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LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 24 – August 25th 2017

Dear School Friends and Families

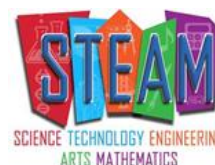


There's something about seeing Lumsden kids perform and hearing them sing that pulls the heartstrings. And I know I was among many feeling that sense of pride at Polyfest on Tuesday. The children did an outstanding job on the big stage, and a huge thanks to Miss Madden for her amazing coaching work to bring the best out of our children like this. Miss Mackay has also done a brilliant job as right hand support with the guitar accompaniment. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day with costumes and moko drawing, and it was great to see the support from friends and family who were able to come down to watch the performance.

There are some big ideas being thought about for our school at the moment. We've (the board and staff) have been thinking about how we use our inside space currently, and how we could use it better to improve conditions for learning. For example, our corridor is pretty much an arterial track from one end of the school to the other, and a (messy) storage place for coats and bags. The goldfish are sick of looking out at this tired, dishevelled-looking area, which could potentially provide vibrant break-out learning spaces, with large glass windows along the interior wall to provide good light and high visibility from Rooms 2 and 3. The corridor is certainly wide enough for it. The veranda at the front of the school could be extended, and bags stored out there. Then there are the 'art bays' which could be transformed into 'learning spaces'... These concepts are being put into a design phase – Watch this space for developments!

Looking forward to our first session of Clubs as this goes to print. This programme sits very nicely with our 'Learning for Life' vision, and we appreciate the commitment parents and community members have made to helping with this.

In Community of Learning news, we have just submitted an application to the Ministry of Education for 300 professional development hours for all teachers from the nine schools in our Community of Learning to further their knowledge and skills with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, The Arts and Maths). We see the potential for high quality learning in these areas to also have very positive spin-offs for learning in Literacy, providing rich and meaningful contexts for Writing and Reading. Fingers crossed we get the funding.



Fine day booked for next Thursday, our Winter Adventure Day. A reminder that payments for both the Ski and Gore trips are due on Monday. Thanks for the return of all the paperwork of the last couple of weeks which has enabled us to complete all the organisational requirements.



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Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28 Ski/Skating Trips payments due	29 Bike Track Meeting 7.30 pm	30	31 Ski/Skate Trip	1 Sept	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 BOT Meeting; Eileen Ryan PHN visit	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 School Photos	26 Duffy Role Model Assembly 1.30 pm	27	28	29 End of Term 3	30	1 Oct

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

Winter Adventure Day Payments

Payment for the Remarkables Ski Trip and the Gore Ice Skating Trip **is due on Monday, 28th August**. Please make payment via Internet banking to: Lumsden School 03 0960 0112624 00 using your Surname and Ski/Skating Trip as reference. Alternatively you can send cash/cheque to the school office in a named envelope. Thanks.

Thank you!

A big thanks to Northern Southland Transport who donated \$200 towards the planting out of our planter boxes, your support is much appreciated.

Lumsden School Bike Track ... The wheels are turning!

Our goal is to have a high quality bike track established on the school grounds by the beginning of 2018, along with a set of bikes, helmets and a bike park shed.

The first step is to establish a planning committee and we are looking for volunteers who would be happy to be part of this. Note that the role of committee members is to plan, co-ordinate and liaise, not to do all the work on the ground.

This is a very exciting step forward the school is taking in promoting active healthy recreational and fitness activity for our children into the future.

The first committee meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday (August 29), 7.30 pm at Lumsden School. We would welcome anyone who is keen and interested in being on the committee to come along.

Meanwhile please contact Simon Saunders (ph 021 388 544) or Andrew at school if you have any questions about this project.

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.

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.

Our Stories – Room 4

The Fat Caterpillar

One day a caterpillar was eating all the food and the people could not eat anything all week. The caterpillar got really fat. Then the caterpillar got squashed by someone. The caterpillar was a flat caterpillar. He cried for a long time. Then he was angry.

Written By Lara

The Sparkly Lizard

Lizzy the sparkly lizard was asleep in the sun. He got caught in a cage. Some people took the poor lizard to the zoo. Lizzy was a sparkly lizard. They put the lizard in a cage in the zoo. Lizzy wanted to go home to see his family. Lizzy was a boy. The people saw the lizard feeling sad so they took the lizard home.

Written By Lachie

Lizzy the Sparkly Lizard

Lizzy was a lizard. Lizzy could sparkle in the dark. Lizzy went for a run. Her mum said, "Don't go too far." Lizzy went for the run, but she didn't remember what her mum had said. A zoo man found Lizzy, so he took Lizzy to the zoo. Lizzy was so worried.

Written By Cedric

The Gardening Dog

There was a gardening dog toy with a pot and plant in his hand. One day a scaly wriggly snake moved into the garden and slid around some trees that the cute dog had made. There were two tall trees that the snake was under. On one of the leaves there was a hungry fat caterpillar who was eating all the leaves up, but then the gardening dog came over to put some water on the leaves and it washed the caterpillar onto the ground. The dog stomped on it and squashed it and it was lying flat on the ground. Then the snake saw the dog and the snake jumped up and poisoned the dog. Slowly it felt the pain.

Written By Grace

Scaly and Scary

There was a sneaky snake and a gardening dog. The dog was gardening in his garden. He was watering trees then along came a scaly snake and it ate the tree. The snake got fatter and fatter, then the dog killed the snake.

Written By Riley

The Snake and the Dog

One day there was a snake slithering down the path and he saw a dog that was planting a tree. The dog kicked the snake and it did a triple back flip and landed upside down.

Written By Flynn

The Hungry Dog

A very hungry dog was looking for a place to stay. He couldn't find a place to stay so he slept in a tree. That night he fell out of the tree and hurt his head.

Written By Meg

The Watering Can

Once upon a time there was a watering can that got chased all around the world by a dog 50 times. During this time he found a prince and princess who started chasing him. Then he ran into a big forest and found a snake. The snake started chasing him. He ran into a jungle and saw two living trees. The trees started chasing him. Next he ran to a farm and saw a goat. The goat started chasing him. Last he ran to a garden and saw a big caterpillar. He got eaten by them.

Written By Parker

The Dog who Gardened

Once upon a time there was a dog who was gardening. A little caterpillar was running away from a snake because he was trying to eat the caterpillar. The dog tried to trick the snake, but he tricked the caterpillar. "I am sorry", said the dog. Now the caterpillar is dead.

Written By Laurie

The Dog who went Hunting

There was a dog going hunting through some trees and a caterpillar. A caterpillar started getting the dog. Then a snake was getting the caterpillar. The caterpillar went too slow.

Written By Shreesti

Planting a Tree

One day there was a dog who planted a tree. A hungry caterpillar ate the tree. The dog got really angry so he got a snake to guard the new tree, but the snake got eaten. Then the caterpillar ate the tree. The end.

Written By Angus

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Red flags of abuse and how to help!*

7pm

Thursday 7th September 2017
at
Lumsden Memorial Hall Supper Room

No Charge