



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Police Vetting information and Consent Forms to be returned to school before the end of June please for all parents interested in supporting with school events, e.g. Yr 5 & 6 camp to Dunedin, trips, etc.



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



"If you have a lemon, make lemonade." I read that quote somewhere this week, and thought to myself how great it is to see 'lemonade' being made in our school community

– Optimistic people doing lots of good things no matter what the difficulties are. Every day I see people utilising their particular skills, gifts and talents – Parents, staff and children, for the benefit of each other. E.g. Parents and community members coming into Room 5 to help with toy making; a NSC student (Olivia Duthie) coming in at lunchtime to take a guitar club with our guitar players; Community buddy readers coming in on Tuesdays to read with children; Teachers utilising their strengths across the whole school, not just their class...There are many examples I could list. These things are what makes a vibrant community.

There were certainly some very vibrant looking characters at school on Wednesday, as children arrived wearing their favourite dress-up costumes, with their gold coin to support a worthy fundraiser for Plunket (See over). Thank you for supporting this. Our coin trail raised around \$70.



As this goes to print, our Northern Cross Country runners will be footing it with the best runners from eight schools at Mararoa. It's a great venue there, with a spectator view of most of the course.

Great to have Kitione Tuapati back with us for twelve weeks, while his family has a break between Northern Hemisphere rugby seasons (His Dad, Tale, plays professional rugby in France).

Next Thursday our Year 3 and 4 girls will be completing a self defence course run by Sandra Stewart. Sandra runs a great course to help the girls with strategies to keep themselves safe.



On Friday, two staff from Southland Music Education will be coming to school to teach children songs as part of Outreach Singing – See over for information about this. The aim is for it to lead to some of our children visiting elderly people in care to sing with them.

Speaking of singing, best wishes to Miss Mackay who has a busy weekend lined up competing in the New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards in Gore.



Have a good weekend. E Haera rā,

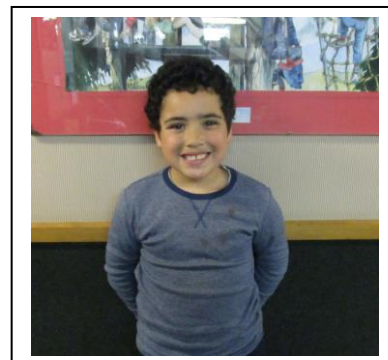
Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 Queen's Birthday	6	7 Stardome Visit at Memorial Hall	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; Eileen Ryan visiting	21	22	23 "B for Bike" Day & BBQ (Gold coin)	24	25
26	27	28	29 Bingo Night 6.30 pm	30	1 Jul	2
3 3-way Parent Interviews (Yr 4-6)	4	5 3-way Parent Interviews (Yr 4-6)	6	7 End of Term 2	8	9

Welcome to School

Welcome back to Kitione Tuapati who has joined Room 4. We hope you enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



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 some more cases of Chickenpox this week. 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.

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.

Outreach Singing (Lumsden School participating)

Outreach singing is just that reaching out to others through singing. The program not only encourages all students primary and high school ages to sing but gives them a sense of well being and compassion. The altruistic nature of singing to elderly means if I make you feel good then I will feel good. The experience is heartwarming as this also allows all to participate as it is non exclusive and allows all elderly residents to join in, even those with dementia and other age related problems.

Plunket Dress-up Day



From left: Maisie M, Bella, Levi, Meg, Tara, Ava and Tilly in front of our 3.5 metre coin trail to support Plunket.

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.

Sandpit Contractors enjoying their new machinery!



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 accessed at www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26143w9 Contact Trish Gill for further information: trishy.mike@gmail.com or 021 0243 2741. Thank you for your support!

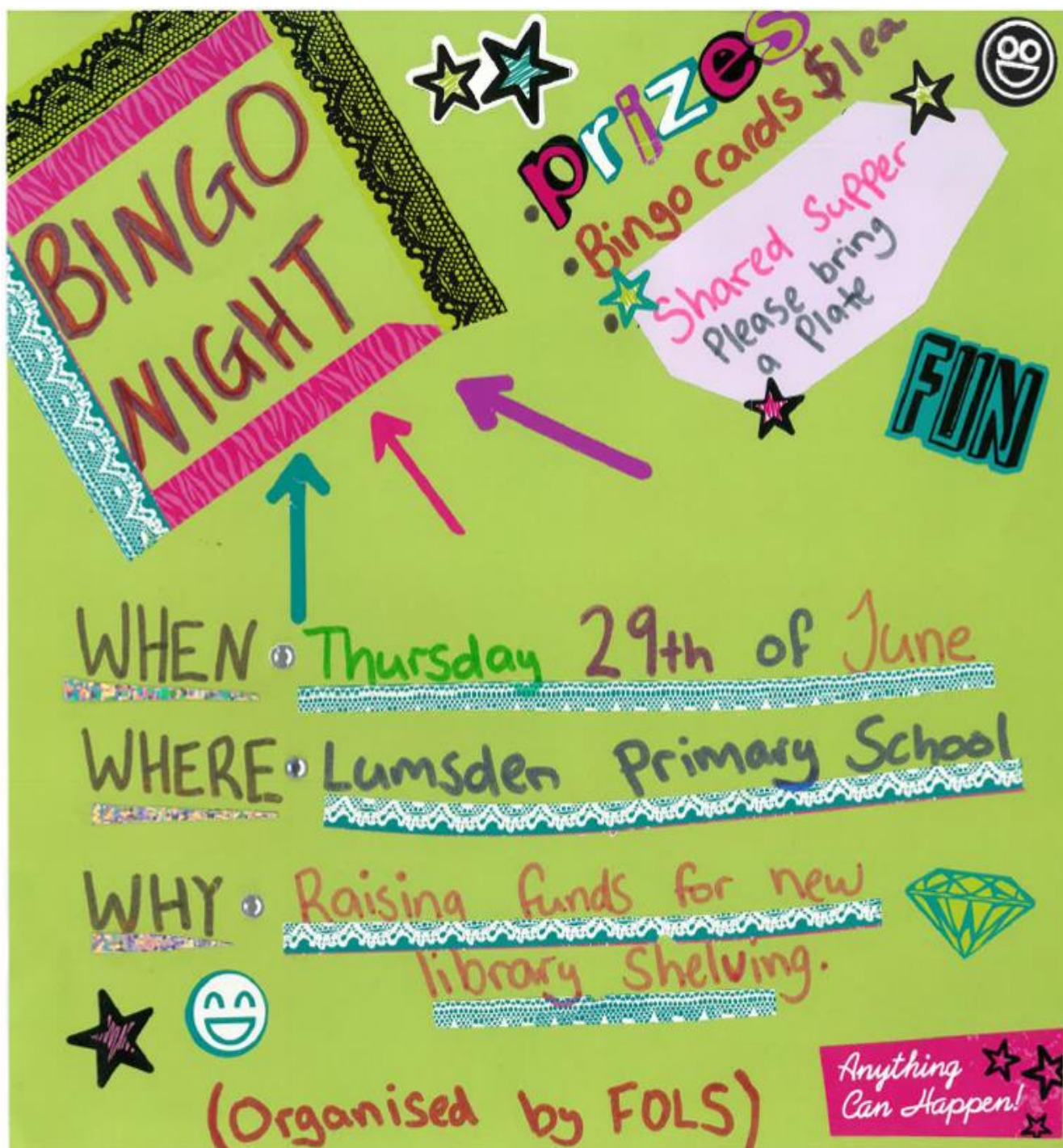


Football Results:

9th Grade: A win 7-1 against Southend United Rascals. POD: Saige Cambridge

10th Grade: A win 12-0 against Southend United Stars. POD: Blake Clearwater

Bingo Night Thursday 29th 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.





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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

Vetting Service Request & Consent Form

NZPVS-CS - 12/16

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)
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*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 1993

The 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

