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# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 22 – August 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear School Friends and Families

There's a lot on the go as we spring towards Spring... Looking forward to hearing the Year 5 and 6 school finalists' speeches this afternoon as I write this, and we are very grateful to our judges Jamie Cooper, Lisa Elder and Katie May for dedicating their time to be our judges. The first and second place-getters will go on to the next stage alongside children from Dipton, Mossburn and Garston, to be held here at school on Monday.



Thank you to the offers of help we've had for our Clubs programme starting in a couple of weeks. We have a great range of crafty, arty, tinkering, sporty and musical options for the children to enjoy. Thank you to Mrs Hailes for the work to get this up and running.

Our Winter Adventure day is coming up soon (August 31), and hopefully an information package pertaining to either skiing or ice skating appears from a schoolbag today along with this newsletter! It includes some important return-back forms which we'd appreciate back by next Wednesday to help keep the organisational wheels turning.

It's great to have had Judy Jamieson join us on the staff recently as a Teacher Aide. Welcome aboard, Judy, and we appreciate the input which you bring to our team.

Next week, Fijian rugby international, ex Southland Stag and current French club player Tale Tuapati is spending the morning with us taking ball skills sessions with each class. Tale is about to head back to resume his playing commitments, and we've enjoyed having son Kitone back with us for the 10 weeks during the off season.



At this week's Board meeting, student achievement reports were presented looking at National Standards progress, and organisation and presenting skills based on last terms 'Toys' learning context. The National Standards data showed how well children were tracking compared with this time last year, and there is overall very steady progress across the school. Supplementary support, such as ESOL for new English learners, Literacy tuition (with Jen Hellewell), AliM (extra maths), Minds Alive, and Teacher Aide support in classrooms is having a very positive impact on learning, and we're fortunate that the Board has budgeted for this valuable staffing resource.

Plans are moving along for the installation of our new wood pellet boiler, which we're promised will be in before next Winter. There has recently been one put in at Mossburn School which by all accounts is fantastic, so we look forward to a better level of cosiness than what we're experiencing at the moment!

It sounds like our Primary school tournament netball players Mackenzie, Hayley and Kadia had an enjoyable time at the Stadium on Wednesday, and entered into the spirit of the superheroes dress-up theme as they gave it heaps on court. Thank you to Sandy Herrick for coaching the team.



Don't forget to put Polyfest in your calendars, if you have the day free on August 22 – It would be great to have the audience support at the Stadium. Speaking of great performances, well done to Mrs Hailes and Miss Mackay whose squash team pretty much out-newsed Tom Walsh's World Championship victory, winning the final of their season's competition on Wednesday night!

Have a good weekend,

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14 Northern Speeches here 10.00	15 E Pro8 Final	16	17	18 FoLS Coffee and Chat 2.00 pm	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*

### **Financial Contribution for Term 3 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 third 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.

### **Good luck Harrison Maclean!**

Harrison will be sitting his first Rockschool Drums Exam – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at Ashby School of Music (Inc.) Rockschool, 88 Main Street, Gore.

Harrison will be playing 5 pieces from his 'Let's Rock' Book along with backing tracks. His examiner will be Alyson Locke from Brisbane, Australia. He has worked hard throughout this year and can play 'in sync' with well developed timing. Good luck.

Dean Ashby (Director)

ASM - Gore

### **Hot off the Press: Speech Contest Winners**



Maisie Mitchell (1<sup>st</sup>), Ashley Chan (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Luke Jamieson (3<sup>rd</sup>) show their certificates alongside the other great speech makers yesterday. Thanks to our judges Jamie, Katie and Lisa and best wishes to Maisie and Ashley at the next round on Monday.

### **Well Done to Benjamin Rodgers-Foran**

Benjamin received a Merit prize for his Social Sciences project about Doubtful Sound at the Southland Schools Social Sciences Fair. Benjamin completed this project independently at home showing great effort and attitude.

## **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.

## **Entertainment Books**

Entertainment Books are available at the school office. Funds raised will go towards new shelves in the Library. Both the traditional books and digital memberships for your smart-phone 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!

