



# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 35 – December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

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- **Three Way Conferences Appointment Times**

#### Break up Reminders:

- Break up Ceremony Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm at NSC Hall. Please bring a plate.
- School finishes at noon on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – buses will be running.

Please check that all school property including books, vests, etc. are returned by the end of next week. Thank you.



**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

I guess the adage “We’re one day closer to the day it rains” isn’t really much help to those of you farming out there, but at least we know that the probability of rain always increases once holidays start!



It has certainly been great swimming weather, and we’ve really appreciated the help from parents with our supervision ratio at the pool on Monday and Thursday afternoons. They have also have enjoyed excellent skills sessions run by Scott Eade (Touch) and James (Southland Cricket) this week.

A group of seventeen children visited the Idea Services IHC day base in Invercargill on Wednesday to chat and sing with them, with the help of Sarah Lovell from Southland Music Education, who helps schools run Outreach Singing programmes. They then sang at Rose Lodge rest home. It’s very special to see the way in which the children brighten up the day of the people they’re singing with, and the wonderful interaction that goes on. Our involvement in this programme will continue with termly visits to rest homes and day bases next year.

Some of these children will be leading a singalong with the Senior Citizens prior to their meal on Sunday evening at the annual Lumsden Lions Senior Citizens’ Dinner.



Today we will have had a special morning tea organised as an opportunity to thank community members who have come along to the school on an ongoing basis throughout the year to support the children in various ways –Our Bible in Schools teachers, Buddy Readers, and Eric Swift our Green Team mentor. This dedicated support has been much appreciated.

Next Thursday we look forward to our Fun Day, which will include Lumsden’s Got Talent, the Bouncy Castle, and an afternoon disco. See inside for more info. Parents are welcome to come along at any stage.



Prior to this, on Tuesday Room 5 will have enjoyed their very own Adventure Day with Adventure Southland, who will running a confidence and cooperation day with the children based around the ropes course.



Parents of Room 3 and 5 children should have received children’s reports with their newsletter today. These are followed up by Three Way Conferences next week which is a good opportunity for parents to find out more about their children’s learning or for report information to be further clarified. I’ve enjoyed reading about the children’s progress and achievements, and I appreciate the work and time put into these by teachers.

Class structures for next year have been a bit of a changing landscape due to increased predicted enrolments. I hope to be able to let you know how this will look by the end of next week.

Have a good first-official-weekend-of-summer. Hope that the ‘things to do’ bottle neck is not getting too narrow as we hit the Christmas month! Watch this space for an exciting update on the Bike Track (‘Lumsden Bike Park’) next week.



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Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 3-Way Conferences	5 Room 5 Adventure Day, Invercargill; BOT Meeting	6 Year 6 Mitre 10 Tough Kids; 3-Way Conferences	7 Funday, Lumsden's Got Talent/Disco	8	9	10
11	12	13 End of Year Ceremony 7.00 pm	14 End of Term 4 at noon	15	16	17

*Start Date for 2018: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January*

*Teacher Only Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February*

### Welcome to School

We are pleased to welcome Izzy and Jaylyn Kennard. They are both in Room 2 in the mornings.



### Lumsden School FoLS Garden Roster 2017/2018

December	Rye/Marsh Family	Beks Ware	McLachlan Family	Hejzlar Family
January	Jeanna Rodgers	Sheat Family	Yvonne Muilwyk	

The gardening areas are mainly at the front of the school and the planter boxes – mainly just weed pulling and removing dead leaves, etc. (approx. 30 mins).

**NB:** If the month doesn't suit please swap with someone else. Thank you for your support.

### Financial Contribution for Term 4 now due

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 Reminder

**Thanks to those families who have paid their donation for Bible in Schools throughout the year – if you have not already done so could you please send any donations along to school in a named envelope.** The approximate cost for each child is \$7.50. We can then forward these on to the LBK Presbyterian Church who provide the books.

**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.**

### Affco Cash for Schools Programme

Thanks to the support of Castlerock Farming Co. Ltd (David and Julie Thomas, Guy and Vicki Goodeve) and Inverurie Trust (Cameron Kerr and Cindy Quertier) \$163 has recently come to the school. This support is much appreciated.

### Lost Property

Please name your children's clothing – our collection of unclaimed clothing seems to keep growing!

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30 – 10.30 Games and Bouncy Castle

10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea

11.00 – 12.00 Lumsden's Got Talent

12.00 – 12.30 House Game

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

1.30 – 3.00 Afternoon Disco



Parents welcome at any time throughout the day!

## **2017 Annual Parent Survey**

Our annual Parent Survey is almost completed. This is always a great opportunity for the Board of Trustees to receive feedback and ideas about what we are providing for children in terms of their education here at Lumsden School.

If you haven't had a call yet a Board of Trustees member will be phoning you to ask the following questions:

1. What is Lumsden Primary School doing well for your child / children?
2. What do you think Lumsden Primary School can do better for your child / children?

Please consider your answers to these questions and expect to hear from a BoT member in the next week. If you would rather complete this survey online, please copy this link into your web browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DG3V5N7>

We value your feedback and look forward to speaking to you. Thanks to all of you who have already contributed to this survey. The information from the survey will be collated and considered carefully at the first Board meeting in February next year.

## **School Lawns**

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 will be based on fortnightly lawn mowing during the holidays.

The roster for the next 8 weeks is:

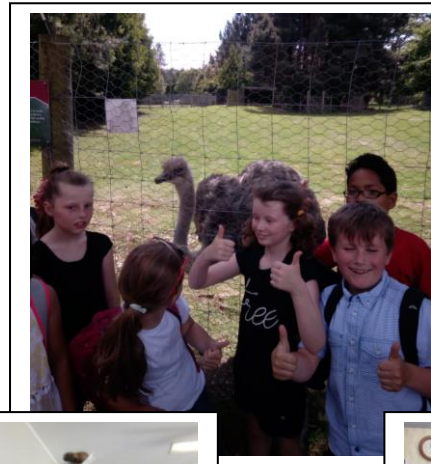
- 9/10 December McLean Family
- 23/24 December Mendoza Family
- 6/7 January Mitchell Family
- 20/21 January Muilwyk Family

## Touch Rugby with Scott Eade

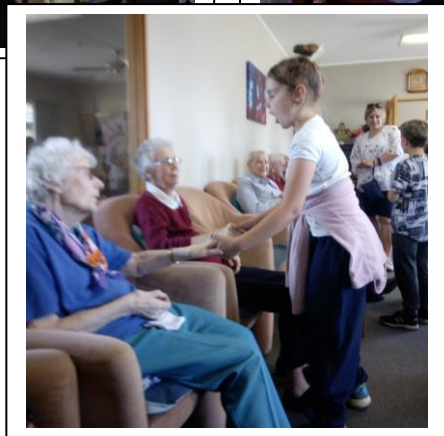


Room 5 children enjoying their skill session with Stags player and Touch representative Scott Eade on Tuesday.

## Outreach Outing



Outreach singers getting to know Rose Lodge residents, Idea Services day base people, (and an emu!) during their outing to Invercargill on Tuesday.



## **MOSSBURN MONTHLY MARKETS**

**When:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 10am – 2pm

**Where:** Mossburn Senior Citizens/RSA Hall, Devon St, Mossburn

**What:** All local made produce including organic, gluten & dairy free foods, hand-made soaps, plants, honey, hand-crafts, baking, meals, preserves, fresh vegetables, eggs, meat, chocolates and much more...including a visit from Santa Claus!

Come for a drive and call in and join us for a Devonshire tea and scone, and get your Christmas shopping or larder sorted!

For further information, or to book a table, please contact Jo on 248 6474 or email: [jolindsay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jolindsay@xtra.co.nz)

**10 FEBRUARY 2018 – to all you 4WD folk, the Mossburn Senior Citizens are holding a 2 Station 4WD Trip exploring the back country of Fairlight and Castlehill Stations. Funds raised will go towards replacing the roof at the Mossburn Senior Citizen Rooms. Keep watching for more info in January 2018 or register your interest at [wyn4dipton@gmail.com](mailto:wyn4dipton@gmail.com)**