



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Dear School Friends and Families



The summer weather certainly proved we can have too much of a good thing as the paddocks got baked, and no doubt all of our farming families in particular are very relieved to see the rain.

Hope the sunshine helped provide enjoyable holiday experiences, though, despite outshining its welcome!

And it was great to see all those shining personalities come back in the gate this week, including 13 new children (see over) who have all been settling in very well. A big welcome to them, along with our new staff members: Mrs Houghton, who is our 5th morning teacher (Year 3, Room 3); Miss Buchan, who is teaching in Room 1 during Miss Maddens ALiM maths teaching, and she is also providing maths tuition with individuals. Miss Buchan, who resides near Lumsden, is attached to our school while she takes on a year of study having finished at Waikoikoi School at the end of last year. We are very fortunate to have both Michelle and Christine on board.



Welcome also to Bailey Burr, who is in her third year of training, and will be working alongside Mrs McMillan as she completes her teaching degree this year, coming for block postings, and on Mondays. Bailey attended Lumsden School once upon a time, so I guess it will have felt strange walking back in the door as 'Miss Burr'!



This newsletter is quite a 'bulletin', with lots to inform you about as we crank up the year, but important stuff to know about. Speaking of sharing information, please note that we want to adopt School Stream as our 'Go to' means of communication with school families. At the moment our communication is a bit fragmented, with Twitter, Facebook, website, newsletter along with School Stream. Our goal is to channel *all* of our alerts, reminders, newsletters through this app, along with consent and return-back forms which you will be able to complete on your smart phone and eliminate the paper hassle. Facebook will be more of a means of celebrating and showcasing school happenings, rather than a 'message' tool. Twitter will be ceased to be used, as quite a few of our parents, particularly Vodafone users are not able to receive the Tweets. See over for the steps to download the School Stream App if you haven't already, and we hope to complete this transition by the end of this term, ideally with every school family on board (with the exception of any who don't have a smart phone).

A reminder that there will be no school for the children on Monday, as all of the teachers participate in our FiNSCoL (Fiordland Northern Southland Community of Learning) professional development day, involving all of the 80-or-so teachers in our group of schools. We have an exciting programme lined up involving STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) with a digital learning focus to provide inspiring and meaningful contexts for children to learn.



For those of you who access bus transport for your children, there is now a new website through which you can access information about your bus route and contact our bus transport manager directly if you have any questions or concerns about the service you are provided with. Please check this out at

www.dome.easybus.nz and enter your name and email address to register for information updates.

Important upcoming events with more details inside include our Cyber Safety day with John Parsons, with a parent information session, and our "Meet and Greet" school family BBQ next Thursday.

Enjoy the four day weekend! Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 Teacher Only Day	6 Waitangi Day	7	8 Meet and Greet 5.00 – 7.00 pm	9 'World Cup' Cricket sessions	10	11
12	13 John Parson Cyber Safety	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Buddy Reading starts; BOT Charter Meeting	21	22	23	24 Rogaine Bike Park Fundraiser	25
26	27 BOT Meeting 7.30 pm	28	1 Mar Mid Dome Athletics	2 Bible-in Schools starts; Bike Track Opening	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Northern Swimming; Duffy Show 1.30 pm	10	11
12 Life Education here	13 Life Education here	14	15 Northern Athletics	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31	1 Apr
2 Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday	4	5	6	7 Southland Athletics	8
9	10	11	12	13 End of Term 1	14	15

Staffing

Teachers will be teaching in the following areas:

• Miss Lana Mackay	New Entrant / Year 1 / 2	Room 4
• Mrs Judi McMillan	Year 2 / 3	Room 5
• Mrs Michelle Houghton	Year 3	Room 3
• Mrs Lauren Hailes	Year 4 / 5 / 6	Room 2
• Miss Chloe Madden	Year 4 / 5 / 6	Room 1
• Mrs Tracey Watson	Release Teacher	Room 2
• Miss Christine Buchan	Release & Support Teacher	

Support staff will be working with individual students as well as providing groups of students with extra learning opportunities as needs arise.

'Friends of Lumsden School' – Bike Track Fundraiser

We need a couple of people to organise and run the BBQ for the Bike track fundraiser Rogaine event on the Saturday 24th February, from 11.00 am till 3.00 pm. Please contact Jan 021 060 3396 or the school if you can help out.

Welcome to New Students & Families

A very special welcome to the following families and children into our school community:

Room One – Xavier Kington, Elri Geldenhuys

Room Two – Sawyer Jones, Samantha Kington, Travis Wise

Room Three – Finlay Jones

Room Four – King Angeles, Laura Gauld, Abbey Jiwan,
Anakin Jones

Room Five – Ashleigh Kington, Charlotte Schwarz,
Mackenzie Forsyth



Swimming Timetable

Our Swim Safe swimming coaching sessions start next week with certified instructor, Ange Rye. Days and times as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		7 th	8 th	9 th
12 th				
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	
26 th	27 th			

12.30 pm – 1.00 pm Room 1 - Year 3-6
1.00 pm - 1.30 pm Room 2 - Year 3-6
1.30 pm – 2.00 pm Room 5 - Year 2/3
2.00 pm - 2.30 pm Room 4 - New Entrants

Parent help during these sessions would be much appreciated. Please contact your child's teacher if you are free and able to assist.

"Homework"

As you're probably aware there are differing views about homework's benefits, or detriments to learning.

As a school we are adopting the word '**Home Learning**' to replace the term 'Homework', because we believe the emphasis needs to be on 'learning' not 'work'.

Of course children have many rich learning experiences out of school, and we do not want enforcement of pen and paper activities to impinge on these. Current research indicates that reading 'mileage' is hugely important, and this is the only 'must do' we ask of our children. Class time will be allocated to the learning of spelling and developing maths knowledge, and children are able to extend this to their home learning as "can do's". The "can do" activities will be encouraged and rewarded but not enforced, as we know that for some children trying to enforce the completion of activities at home, may foster a negative mindset, and create stressful situations at home, particularly if they are tired with other out-of-school involvements.

So expect to see Home Learning come home which involve 'must do' reading, and a range of 'can do' activities which are optional – available for those children who wish to do them.

Feel free to contact your child's teacher should you wish to discuss home learning with them.

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 for the next 4 weeks is:

- 10/11 February McLean Family
- 24/25 February Mendoza Family

Lumsden School FoLS Garden Roster 2018

February	Chan Family	Jordana Norrish	Carrie Adams	Megan Cuthbertson
March	Mitchell Family	Lorie Abella	Hunt Family	Kylie Kennard
April	Annabel Saunders	Sharlie Maglaras	Lewis Family	Janice Kington

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.

South Fuels

Thanks to the continued support of local businesses: Crofty Farm Ltd, Kerr Inverurie Trust, Walling Contracting, and Barford Investments Ltd, we have been allocated another \$1,000 sports or digital hardware package. This support is hugely appreciated. If you are interested in more information about this scheme, go to www.southfuels.co.nz

Superstar Cricket

Next Friday morning James Carr from Cricket Southland will be coming to take the whole school for some Superstar cricket fun activities. After-school Superstar cricket will recommence on Thursdays from February 15th – Signup forms available from school.

Wanted please

If anyone has spare plastic shopping bags please send these along to school. Thanks.

School Information

Please find attached to this newsletter, lots of information. We like to produce our information booklet for all families at the start of each school year. Mostly it serves only as a reminder but it would be very helpful if you could take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with routines and procedures.

The Medical Form (please note we will not require those families new to the school this year to complete another form) and Bus information is very important. Please return as soon as possible.

Financial Contribution

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 first term by the 28th February 2018. Alternatively you may wish to pay the full annual donation as a lump sum before this date. 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).

Please feel free to discuss this with Andrew or Michelle Mitchell (BOT Chairperson 248 7080) if you have any other questions or concerns about this request.

Emergency Contacts

While many families have cellphones we still require the name of at least one other person we can contact in the event of an emergency or illness of your child, who could come and collect your child.

Medical Forms

Please supply us with all necessary information to ensure your child's safety while at school. If your child is an asthmatic we have another form which we will also require you to complete.

If your child requires medication during the school day we are happy to administer it for you but we require you to complete a form giving us authority to do so. Please make contact with us rather than just sending medication along with your child.

All medication must be kept in the Medical Room or the staffroom fridge during the day. Inhalers may not be kept in school bags due to Health and Safety regulations.

Privacy

Please let us know if you do not wish your child's photo to be published in any document publically accessible e.g. newsletter, information book, school website, school facebook page.

Dental Clinic

If you need to contact the Dental Nurse please phone 0800 570 300 or alternatively 248 7699 for the Lumsden Clinic.

School Buses

We would appreciate you completing the form indicating **permanent bus changes** as soon as possible. Please read the information on the procedure for notifying us if your child is not travelling on the bus or intends travelling on another bus. If we have not heard from you we will put your child on the bus as usual.

Please Note: If your child is not a bus passenger on a particular bus, he/she may only travel on a bus with the driver's permission. It is not a right to be able to hop on any bus at any time. All bus companies are happy to help where they can but some buses are extremely full and it is possible that this request will be declined if space / safety become an issue.

School Assembly

School Assembly is held each Friday afternoon in Room 3 at 2.30 – 3.00 pm. We welcome parents, grandparents and community members along to share in this time. It is an important part of our week when we all come together to reflect on the week and share in what each class has been doing. We value it as a time to reinforce our values and attitudes programme and acknowledge our students in a positive way.

We would please ask that parents of preschoolers respect that for many children it is their first time in front of a large audience and often hard to hear. Preschoolers are very welcome but we do need them to be quiet please.

Whole School Athletics Practice

The Mid Dome Athletics are going to be held at Northern Southland College on Thursday the 1st of March. Your child will be training in the age group they will be competing with on the day (Age as at 31st December 2017).

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL WEARING APPROPRIATE RUNNING SHOES AND CLOTHING.

Long trousers are not advised as the grass is often wet with dew in the morning and long pants get very wet.

Please **ensure that your child has footwear that they can put on independently** as teachers don't have time to do up shoelaces in the morning – they will be heading straight out to fitness too.

Jandals and scuffs are not advised as they are not good for running in.

Please contact us if you would be happy to help with coaching athletics.

Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools will commence on Friday 2nd March, from 9.00 – 9.30 am. Please inform your child's teacher in writing if you do not want them to attend. **Please note that school is officially closed during this time and parents are responsible for supervising any children not attending Bible in Schools.**

Brain Food Reminder

A reminder that there is a short break at 10.00 am for the children to have a small, healthy snack (quick and easy to eat- e.g. apple cut up) to keep them energized for their morning's learning. Good examples are fruit, vege sticks, raisins, natural popcorn (not cake and biscuits!). Given that there are a number of children who have allergies to nuts, we suggest nuts are not brought. We are also a 'water only' school and encourage children to bring a full water bottle rather than rely solely on our drinking fountains.

Fonterra Milk for Schools

The school has taken up Fonterra's offer to join this programme however it is entirely voluntary for students to participate. Please advise the school office if you do not wish your child to participate or if they cannot participate because of dairy intolerance and/or allergies.

Newsletter

This is a weekly publication. You are welcome to send notices along that pertain to children/children's events to be printed in the Newsletter.

Please have these to Sharon by **Thursday afternoon or at the latest 9.00 am on Friday morning.**

Sunscreen

If your child is allergic to certain brands of sunscreen please send along a named bottle for your child/ren to use.

Vests/Sunhats

Please check at home to see if you have any extra school vests or sunhats and return any extra to school.



- Keen to join a **fabulous** Early Childhood Centre where children **learn** through their **play**?
- Did you know that Riverstones has **qualified** teachers ready to **inspire** and **nurture** your child/children?
- Open **9am** till **3pm** Monday to Friday in Helena St, Lumsden.
- **20 free** hrs per week for 3-5 year olds. WINZ subsidies available for 0-2 yr olds.
- Ask us, you'll be **amazed** how **affordable** Riverstones can be for most families.
- Either pop in or call Ang Sheat (027) 9182 155 with any queries.

Permanent Bus Change

Child's Name: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate the child's arrangements

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Permanent Bus Change

Child's Name: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate the child's arrangements

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	

Friday

Lumsden School

PERSONAL MEDICAL HISTORY



Child's Name _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cellular: _____

Emergency: 1. Name: _____

2. Name: _____

Number: _____

Number: _____

It is vital we have emergency numbers as we do not have adequate staffing to provide one on one care when your child is ill.

Doctor(s) Name

Phone Number

Address

Medical Conditions: _____

Medication Required: _____

Further Action / Details for an Emergency Situation _____

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that medication held at school is current and staff have been informed of the required use.

Current Medications

All medications/inhalers etc brought to school by a child must be clearly labelled and kept in the Medical Room.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Food Allergies

Other Allergies

1. _____

1. _____

2.	2.
3.	3.

Has your child ever had:

P.T.O.

- Rheumatic Fever
- A heart condition
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Hepatitis A, B, or C
- Asthma

(please circle)

Yes / No
 Yes / No
 Yes / No
 Yes / No
 Yes / No
 Yes / No

Should you child become sick at school with a headache or fever and we are unable to contact you, would you give permission for your child to have Junior Panadol?

Yes / No

Approximate date of most recent tetanus injection

It is the parents/caregiver's responsibility to ensure emergency contact numbers are current. Staffing levels mean children cannot be constantly supervised if required to be in the Sick Bay for any length of time. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure children are safe.

This is a confidential form for school and dental clinic use

Signed _____ (Parent/Caregiver)

Friends of Lumsden School Help List 2018

Below is our list from last year – if you would like to change the area you are helping in please amend form and send back to school. If you are new to the school or your name is not already on the list please add and return to school. It is expected that all families will contribute in some area in order to spread the load.

<u>Catering/BBQ's</u>	<u>Grounds/Garden</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>
Deb Cowie	Lewis	Angus Cowie
Ange Rye	Rye/Marsh	Rye/Marsh
Glenda Chan	Chan	Glen Mitchell
Michelle Mitchell	Mitchell	Maurice Graham
Amelia Duthie	Jeanna Rodgers	McLachlan
Sonya Hoffman	Annabel Saunders	Jules Adams
Naomi Olsen	Jordana Norrish	Harley Ware
Natasha Muir	Sheat	Sharlie Maglaras
Teresa Pullar	McLachlan	Deepthi Adikara
Melissa Palmer	Yvonne Muilwyk	Gabriela Lachova/Lukas
Debbie MacLennan	Carrie Adams	Hejzlar
Kirsty Bryan	Lorie Abella	Kylie Kennard
Jules Adams (BBQ's)	Beks Ware	Jess Wallis and Sam Gauld
Leach	Sharlie Maglaras	
Beks Ware	Wendy Burgess	
Megan Cuthbertson	Gabriela Lachova/Lukas	
Jacky Liu	Hejzlar	
Kylie Kennard	Megan Cuthbertson	
Janice Kington	Simon and Amy Hunt	
Amanda Russell	Kylie Kennard	
Mariette Geldenhuys	Janice Kington	
	Jess Wallis and Sam Gauld	
	Daniel Jones	



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BIKE PARK FUNDRAISER

Burn the rubber **ROGAINE**



FEBRUARY 24 • 11AM START

REGISTER FROM 10AM
3 HR AND 1 HR MTB OR FOOT ROGAINE
LUMSDEN RUGBY GROUNDS

TICKETS \$20

INDIVIDUAL/ TEAM(MAX 4) / FAMILY CATEGORIES
BBQ AND PRIZES



REGISTER AND PAY CASH ON THE DAY OR
PAY AND REGISTER ONLINE PRIOR TO EVENT



MORE DETAILS ON FACEBOOK PAGE



Lumsden School invites you to **our.....Meet and Greet BBQ**



*Bring along the whole family,
something to cook on our big
school BBQ and/or picnic food,
and enjoy catching up with staff,
and other school families*

*It's also a good opportunity to meet and
welcome our new families*

*When: Thursday February 8, 5:00pm –
7:00pm*

*What: BBQ/Picnic, Games for the kids (and
adult kids who'd like to join in!)*

Bring: Food, plates, utensils. BBQ available

