

# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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**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



Half time over, and we're on the way to more daylight and (hopefully) warmer days. Lots of great learning experiences for the children on the way, too. You'll find information with this newsletter today about our upcoming Clubs programme for example, and also the Winter Adventure Day. Both of these programmes depend on parent/community help to be successful, and we do appreciate this.

We have a group of children entered in the E Pro 8 competition in Gore next Wednesday. Freddie, Jack, Maisie and Brianah have been preparing as a team for this engineering and problem solving race, where teams compete to build and invent structures, solve practical problems and undertake fun experiments.

We continue our school-wide professional development focus on digital learning next week, with facilitator Mark Herring spending time working with the staff next Thursday. Mark's input is hugely beneficial, and we're seeing great progress with the way digital technology is being used to enrich learning.



Speaking of technology, we will soon be the fortunate recipients of another \$1000 technology package from Southfuels, thanks to the Fuel for Schools programme input from Walling Contracting (Ben and Sarah), Crofty Farm (Jules and Carrie Adams), Kerr Inverurie Trust (Cameron and Cindy), and Hanks Place. This will give us two new Chrome Books for the senior room.

Room 3 children are busy into preparing for the school speech contest, which will be on Thursday August 10 at 1:30pm. Always very entertaining and enjoyable, and visitors are most welcome to attend and join us for a cuppa afterwards.

A huge thanks to Sarah Cooper (parent of Frank in Room 4) who has initiated a weekly Coding Club at school, which is a fun way for children to learn about computer programming. Great to see a large number of children keen to participate.

Our Fiordland, Northern Southland Community of Learning is well into its establishment stage now, and I have included a brochure with this newsletter to give you a picture of what a 'Community of Learning' is, and how it will benefit our children once established. I will continue to be on release on Wednesdays and Thursdays of 'even' weeks as part of my role in the management of this, and Mrs Hailes will be Acting principal on these days.

Have a good weekend....the ducks will be looking forward to Monday when the maimai inhabitants are done for the year! Ka kite ano,



Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31	1 Aug	2 FoLS Meeting 1.30 pm in Staffroom; E Pro 8, Gore	3	4 Presentation of Sir Peter Blake Award 11.00 am	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	1 Sept	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOT Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 School Photos	26	27	28	29 End of Term 3	30	1 Oct

*Term 4: Room 3 School Camp – 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November*

### Welcome to School

This week we are pleased to welcome Indy Ware, Chrysler Ngatai and Seneli and Dineli Wathukarage to school. Indy and Chrysler are in Room 1, Seneli in Room 4 and Dineli has joined Room 3. We hope you enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



### BOT News

- Sadly, our co-opted Māori Whānau Representative has stood down from this position after leaving the district. The Board would love to hear from anyone who is interested in filling this position
- Big thanks to Gene Marsh and Ange Rye for removing the shade sails for winter.
- The Board would like to welcome Wendy Burgess to the Staff. Wendy has commenced a Teacher Aide position at the beginning of this Term.
- Huge thanks to Jan and the FOLS team for a fantastic 'Bingo' night. A fun time was had by all, and the money raised for Library shelving will be of great benefit to our School.
- There will be a Working Bee shortly to begin limbing the trees in preparation for the bike track. Look out for this in the School Newsletter, and come and lend a hand if you can.
- Big thanks to the Wallings for their ongoing support in the form of bark chips for the playground. This is a huge savings for us as a school and we really appreciate it.
- We have a large number of outstanding School donations. Although these are not compulsory, they certainly help to provide our children with the sort of education that we are trying hard to maintain at Lumsden Primary. Your help with paying this is appreciated, and certainly benefits your children!

## **Friends of Lumsden School Update**

The next Friends of Lumsden School (FoLS) get together is this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 1.30 pm in the staffroom. All new families very welcome.

Over the holidays the new FoLS Facebook group was started. The idea of the group is to help with fundraising ideas and improve communication around this. Any school family can join the group. Just search Friends of Lumsden School Group. There is information on the page about FoLS as well. Thanks to Holly for organizing and doing the admin.

We are also hoping to do some maintenance on the two planter boxes in the lunch area, and are in the process of developing a more permanent planting plan so they look good all year and require little maintenance. If there are any keen gardeners that would like to take this on please let the school know. Thanks to Beks Ware for getting the plan under way.

Thank you to all those that attended and supported the Bingo night, all proceeds will be going towards the new library shelving. We are still looking for approximately \$1250. So if anybody has a fundraising opportunity that they think would be suitable for the school, please contact us.

Lastly the FoLS group require a new Money Manager, this is a small role, managing cash flow for the group and providing a report to meetings every term, support available. Please consider and let the school know or contact me Jan (Angus's Mum), phone 021 060 3396.

Thanks from everyone

Jan

## **Standdowns, Suspensions and Exclusions**

I have had some questions around guidelines and legal requirements for schools as far as these are concerned, particularly exclusions.

Guidelines state that:

The Ministry of Education and schools must work together to ensure that every child and young person receives a quality education. Removing a student from school can have huge academic and social consequences for the student, their family/whanau, other students, and the wider New Zealand community.

If a student is excluded and is under 16 years of age he or she must return to a school. If no school voluntarily takes the student, the Ministry of Education will use statutory powers to ensure he/she is enrolled in a school. The Ministry of Education has three options:

- Lift the original exclusion so he/she is entitled to return to the excluding school
- Direct the board of another state school to enrol him/her
- Direct the parent(s)/guardian(s) to enrol him/her at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (The Correspondence School).

In any of these situations the Ministry of Education works with the school and family to support excluded students back to education by providing a high level of support, to ensure the transition is as successful as possible. This includes putting a very comprehensive plan in place.

## 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. If your child has borrowed any clothes from school please return these once they are washed (our spare change of clothes supply running very low). Thanks.

## Absences Reminder

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
- Telephone 248 7474
- Sending a note with a family member.

## Scholastic Book Club

Orders close for the latest catalogue on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, please make any cheques out to Scholastic. Parents can also order online by visiting [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) – any orders are delivered to school along with the rest of the school's order.

## Engineers at Work!



Brianah, Freddie, Jack and Maisie testing out their bag holder during one of their practice runs for the E Pro 8 competition in Gore next week).

## 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!



# STAGS PUBLIC TRAINING SESSION

MOSSBURN RUGBY CLUB

TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST



The SIT Zero Fees Southland Stags are coming to Mossburn for a training session at the Mossburn Rugby Club where you can watch the team train and then it's the kids turn to put their boots on and hit the field with the boys for a skills and drills session. This will be followed by a BBQ and then a Q & A session in the clubrooms.

These trainings are about the Stags getting around Southland and getting amongst our young players that are aspiring to one day be a Stag. We want our community to get to know who we are as a team, and be involved in the lead up to the Mitre 10 Cup season where we take to the field to represent you as a province.

We also want our players to know who we represent and the people that are in behind us.

2pm Southland Stags train  
3pm Kids skills and drills session with the Stags  
4pm BBQ  
4.30pm Q & A session in Mossburn Clubrooms



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## Friday Clubs

This term we are wanting to start Friday afternoon clubs. If you or someone you know have a hobby, passion or a talent that you would like to teach to a small group of children please fill in the form below and return back to the school office. We will be starting this in Week 5.

Clubs will be on each Friday starting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August with the last session being on the 29<sup>th</sup> September (6 weeks). It will run from 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

If you have any questions please contact me here at school.

Kind regards,

Lauren Hailes

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to do a club about \_\_\_\_\_

I am available on the dates 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 22 September and the 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Lumsden School's...**

# Winter Adventure Day!

**When:** Thursday, August 31

**What:** Ski Trip Year 4-6 (with option for Year 0-3 children if 1:1 parent supervision);  
OR Ball Fun/Ice Skating/Swimming at Gore Event Centre (available for all ages)

***Please find attached:***

- A brief outline of each event and approximate costs. This will help inform your decision about which trip your child attends
- A return sheet to inform us which trip your child will be attending and to let us know which parents are able to also attend for assistance with supervision and transport

Once we know which children will be attending which trip, we will send home further detailed information.

Please note that your decision will need to be a firm one, as it is very difficult from an organisational and pricing point of view if people change their minds after this initial information has come through.

Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Regards

Andrew



## **Ski Trip 31-8-16**

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce your child to snow sports as NZ Ski offers good rates to schools, which we in turn are able to pass on to you.

This is open to Year 4-6 children, however children in Year 0-3 are able to attend at the discretion of the Principal with the condition that their parent/caregiver must accompany them and take full responsibility for them for the entire day.

Every child will receive a lift pass, ski/snowboard hire and a 1 hour 25min lesson on the day. The usual cost for a lift pass, lesson and rental is:

Adults - \$212, Youths (7-15 yrs) - \$139, Children (Under 6) - \$109.

Our cost for the day will be approximately **\$65 per student** and **\$95 per adult/parent help** (depending on numbers, as we get 1 adult for every 10 children FOC, which we'll spread to discount all adults).

If we have enough parents with chains who are able to transport children up the mountain, there will be no additional transport costs. We would need to depart school at 6:30am, and we would be back in Lumsden by 6:00pm. If we need to take a bus up the mountain, there will be an additional \$20 per person charge for the return trip from the base carpark to the ski-field. Once parent helper forms are returned by **Friday August 11** we can advise the finalised cost.

Any families in genuine need of financial assistance, please let me know, as Lumsden School's priority is ensuring all students are able to take part and are not prevented from attending due to financial constraints.

All participants will need:

- A warm hat
- Lunch and water bottle
- Gloves
- Goggles/sunglasses and sunscreen
- Warm, preferably waterproof jacket and pants and warm clothing underneath.
- School Hi Vis vest (for easy identification as belonging to Lumsden School)
- A change of clothes to wear home

Waterproof jackets and pants are able to be hired on the day if necessary.

For this day to be a success, we need your support with parent help and transportation on the day. We require a ratio of 1 adult to 4 children. You do not need to be able to ski to be a helper. Parent helps who guide beginner skiers after their lessons do not need any equipment (just warm clothing) as you will be on the Magic Carpet for the day – there is no cost for parents who are not skiing.

There is also no cost to parents who already have a ski pass and do not wish to take part in a lesson on the day, however the cost for children who have season passes will still apply, as they will get a lesson. Where possible, parent helps will be matched to the ability of the children they are supervising.

If weather conditions determine that the trip needs to be postponed, a new date will be advised.

*You will receive more information and return-back forms should you choose this option.*

## **Gore Event Centre Trip 31-8-16**

This trip will include the following experiences:

- Fun Ball Games (event centre)
- Ice Skating (with coach assistance)
- Swimming

This option is open to all children. We will require parent help with transport and supervision (One adult to four children ratio). Departure will be 9:00am, and return in time for buses.

Cost per child will be approximately \$12. Once parent helper forms are returned by **Friday August 11** we can advise the finalised cost. Additional costs for parents who wish to skate (\$6) or swim (\$4).

All participants will need:

- Warm clothing for skating – Jacket, hat, gloves, waterproof over-trousers recommended
- Substantial morning tea and lunch

This trip would go ahead as scheduled, even if Ski trip is postponed.

*You will receive more information and return-back forms should you choose this option.*



# **Lumsden School Winter Adventure Day: Initial return-back form**

*It is important that this form is completed and returned to school by Friday, August 11 to enable organisation to proceed.*

**1. Please tick which trip you wish your child to attend:**

- Gore Event Centre (Games, Skating, Swimming)  
Child/ren's names \_\_\_\_\_
- Skiing (Remarkables Ski Field. Note parent required for Year 1, 2, or 3 child)  
Child/ren's names \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Consent: I give my consent for my child/ren to attend the above event(s)**

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

**3. Please indicate whether or not you would be able to help with transport and supervision at either trip:**

I am able to assist with transport and supervision on the ski trip (and have chains if required)

Yes  No If Yes, how many passengers (includes own child/ren, diagonal belts) \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to assist with transport and supervision on the Gore Trip

Yes  No If Yes, how many passengers (includes own child/ren, diagonal belts) \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you in advance for the prompt return of this form.***