please RSVP to [ngaire@ctos.org.nz](mailto:ngaire@ctos.org.nz) or Ph 0800 500 185



**Northern Southland College Young Farmers  
Club are holding a Quiz Night on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>  
of June**

**At the Northern Southland College Hall. Start time 6:30pm,  
Teams of four \$24.**

**To register please contact Kane Graham on ph. 027 376 7547  
Josh Bennett on ph. 03 2016339**

*Fantastic Raffle prizes to be won*



**Thank you for helping fundraise for the NSC Young  
Farmers Club.**





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### Police Vetting Volunteers

Dear Parents

The Vulnerable Children's Act now imposes new responsibilities to the Board of Trustees with ensuring the safety of our children at school. To ensure we are complying with the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act and to ensure the safety of our children the Board is **requesting permission** to Police Vet any person working or volunteering at Lumsden School or with Lumsden School children in any capacity e.g. parent helper, coach, overnight camps, day outings, clubs, driving children to events or any other activity where those volunteers are likely to have (or could have) unsupervised contact with students.

We **request** that any parent/caregiver/volunteer who may wish to help as parent helper, coach, on overnight camps, day outings, clubs, driving children to events or any other activity as part of Lumsden School's programs completes and returns page 2, signs the applicant authorization on page 3 of the attached document then returns these to school. Also please provide 2 forms of ID e.g passport, birth certificate, firearms licence, driver's licence; one of these must be photographic. The ID can be shown to Sharon or I. This will allow us to be prepared before specific events. These are valid for 3 years. We will keep a record of all parents/caregivers/volunteers who have been police checked and this will be updated as required.

Police Vetting is a responsibility of the Board of Trustees and is undertaken through the New Zealand Police Licensing and Vetting Service Centre.

All information received will be confidential to the Lumsden School Board of Trustees.

Only the requestor – the Principal – will open the returned information.

Please read the attached application carefully, complete page 2 then sign and date the "consent to disclosure" on page 3, then return this to the school office with the documents required.

Please note these steps are being taken as advised as being good practice as per the *Vulnerable Children's Act 2014* with the safety of our children as the main priority.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Andrew and Lumsden School Board of Trustees

**Name of Approved Agency submitting vetting request:**

Lumsden School

**Section 2: Applicant to complete and return to Approved Agency**

*\*Denotes a mandatory field*

**Personal Information**

Details (note: the name you are most commonly known by is your primary name)

\*Family name (Primary):

Given name(s):

\*Gender:

(M) (F) (Other)

\*Date of birth:  
(dd/mm/yyyy)

\*Place of birth:  
(Town/state/country)

NZ Driver Licence number:

**Previous names:** If applicable, please include other alias or alternate names; married name if not your primary name; previous/maiden/name changed by deed poll or statutory declaration.

Family name	First name	Middle names

**Permanent Residential Address**

\*Number/Street:

Suburb:

Post Code:

\*City/Town/  
Rural District:

## Section 3: Applicant to complete and return to Approved Agency

### Consent to release information

1. The New Zealand Police may release **any** information they hold if relevant to the purpose of this vetting request. This includes:
  - Conviction histories and infringement/demerit reports
  - Active charges and warrants to arrest
  - Charges that did not result in a conviction including those that were acquitted, discharged without conviction, diverted or withdrawn
  - **Any** interaction I have had with New Zealand Police, including family violence incidents, and investigations that did not result in prosecution
  - Information subject to name suppression where that information is necessary to the purpose of the vet.
2. If I am eligible under the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004, my conviction history will not be released unless:
  - a. Section 19(3) of the Clean Slate Act applies to this request (exceptions to the clean slate regime)
  - b. Section 31(3) of the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 applies to this request (safety checks of core children's workers).Please see the [guide](#) for more information regarding the Clean Slate legislation.
3. The Police Vetting Service may disclose new relevant information to the Approved Agency after the completion of the Police Vet in the following circumstances:
  - The vetting request was submitted as part of a children's worker safety check under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014; and
  - The Police vet was completed within the past three years; and
  - The release of new information is considered justified under the Privacy Act 1993The Vetting Service will endeavour to notify you prior to the disclosure.
4. Information provided in this consent form may be used to update New Zealand Police records.
5. I am entitled to a copy of the vetting result released to the Approved Agency (to be provided by the agency) and can seek a correction by contacting the Vetting Service.
6. The Approved Agency will securely dispose of this consent form, copies of identification documents and the vetting result within 12 months of receiving the result unless a longer retention period is required by legislation.
7. I may withdraw this consent, prior to Police's disclosure of the vetting result, by notifying the Approved Agency. For further information, please see the [Guide to Completing the Consent Form](#).

#### **Applicant's Authorisation:**

- ✓ I confirm that the information I have provided in this form relates to me and is correct.
- ✓ I have read and understood the information above.
- ✓ I authorise New Zealand Police to disclose any personal information it considers relevant to my application (as described above) to the Approved Agency making this request for the purpose of assessing my suitability.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic  
Signature