



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



This week we found out that Labour M.P. Chris Hipkins is the new Minister of Education. He certainly comes with a background of wide experience in Education, so there's no argument that he's not up to the job. He has made his policy stance on scrapping National Standards quite clear, wanting teachers to focus on teaching, not testing. It will be interesting to see the pace with which changes occur. Other changes in the wind include provision of more support for children with additional learning needs with more funding for specialists and teacher aides, and increased flexibilities for Communities of Learning. We'll watch, wait, and see.

Speaking of the value of Teacher Aides, as we've reflected on children's progress prior to reports to the Board next Tuesday, one of the significant factors that have made a positive difference is the input of our Teacher Aides – Wendy with the English as a Second language (ESoL) programme and classroom support, Lyn with classroom support and Jen with Literacy Tuition, and Judy with learning and engagement support. We're very fortunate to benefit as a school from the skills and attributes which they all bring.



This week we had the 'Share the Road' team visit us in advance of the Tour of Southland stage finish in Lumsden on Monday. We've been asked to provide two deserving 'Finish Line Ambassadors' for the end of the stage, who have a consistently positive attitude to school and whose friendliness and respect is a great example to others. Blake Clearwater and Ruby Baker have been selected for this role, and will be picked up from school, given a free Share the Road Tee Shirt, and will wave the cyclists in with the checkered flag. The cyclists are due in around 2:30pm, so all things going to plan, we'll have time to watch them come in at the main street and be back in time for buses. Let us know if you would like to meet us there and take your child/children home with you after the finish.

The mention of children being a good example to others reminds me that the Head Boy and Head Girl from Northern Southland College (Shagne Vega & Reuben Kemna) will be visiting us at next week's Duffy Books School Leaders Assembly (Friday 2:30 pm) to bring a positive message about reading.

Touch players have been out practising this week for the upcoming Northern Southland module. This was to start next Tuesday, but Touch Southland have just informed us that due to the timing of some schools being able to organise teams, the first round will now be on November 7. So the children will have an extra week to work on their catching and passing homework with Mum or Dad ☺.



Looking forward to Pet Day next Thursday! It's always an annual highlight, and Mrs Hailes has a great agenda organised. See inside for reminders and info.

Meanwhile, have a good weekend (Spuds planted? ☺). Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Tour of Southland Cycle Tour finish at Lumsden approx. 2.30 pm	31 BOT Meeting	1 Nov Camp Fees due	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 Eileen Ryan, Public Health Nurse here	22 Touch Rugby sessions with Scott Eade; NSC Orientation Day	23	24	25	26
27	28 Touch Rugby sessions with Scott Eade	29 Outreach Singing	30	1 Dec	2	3
4 3-Way Conferences	5 Room 5 Adventure Day, Invercargill; BOT Meeting	6 3-Way Conferences	7	8 Lumsden's Got Talent	9	10
11	12	13 End of Year Ceremony	14 End of Term 4 at noon	15	16	17

Start Date for 2018: Tuesday 30th January

Teacher Only Day: Monday 5th February

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 last week, **please return any orders by Monday at the latest.**

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.

Wahoo!!! We raised \$978 in the last Bidfood fundraiser. All \$\$\$ now for the library book shelves has been raised through fundraising and donations. Thank you to everyone that has supported during the year.

We need more help with the gardens and small jobs around the school. Many hands will make light work off this.

For those that have indicated they would like to help out with the gardens your name has been placed on a garden roster which will run for term 4 and term 1. With 2 planned working bees in term 2 and 3. There will be plenty of notice regarding working bees so families can plan to attend at least 1 a year.

The gardening areas are mainly at the front of the school and the planter boxes, not a big area and mainly just weed pulling and removing dead leaves etc. (approx 30mins). The roster will be in the school newsletter each week. If the month doesn't suit please organise a swap with another family.

Thanks from everyone involved.

Jan

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:

- 28/29 October Maclean Family
- 4/5 November Marsh Family
- 11/12 November McBride Family

Lumsden School Pet Day

Thursday 2nd November 2017
(Postponement Friday 3rd November)

Please make sure your child is organised for Thursday with...

- Their Pet Day diary - If they are bringing a pet - Diary went home today.
- Their bits and pieces for their craft making .

Children will be doing their craft making from 9-10.30am. From 10.30am onwards children will need to get organised with their pet ready for judging at 11am.

Judges this year are...

Lambs/ Calves

Glen Mitchell
Jules Adams

Dogs

Mike Gill
Angus Cowie

Small animals

Louise Lewis

Horses

Amy Hunt

Agri Kids Helpers

Sarah Cooper
Cameron Kerr
Toni McLachlan

BBQ - Please see Carey Cambridge when you arrive.

Bryan Gills McFadzien
Healy Ang Rye Gerken
Adams Collins

If you are able to help with any of these areas this year please let the school office know, it would be great to have some more people to help.

Judges need to be at school by 10.30am for morning tea in the staffroom and a briefing. Judging will commence at 11am.

A reminder that we have a sausage sizzle, with sausages costing \$2, and the Coffee Car will also be here - bring cash!

Thank you to all of you who are able to help on pet day, we really appreciate your support!

Pet Day Craft Activities

Design a t-shirt	Design a Pet Rock	Recycled Creation	Decorated Mask	Decorated Biscuit	Farm Invention
Room 1 Johnny Indy	Room 1 Koby Chrysler	Room 1 Heath Wenzel	Room 1 Fraser Myah	Room 1 Kadeigh Room 4	Room 1 Room 4 Cedric
Room 4 Meg Amelia Olivia Shreesti Tayla	Cooper H Sebastian Hunter Peyton Room 4 Parker	Room 4 Flynn Frank Lewis Oscar Seneli	Sarah Kahn Room 4 Lachie Luigi Lara	Saige Room 5 Tilly Tia Room 3 Maisie M	Angus Room 5 Digby Zoe Ryan Jade
Room 5 Cayden Maisie W Charlie George Sam Abbie	Levi Grace Riley Renae Room 5 Jed Ava	Room 5 Milo Tara Dion Linn	Bella Room 5 Rakau	Harrison M Jamal Andrew Ashley Kadia	Cael Room 3 Jack Mitchell Blake Aayush
Room 3 Isaac Mackenzie Boston Jacob Damin Ruby Dinelli Cameron Hayley	Nicholas Harrison Q-K Room 3 Mitchell Brianah Luke Cooper Arleea Kaina	Benjamin			

Design a t-shirt: Animal theme – Children need to bring along an old t-shirt to decorate / modify. There will be felts and paint for children to use but you will need to bring along any other supplies that you might want to use e.g. buttons, fabric, feathers etc

Design a pet rock – Children will need to bring along a large stone / small rock to decorate. Paint will be available for children to use and some wobbly eyes. You will need to bring along any other supplies that you might want to use e.g. buttons, fabric, feathers etc

Recycled Creation: Animal theme – Children will create an animal out of recycled materials that they have collected e.g. plastic bottles, milk bottle tops, cans, material etc.

Decorated Mask: Animal theme – Children will decorate a mask which reflects an animal of their choice. There will be felts and paint for children to use but you will need to bring along any other supplies that you might want to use.

Decorated biscuit collection: Animal theme – Children will be given 5 plain biscuits to decorate, coloured icing will be provided but children will need to bring along anything else they want to use to decorate their biscuits.

Farm Invention: Children will create a simple invention that could be used on the farm. This could be a drawing and a model or you might like to make it out of materials you find at home. The model can be worked on at home but needs to be assembled at school on the morning of Pet Day.

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

FOOTBALL SOUTH **SOCCER SISTERS**
 WEEKLY PROGRAMME PROVIDING YOUNG FEMALES
 FOOTBALL IN A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Venue: ILT Football Turf
 Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
 Cost: \$50 For all 6 sessions
 Dates: Friday 3rd November - 8th December
 (6 sessions)

REGISTER AT
SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ

CONTACT JACK BOLAND
JACK@SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.CO.NZ

FOOTBALL SOUTH **SOUTHLAND FOOTBALL
 SOCCER SISTERS OPEN DAY**

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TESSA NICOL WILL
 BE RUNNING AN INTRODUCTION TO A WEEKLY SOCCER
 SISTERS PROGRAMME FOR PLAYERS AGED 7-12

When: Tuesday October 31st 5-6 pm
 Where: ILT Football Turf
 Cost: Free
 Who: Any girls aged 7-12 who are new to football or
 are interested in giving it a go.

REGISTER AT
SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
JACK@SOUTHLANDFOOTBALL.ORG.NZ

You are the one that we want.....!

Garston School presents:
 A drive in screening of GREASE.

Athol Rugby Grounds
 25 November 2017

Rock 'n' Roll dress up optional.

Yes it's true! As part of our ongoing fundraising activities Garston School will be hosting a drive in movie night.

As well as the movie screening we will also be providing a BBQ, Refreshments and Bar. There will also be market stalls, bouncy castle and a live band to jive to.

Tickets are \$50 per vehicle (4 or more people) or \$15 per person.

Call Bernie on 027 221 8374 if you would like a ticket.