



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

By the time this goes out we will have had our special Sir Peter Blake Leadership Assembly, to acknowledge the leadership qualities displayed by one of our Year 6 students. Kadia Muir is our recipient this year. Kadia is an excellent role model for others to look up to, with her helpfulness, respect for all others, 'have a go' attitude, responsibility and initiative. Congratulations, Kadia.



Well done to our EPro8 engineering team who competed at the schools competition in Gore on Wednesday....Second equal out of 12 schools! They handled the challenges very well as a team, and their achievement qualifies them for the semifinal to be held in 2 or 3 weeks.



Next Thursday we look forward to our school speeches (Year 5 and 6 school finalists). A reminder that visitors are welcome to attend – 1.30 pm in Room 2/3, with an opportunity to stay for a cuppa afterwards.

Thank you to all we have received return-back forms from for the Winter Adventure Day (August 31). We'd appreciate having them all in by Monday so we can proceed with organisation, and we'll get further information out by the end of next week.

We have been grateful for the offers we have had for this term's Clubs programme (Five weeks, Fridays 1:30 to 2:30 starting 25 August), however it would be fantastic to have more offers of help as we don't yet have enough to make this programme fly.



Anything children may be interested in to broaden their learning experiences would be great – crafty, sporty, cultural, musical, etc. There is also a budget to assist with purchasing any required materials. Give us a call if you think you could work with a small group of children to share your interest/talent/skill for that hour on Fridays – Thank you!

The new library shelving arrived this week, and will be installed soon – The bright colours and enhanced book display will certainly add appeal to our library environment. Although we are using the same wall brackets for the new shelves, if anyone is interested in some of the old shelves (still usable) for a donation, please let us know.

Staff had another excellent session with Mark Herring (ICT facilitator) on Thursday, helping teachers make the most of digital technology systems and programmes to support the children's learning.



Sounds like much of the Winter sports is drawing to a close for the season. Best wishes to Mackenzie, Hayley and Kadia as they compete as members of a combined Lumsden-Mossburn team at the Primary Schools netball champs at the stadium in Invercargill next Wednesday.

Have a good weekend. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 – 6th – 9th November

Well Done Team

Our E Pro8 team members engineering their way to second place at Gore on Wednesday.



FoLS News

Thank you to Alicia Taylor for taking on the Treasurer's job. Everyone welcome to join us for our next Coffee and Chat before assembly on August 18th at 2.00 pm.

Check out the new FoLS facebook page which has information all about our FoLS happenings.

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.

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.

Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award



Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award winner Kadia Muir with her Dad (Matt) and Mum (Natasha) and Westpac Bank representative Mark Aitken.

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!



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 25th of August with the last session being on the 29th 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

Name _____

I would like to do a club about _____

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