



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Reminder: Download the School Stream app to receive texts and updates

Dear School Friends and Families

What a difference a day makes – It will be interesting to see who takes up the National Party's leadership reins. Speaking of politics, you'll be well aware of the Labour government's scrapping of National Standards. I've enclosed some information about what that means for us as a school, and for families in terms of the achievement information they receive. It will take some time to develop and implement new ways of reporting, and monitoring children's progress, so in the meantime, for the short term anyway, our anniversary reporting will remain the same. I'm hopeful that the ministry of education will be supporting schools with advice and guidance as we develop new systems now that the 'new broom' has taken this major sweep.



Sounds like Isaac's (Room 2) Dad, Gene Marsh 'swept' the field in the Moonshine 50km cycle event last weekend. Congratulations to him for his big win!

We're looking forward to our own cycling 'Rogaine' event next weekend. Check out the promotional video on our Facebook page (Thanks to Sarah Ellix and her group of Year 6 movie stars!). We're grateful to Meridian who will sponsor us with \$4000 towards the Bike Park as a result of this event. See inside for details about participating in this family-friendly fundraiser. We had exciting news last weekend from the Community Trust of Southland who informed us that our funding application had been successful, and they will be contributing \$12000 towards the track! The Bike Park committee meets on Monday to start the implementation of the construction plan for what will be a fantastic community asset.

Unfortunate that we had to postpone Internet Safety expert, John Parson's visit this week due to the weather up North delaying his flights, however, we look forward to his re-scheduled visit on June 19.

A big thanks to Jan McFadzien, Garbriela Lachova and Lukas Hejzlar who came on Saturday to cut back all the growth which was enclosing the dental clinic. They did a terrific job and it's made a huge difference.

We're excited about our school's major professional learning focus this year, which we've been accepted into by the Ministry of Education. It's called Positive Behaviour for learning (PB4L). PB4L looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence and is helping New Zealand schools build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life. It can be tailored to our own school's own environment and cultural needs. It's about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support children to make positive behaviour choices. We'll keep you posted.



Have a good weekend. Looks like lawns are back on the 'to do' list again after the end of the big dry! Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
19	20 Buddy Reading starts; BOT Charter Meeting	21	22	23	24 Rogaine Bike Park Fundraiser	25
26	27 BOT Meeting 7.30 pm; Eileen Ryan Public Health Nurse at school	28	1 Mar Mid Dome Athletics	2 Bible-in Schools starts	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 BOT Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Eileen Ryan Public Health Nurse at school	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

What's going on with National Standards?

The Ministry of Education is working with the education sector to remove National Standards. There is a desire to focus on children's progress and achievement, across the wider curricula, while not forgetting the importance of foundation skills of literacy and numeracy. The change will better acknowledge the different ways and pace at which all children learn, and the progress they are making, no matter how big or small. It will also support teachers to provide more learning opportunities based on what your child already knows and can do.

What will this mean for my child?

- Removing National Standards won't interrupt your child's day-to-day learning. However, you may start to see changes in the reports you receive on their progress and achievement.
- While it is important to know how well they are achieving in the different learning areas, we all progress at different rates and start from different places.
- We want you to be able to see the progress they're making, no matter how big or small, so that teachers, and whānau support young people in taking the next step in their learning journey.
- So that you get this important information, teachers will continue to assess your child learning, across all areas of the curriculum

How will I know how my child is doing in the interim?

- The school will continue to report to you on your child's progress and achievement. *However, we are not required to use National Standards to do so.*
- You will continue to receive reports, at least twice a year, on your child's progress and achievement.
- The reports you receive should help you understand how your child is progressing, what steps the school is taking if your child isn't progressing as well as they could, and what you can do to support your child's education at home.
- You can talk with the school if you want to know more about our approach to reporting. You can also talk to the school about what you would like to be included in school reports, as they are for parents and should provide you with the information you need to understand how your child is doing and how you can help.

Welcome to School

This week we are pleased to welcome Briar Drummond and Tate Schwarz to Room 4. We hope you both enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



Swimming Timetable

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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.

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 few weeks is:

- 24/25 February Mendoza Family
- 10/11 March Mitchell 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.

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.

Mid Dome Athletics

This is coming up on Thursday 1st March. It would be great if you were able to keep this day free in your diaries. We will be relying on lots of parent help to make this day successful. More information coming out next week.

Bus Transport Information

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



Wanted please

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

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.

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.**

A poster for the Mossburn Netball Club. On the left is a black and white photo of a netball player in a dark jersey with the number 17, holding a netball above her head. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'MOSSBURN NETBALL CLUB' in large bold letters, followed by 'Trials at Mossburn Complex' in a dark box. Below this, it lists: 'Senior Trials: Wednesday 21 February, 7.30pm', 'High School and above: Tuesday 27 February, 7.30pm', and 'Junior Trials: Tuesday 6 March, 4pm'. At the bottom, it says 'Enquiries to Nicole Sharp: 027-866-3972'. A small vertical number '021814602245' is on the far right.

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An advertisement for the Parenting Helpline. It has a blue and white color scheme. The title 'Parenting Helpline' is in large orange letters. Below it, in smaller text, is 'get support, advice and practical strategies'. To the right, a light blue speech bubble contains the text 'we can help with any of your parenting concerns'. Below the main text, it says 'Call 0800 568 856' and '9am - 9pm Monday to Sunday'. At the bottom left is the website 'www.parenthelp.org.nz'. At the bottom right is the 'Parent Help' logo with the tagline 'For Parents and Family Support'.

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How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device



- 1 From your mobile device go to the **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** OR **Google Play (Android)** search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
- 2 Make sure you agree to **push notifications**
- 3 Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school

For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download

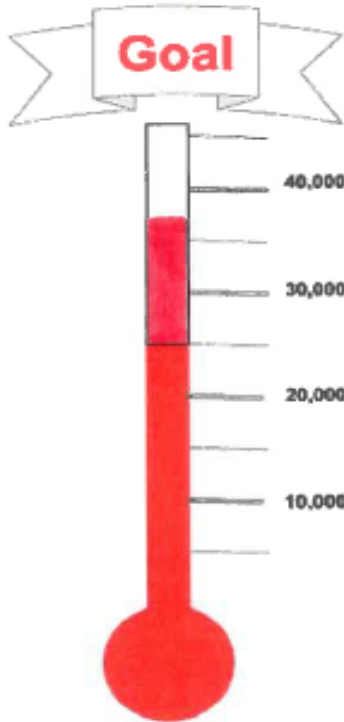


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Lumsden Bike Park Update



Please like and share the Lumsden Bike Park Facebook page. This page will keep you up to date with the developments on the bike park and you'll find a link on there to register for the Meridian Rogaine Fundraiser. All online entries will receive a goodie bag. The Rogaine event idea was developed by Jan Mcfadzien and she has put together some information on what exactly a Rogaine is.....



What is Rogaine?

Rogaining is the sport of short or long distance cross-country navigation in which teams visit as many checkpoints as possible in the time chosen. Usually teams travel entirely on foot, navigating by map and compass between checkpoints in terrain that varies from open farmland to steep hilly bushclad countryside. Teams must stick together.

Anyone from elite athletes to families, children and grandparents can share the satisfaction that comes from cross-country navigation. Teams will range from all levels of fitness and enter either the 1hr or 3hr challenge. There are no set routes and teams can choose to go after whichever checkpoints they want, but must return to base before time is up.

What happens on the day?

The planning of your route begins 1 hour (10 am maps available) before the start of the event.

You are provided with a map with all the checkpoint locations marked on it and a description of each checkpoint and its point value. You choose your own route to get whatever checkpoints you want but the idea is to maximise the total point value obtained.

You need to make sure that you get back before the time limit expires as there are hefty point penalties for being late. 10 points per minute late or part thereof. At each checkpoint there is a orange A5 piece of weather proof paper with a code on it. The code must be recorded in the appropriate number on your score card related to the location on your map; this proves you have been to the checkpoint.

*Rogaining is a team sport and the team **MUST** stay together at all times.*

Lumsden Rugby/Rippa 2018

Please indicate whether your child would like to play Rugby or Rippa this coming rugby season. There is normally 1 practice during the week and games are played on a Saturday.

Dates and venues still to be confirmed.

Name

Age



Yes / No my child would like to play rugby this 2018 season

Please return to the office by **Monday 19th February** as we need to know numbers to sort teams.

For further info, please contact David McFadzien 027 224 0114.