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For Sale: We have a vacuum pack of sliced ham left over from FoLS catering, valued at \$50 – please contact the school if you would like to purchase (can be split into smaller packs). Thanks.




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

LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 6 – March 9th 2018

Dear School Friends and Families

I'd like to share 10 of the 100 reasons why I've enjoyed my job this week:

1. We have 96 children in the school. 96 of them have unique, wonderful personalities. 
2. The teachers have been excited about new stuff they've been learning and using in the classroom. Their collaboration in helping each other try new things is fantastic.
3. We have awesome new children, who have all brought more starshine into the school.
4. When I have walked through the classrooms and talked with the kids, there has been a very positive 'learning vibe' in every classroom.
5. Six children have come to my office to receive Principal's Awards for their work. The pride they took in their work was heart-warming.
6. The Ministry of Education confirmed we will have \$7500 to support our Positive Behaviour for Learning programme focus this year.
7. I had chops for lunch one day.
8. Seeing the pleasure our group of ESoL learners have taken in creating their Chinese New Year dragons with Wendy
9. The Charter has been finished and sent to the Ministry of Education (and I didn't have to report to them on National Standards Data).
10. I learnt how to set up and use Google Calendars for different groups (Thanks Mrs Hailes!)

Ten things I'm looking forward to next week:

1. Life Ed truck coming with Harold and Teresa aboard
2. Meeting with the Year 6 Leaders to plan some events
3. Interviewing for Across-School Teacher roles for FINSCoL (Community of Learning)
4. Helping our Northern Athletes prepare for their events
5. Northern Athletics (Thursday). We have the most qualifiers (32) at least within the eight years I've been at Lumsden
6. Planning an after-school guitar club (More about that later!)
7. Freddie, Digby, Xanthe Maisie and Tilly sharing the adventure stories about their Dads' amazing Godzone feat
8. Hearing the amazing voices again at Kapa Haka practice
9. Hearing about today's Duffy Show was, and how the Literacy Quiz teams got on, while I was at Northern Swimming
10. Learning more about the new 'Epic' learning app the children are using



Have a good weekend – At least ten things to look forward to for you I hope! Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 Life Education here	13 Life Education here	14	15 Northern Athletics	16	17	18
19	20 BOT Meeting	21 Netball session with Steel at NSC; Green Team – Curio Bay Trip	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 S'land Swimming Champs
9	10	11	12 Duffy Role Model Assembly 9.30 am	13 End of Term 1	14	15

Welcome to School

This week we are pleased to welcome Elsie Selbie, and Sarah and Rebekah Wilson to Lumsden School. Elsie has joined Room 4, Sarah is in Room 1 and Rebekah is in Room 2.



BOT Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the Lumsden School Board of Trustees. We are very grateful to the input Harley Ware has had, particularly in his Property role – Harley has resigned given the very full 'plate' he has at present.

This is to call for Expressions of Interest from any of our parents who may be interested in being part of this governance team. Please contact the office if you would like more information about what's involved with being a Board of Trustee member. Feel free also to contact Andrew (021 248 7474) or Board Chair Michelle Mitchell (027 312 3032) if you would like to discuss the role.

As a school trustee, parents have a very important and exciting role in providing an environment for the delivery of quality educational outcomes for our children. We look forward to hearing from any of you who may wish to help make this rewarding contribution to our school.

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 couple of weeks is:

- 17/18 March Muilwyk Family
- 24/25 March Muir Family

Lumsden School FoLS – Garden Roster 2018

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 as soon as possible. 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.

Bus Transport Information for all Families whose Children travel by bus

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.



Bible in Schools Reminder

Bible in Schools started today 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.**

School Stream App Reminder

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 below 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).

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

Balfour School's
Trail Ride & Hill Climb
Yamaha **agricentre's**

Saturday 17 March 2018

2 x 50 Km Trails with Enduro loops and Hill Climbs
Plus a 15 Km Junior Loop.



Registrations from
8-10AM

Hill Climb starting at 4:30pm
Awesome prizes up for grabs from
Yamaha **agricentre**
Stay on to have a go or watch the carnage

Entry Costs: (includes lunch)
Hill Climb \$10 Senior \$50 Junior (15 & Under) \$25 Peewee Track \$1

**SIGNS FROM BALFOUR & LUMSDEN
DAVE & EMMA BAKER'S PROPERTY
545 TOMOGALAK RD, BALFOUR**



YAMAHA
Revs Your Heart

Check out Facebook Balfour School Trail Ride & Hillclimb for updates.
Or for more information Ring Lyndon Duff 0274368640

Small Stick Hockey 2018

Anyone interested in playing hockey or for more info can register at,
<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/50094>

Winton Football Club Inc

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 8pm at Winton's Middle Pub**. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Wendy at wendyboniface@slingshot.co.nz or 2217 417 or 027 427 0447.