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LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 30 – October 20th 2017

Dear School Friends and Families



I probably shouldn't be saying I had a golf day yesterday, especially as walking around the course with our golfing participants at the Primary Schools Golf Tournament didn't seem too much like work! All three teams represented us very well with their positive sportsmanship and efforts. Thank you very much to Gary Hoffman and Lois Mitchell who guided a team each on the day and to Jason Herrick who came to school along with Gary to help the children prepare for the event.

Hopefully the holidays went well with you all and you managed some good family time. Our family enjoyed catching up with cousins in Nelson. Hard to believe the Christmas marketing machine is cranking up already and the term will be gone in another eight weeks.

On Wednesday I went to a Cycle and Celebrate organising committee meeting. I'd recommend this event to do as a family on November 11: 15km ride from Five Rivers to Lumsden followed by Market day – Lots of stalls, and fun for the kids. Children who are keen and able from our Ngā Putangitangi group will also put on a kapa haka performance. You can go to www.cycleandcelebrate.co.nz to register for the ride.



Speaking of Putangitangi, we have about 30 children entered into this event happening in Invercargill next Friday. It's great to see the enthusiasm and dedication the children (as well as Miss Madden and Miss Mackay!) have for this as they commit their time including lunchtimes to prepare for this.

We're looking forward to the Tour of Southland Road Show visiting us next Wednesday prior to the stage finish in Lumsden on October 30. In keeping with the bike theme, our Bike Track committee has been working steadily in the background towards our goal of opening a top class bike track by the beginning of March next year. Funding is being sought to provide the school with 30 bikes along with helmets for each child, and a secure enclosed storage facility for the bikes. The track will be a tremendous asset not only for the school children but for the wider community.

Staff and Board members are visiting Donovan School in Invercargill next week as we gather ideas for our upcoming property project with the aim of making better, smarter use of the space we have to improve the learning environment. This project will be actioned in stages, beginning next year, along with the installation of a new wood pellet boiler before next winter.



Fantastic to have at least three Touch teams lined up for the competition this term which will be at Mossburn on Tuesday afternoons starting on October 31. Hopefully all the children who signed up for this last term will have brought home a notice on Wednesday – Let us know if we missed you on the list, and we'll get that info to you.

Finally, it's great to have Sarah McLean on board with us as our fifth teacher in the mornings this term. Welcome Sarah!

Have a good (long) weekend. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Labour Day	24	25 Share the Road Roadshow	26	27 School Photo orders due	28	29
30 Tour of Southland Cycle Tour finish at Lumsden approx. 2.40 pm	31 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 FoLS Meeting 7.30 pm at school	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Touch Rugby sessions with Scott Eade; NSC Orientation Day	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

*Start Date for 2018: Tuesday 30th January
Teacher Only Day: Monday 5th February*

Welcome to School

This week we are pleased to welcome Fraser Gill and Peyton Hunt to Room 1. We hope you enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



Financial Contribution for Term 4 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 fourth 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 Photos

These have been sent home with children this week, **please return orders by Friday 27th October.**

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 Lawns

Our lawn mowing roster has now commenced. This involves each school family being rostered 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:

- 21/22 October Lewis Family
- 28/29 October Maclean Family
- 4/5 November Marsh Family

Southland District Libraries present song, dance, stories, and laughter with Mr Yipadee, best-selling children's author.

When: Saturday 28th October, 9.30 – 11.30am at Winton Library
And Saturday 28th October, 1.30 – 3.30pm at Te Anau Library

A high energy show inspiring kids to believe in themselves. Ph Southland District Libraries 0800 732 542 for further details. Gold coin event.

Northern Southland's
"Cycle and Celebrate"
Cycle Race and Market Day

**CYCLE
and
CELEBRATE**

Saturday 11th November 2017
15km bike ride from Five Rivers to Lumsden
11am start for ride & market day

Market Day Face Painting
Cycle Race from Five Rivers Live music

www.cycleandcelebrate.co.nz

Imaginative Writing – Room 1

I think my pencil got up to go in the staffroom and played the guitar, Mr Watson's guitar so he can do guitar lessons. I think he did rock and roll so it would be loud. I think they woke up the teachers - that would be horrible. Then they wouldn't get much energy in the day.

By Cooper

In the holidays I think my rainbow pencils went into different tote trays to find their school. Their school was in Myah's tote tray. They learned to draw yellow piglets.

By Kadeigh

I think my pencil snuck into Koby's pencil case. It got into trouble.

By Chrysler

I think my pencil stole everything in the class and it ruined everyone's tote tray.

By Koby

I think my pencil drew over everything and my pencil went outside to play in the playground.

By Heath

I can colour the plane. The pen was working in the day but I had the book. My pencil painted the paper but I helped draw it.

By Wenzel

I think my pencil draws on paper when I go home. It draws a mess!

By Fraser

I think my pencil draws a Lego man at night time. It is having fun. It draws a Lego house.

By Johnny

I think my pencil draws on the whiteboard. It draws B's on the whiteboard and D's.

By Indy

I think my pencil buys anything and steals money – one and two dollars. At my house with my money it goes to the Four Square and with my money it buys chocolate and a box of chocolates. He eats candy and chocolate and popping candy and more chocolate.

By Kahn

I think my pencil went into all of the girls' tote trays that were there. They drew all over the stuff in the classroom. They thought that it was fun.

By Myah

I think my pencil might go into the teachers' lounge and play Miss Mackay's guitar. It will play loud and wake up the teachers and it might fly when it is playing.

By Sarah

My pencils went into Miss Mackay's guitar case and it got into trouble. A policeman came to get my pencil. I will kick its bottom. My pencil also drew on the sticker charts.

By Hunter

My pencils went to my party and it ate all of my kumara cake. It drew on my bed too.

By Peyton

I think my pencil fed all of my animals. Then it went inside and watched telly.

By Seby