

# 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



Writing this from Christchurch after a very thought-provoking and informative day at the Rural and Teaching Principals' Conference. Key messages today have really challenged my thinking, and Lauren's, about how well we align what we teach with what the research says about brain development. Our new learnings will be extremely useful as we review curriculum delivery as a staff.

Am sorry to have missed out on the 'B for Bike' Day today, which I'm sure was a fun family day as the wheels begin to turn (so to speak!) towards the creation of a school bike track. A big thanks to Simon Saunders for spear-heading this project, to Jules Adams for the help with the bike fun obstacle course today, and to the FoLS team for their BBQ work.



Meanwhile Maisie Mitchell and Mackenzie Herrick will have been footing it with Southland's best runners at the Southland Primary Schools Cross Country Champs at Waimumu. I'm sure all the green-shirted runners will do Northern proud with their efforts given the high standard of running we saw at Mararoa.



We are very grateful to Mrs Chris Hendersen (BoT Chair when I first taught at Lumsden School back in 1993... Just a wee aside there... Heck, those kids are now 30!) who donated two fantastic books to the school this week, and gave us a contribution to go towards our new library shelves which will be installed within the next few months.

Speaking of wonderful support for the school, next week will be Shirley Menlove's final week as part of the Tuesday morning Buddy Reading team, before she makes the move to Wanaka. We appreciate Shirley's dedicated input to help our children, and we wish her all the best with her new start.

Hope lots of you are able to make it to the FoLS Bingo Night which will be held next Thursday (June 29) at 6:30 in Room 2/3. It'll be a fun family night – See over for more information.



On Monday the staff will be the fortunate recipients of an Office Max morning tea shout. I'm sure that will provide a good wee energy boost for staff as they busy themselves with writing reports! Year 4-6 reports are due to be sent home at the end of next week. We would welcome any feedback about how useful you find the new report format.



The chicken pox has certainly spread its spots across a lot of children in the school recently. At least it seems to have reached its peak - On Tuesday, when we had 23 children away affected by it. Thank you to you all for being so vigilant with looking out for signs and keeping children at home for the required time. Hopefully this unwelcome visitor will have done its dash soon.

Have a good weekend. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 BOT Meeting	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 School Disco	7 End of Term 2	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Start of Term 3	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 Aug	2 FoLS Meeting 1.30 pm in Staffroom	3	4	5	6
7	8 BOT Meeting	9	10 School Speeches	11	12	13
14 Northern Speeches here 10.00	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Polyfest – performing 10.30am	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Ski/Skate Trip – to be confirmed	1 Sept	2	3

*Term 4: Room 3 School Camp – 6 – 9 November*

### Welcome to School

This week we are pleased to welcome Kadeigh McLean and Sarah Leach to Room 1. We hope you both enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



### Last week to get free Police Vetting processed

*Return before 28<sup>th</sup> June please (All Parents)*

Please return Police Vetting Consent Forms to school for all parents interested in supporting with school events, e.g. camps, trips, parent helpers in class. We would like to get this process underway to ensure this is tidied up well before camps, etc. **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 overdue

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.

## **“B for Bike” Day Costumes and Obstacles!**



### **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.

### **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](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!



### **Football Results:**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: A massive win, 15 – 0 against Winton Blues, POD: Gianna

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: A win 5-0 against Waihopai Yellow, POD: Jacob

### **Extra Ski/Snowboard Trip Opportunity**

If you're keen to give your school-aged child a cheap lesson to start this ski season off with, we could hold our first ski trip to the Remarkables on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. \$65 per child - this includes their day lift pass, rental equipment and a 1 hour 25 min lesson. We need a minimum of 10 children to go ahead with this trip. Adult prices will be confirmed once we know numbers. Please contact Paulette 021 121 1723 for more information or to book your place. Need to know numbers by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

NB: School ski/skate trip information will be sent out soon (this trip is planned for Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August.)

### **Kids After School Photography Class at Waikaia School**

Next term Stacey Butler will be available to take a six-week, after school photography course at Waikaia School, each week the kids will explore the world of photography finishing with a mini exhibition where parents will be invited to see what the kids have been doing as part of the course. There will also be a small information sheet sent out to parents upon registration.

- Term 3, 29<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September (six weeks)
- Fridays 3.30 – 4.30 pm
- 10-12 students, \$80 per student
- Most equipment will be supplied however the kids will require a small basic camera (point and shoot, tablet or phone camera) and for some weeks they may wish to bring along stuff from home. Juice and snacks will be provided.

Depending on demand there is also the possibility for adult course at another time, which would cover manual settings on a DSLR cameras, basic lighting and composition.

If you are interested and you would like to register your child or have any questions please feel free to email: [staceybutler.photography@gmail.com](mailto:staceybutler.photography@gmail.com)

**Bingo Night:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This fun evening is open to school families only and will be held at the Primary School from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm. \$1 cards. Prizes will be donated goods and not cash. This is a fundraiser for new library shelving.

*Donations required for prizes on the night please, under \$5. We are asking for each family to donate an item (these can be left at the school office). Thanks to those families who have already donated items.*







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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