



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Dear School Friends and Families



Here's an article by Katherine Stone I've shared with parents before, a couple of years ago I think, but having been doing some reading with children this week, I just would just like to reaffirm the huge benefits and importance of reading aloud with children:

7 Reasons Why You MUST Read Aloud To Your Kids At All Ages

Reading to your kids is about so much more than simply helping them learn to read. Here are seven great reasons why you should be obsessed with reading aloud daily to your children, no matter their age:

- 1. It's time spent together.** Reading time is time when you're focusing on no one else and nothing else but them. It's impossible to read to your kid and look at your smartphone or watch TV at the same time. I read to each of my children separately before bed. This lets me spend quality time with them individually. It makes for a longer bedtime ritual, but I don't care because I love it.
- 2. It's a conversation starter.** Books always give us a reason to talk with each other, even if we don't feel like we have anything to talk about. It keeps communication open.
- 3. It's a great way to talk about emotional health.** We talk about the things that happen in the stories, how we would feel if they happened to us, and how we might deal with such events the same or differently. Books have helped me broach topics that I might not have thought to raise if it weren't for the subject matter in the story.
- 4. It's a great way to honour the individuality in your children.** I read different things to my daughter than I do to my son. We go to the bookstore and they pick out books about topics about which they are interested. Through paying attention to what they want to read, I can learn more about what their likes and dislikes are, including what they might want to be when they grow up.
- 5. You can open up new worlds for your kids.** Reading allows you to introduce your kids to things that their school curriculum just doesn't have the time or perhaps even the interest to cover. My son has recently expressed an interest in industrial design, so I'm on a hunt for cool books about the design of cars and about architecture. *Dear publishers: Please publish more books for young readers about these things!! We don't just need stories about zombies and vampires.*
- 6. You get a wealth of information on where your children might need help.** Through reading aloud to my children I've been able to teach them the meaning of words they still didn't understand. They have better vocabularies. They have better comprehension skills and understanding of abstract concepts. I've been able to see when my daughter was ready to read on her own — she started pushing me out of the way and reading the words herself — and also to see if and when she needs help.
- 7. It can lead to a lifelong love of reading in your kids.** If you do it right, by reading like you mean it — which means getting into the story, changing your voice to reflect what is happening and not droning on like you hate what you're reading — your children will learn to love reading on their own.

Reading is awesome, and even better, it's accessible to all through our country's public library system. So please, get out there and read to your babies and, most importantly, don't quit.

Have a good weekend. Don't forget our Clubs Expo next Friday at 12pm if you can make it! Also looking forward to children's song writer and musician, Kath Bee visiting next week for our Duffy assembly. Ngā mihi,



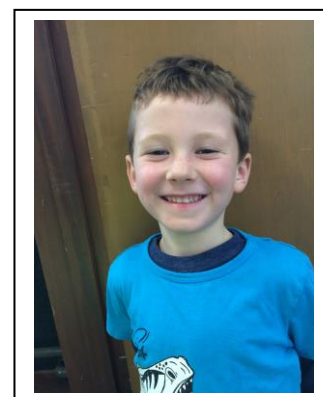
Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
25 School Photos	26 Duffy Role Model Assembly 1.30 pm; FoLS meeting 7.30 pm at Route 6	27	28	29 Clubs Expo 12pm; End of Term 3	30	1 Oct
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Start of Term 4	17	18	19 Northern Golf	20	21	22
23 Labour Day	24	25 Northern Tennis; Share the Road Roadshow	26	27	28	29
30 Tour of Southland Cycle Tour finish at Lumsden approx. 2.40 pm	31 Environment Southland Boat Safety; BOT Meeting	1 Nov	2 Pet Day	3	4	5
6 Room 3 Camp, Dunedin	7	8	9 Room 3 home from Camp	10	11 Cycle and Celebrate	12
13	14 Science Roadshow at NSC	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Touch Rugby sessions with Scott Eade	23	24	25	26
27	28 Touch Rugby sessions with Scott Eade	29	30	1 Dec	2	3
4	5 Room 5 Adventure Day, Invercargill; BOT Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 End of Term 4 at noon	15	16	17

Welcome to School

This week we are pleased to welcome Koby Cuthbertson to Room 1. We hope you enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



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.

School Lawns

Our lawn mowing roster commences this weekend. This involves each school family being contacted in alphabetical order, to mow the small sections of lawn close to the school which aren't part of the contract we have with NSC to do the large field area. With 62 families, it means that you will be contacted only once every couple of years. We appreciate the help with this.

When it's your turn, here are the guidelines to follow;

- Pick up the school mower shed key from the Four Square Supermarket
- Check the mower has fuel and fill from can in shed if necessary. Please let the school know if petrol can is low and we will refill
- Check the map attached to the mower showing which areas to mow
- Catcher loads of grass can be emptied around the back of the school next to the sports container. Wheelbarrow next to shed or in vege garden area available if required
- Top mower up with fuel, when finished and return key to Four Square Supermarket.

The roster for the next 3 weeks is:

- 23/24 September Hoffman Family
- 30/1 October Jamieson Family
- 7/8 October Leach Family

To New NSC Families in 2018

We have been fielding questions about uniform for 2018. We are still waiting on suppliers for the new summer skirts and a couple of other items. We hope to have all of this confirmed early term 4 and will bring all the relevant information when we visit the schools in term 4. Please hold off buying at this stage.

Regards
Mike Newell

Digital Diligence!



Our Digital Learning facilitator Mark Herring spent this Monday working alongside teachers in classrooms, as they learnt about exciting new tools for learning. Here, he is setting up a 'microbit' for Mitchell and Benjamin to use.

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.

School Photos on 25th September

Individual photos will be taken of every pupil at the school. If for any reason you do not want an individual photo taken please let the school or photographer know on the day. The photographer will be here from 8.30 am for those wanting to get a family photo.

Clubs Fun

Thank you to all our parent and community helpers who have made such a range of enjoyable learning opportunities



Walk for Kids

Raising funds and awareness for the Lions Clubs NZ Child Mobility Foundation at Lumsden Recreation Grounds on Sunday 8th October, starts 10.00 am. Entry fee is a donation. Contact Barry Morton ph 248 7087 for more information.

Superstar Cricket Academy

Anyone wanting to register for cricket this season please contact the school office. See previous newsletters for more information.



Winton Athletics Club is holding its opening night for the 2017/18 season on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 5.15pm at the Central Southland College grounds. All new and existing athletes welcome.

