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

# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 7 – March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear School Friends and Families



Teresa Wallace, the Life Education teacher, has a very special way with kids, and it was great to see the children's engagement in the programme provided for them this week within the Life Truck's high tech and learning-rich environment. Hopefully it helped to give the children good understandings about their uniqueness and their growth and change, and will help you to engage in discussions with them at home about this too.

Our Northern swimmers competed very well last Friday at the Lumsden Pool. Congratulations to place-getters Cooper Leach (2<sup>nd</sup> 10 yr backstroke and freestyle), Ava Leach (2<sup>nd</sup> 9 yr backstroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> freestyle), and Benjamin Rodgers-Foran (2<sup>nd</sup> 10 yr breaststroke, medley and 3<sup>rd</sup> freestyle). Ryan Hansen did very well to reach finals for his freestyle and backstroke events.

Great efforts and achievements shown, too, at the Northern Athletics Sports on Thursday. Fortunately, the weather did its part allowing the children to shine in their various events and it was great to see so many parents who were able to come and support them too. Big congratulations to the children who have qualified for Southland on April 7. Full results next week.

Judging by conversations with the children about the Duffy Show last week, it was not only very entertaining, but also had very positive messages about reading and about kindness too. Apparently the actors hadn't been to a school before where the children had sung the Duffy Song complete with actions, and they enjoyed learning these from the children.



Children from Rooms one and two enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the Kids Lit competition last Friday. Lots of tough questions, but a good collaborative learning experience which will hopefully fuel their appetites for reading even more.

The Sports and House Leaders are busy organising a House Relay competition at the moment which will be an exciting Shield contest next week. And the Green team leaders have made an enthusiastic start to the Vege garden area, with great support from Josie Blackshaw (Thanks Josie!).



I'm keen to start up a Guitar Club on Wednesdays after school from Term 2 onwards, 3:15 until 4, for any Year 3-6 children interested in learning some basic chords and songs to hopefully foster an interest and enjoyment in Music. Interested children will bring home a sheet today with further information and a send-back form.

It has been great to have had some enquiries about the Board of Trustees parent rep vacancy. We would welcome any further expressions of interest from any parents before next Friday (March 23). It would be good for the Board to have these in mind while they consider the next steps for filling this vacancy at their next meeting on March 27.



Amazing effort by two of our parents, Glen Mitchell and Simon Saunders, members of the only rookie team to have completed the gruelling

Godzone event within all the transition cut-off times, and finishing 22<sup>nd</sup> out of about 100 teams. I bet their beds never felt so good when they got home!

Have a good weekend. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
19	20	21 Netball session with Steel at NSC; Green Team – Curio Bay Trip	22	23	24	25
26	27 BOT Meeting; 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
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Start of Term 2	1 May	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 BOT Meeting	16 'Kokako's Song' Puppet Show 2.00pm	17	18	19	20

### **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.

### **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.

## 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

<b>March</b>	Mitchell Family	Lorie Abella	Hunt Family	Kylie Kennard
<b>April</b>	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.

## 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](http://www.dome.easybus.nz) and enter your name and email address to register for information updates.



## Bible in Schools Reminder

Bible in Schools has now started from 9.00 – 9.30 am on a Friday. 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. Go to [schoolstream.com.au/download](http://schoolstream.com.au/download) 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).

**Lumsden Maternity Centre Community Meeting Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm** at the Lumsden Memorial Hall. The SDHB have announced they will no longer fund birthing or post natal care at Lumsden maternity. Our current contract runs until the end of September 2018. The SDHB has agreed to come to the meeting discuss what a hub will look like for Lumsden. It is essential we have strong attendance at the meeting to show we need to keep Lumsden Maternity facility open. For more details refer to the Lumsden Maternity Facebook page.

## **The Wolf**

The wolf lives in a dark and scary cave and you can see lots of baskets on the ground and it is a pigsty, in the basket you can see leftover crumbs.

He is small, smelly and his fur is like concrete. He has blood dripping from his teeth and has chicken bones in his fur. Mr Wolf is so ugly that he will break your face in half.

Mr Wolf is very sneaky, in fact Grandma was tricked by Mr Wolf dressed up as Little Red Riding Hood. He can seem kind but it is usually when he wants something.

He is very speedy especially when he is setting up his traps.

When his trap is set he hangs behind bushes and peers out and looks creepy!!!!!!

By Travis Wise

### **Mr Wolf**

In the deepest darkest part of the woods where no one would go even if they could, lived the big bad Mr wolf you must always keep away from the wolf.

At the very top of an old oak tree where the famous Mr wolf might just be  
Was a gloomy mossy broken down tree house, where you wouldn't even see a little brown  
barn mouse

Hanging from the tall skinny tree, was a ladder, well at least it used to be  
It was covered in a vine and hanging by one string of twine.

His fur covered body as dark as night, his razor sharp claws ready to fight. With his drooling mouth hidden behind rows of sharp teeth and a promising smile, you could have had a good time with him but just for a while.

He will come sneaking along and won't put a foot wrong. He is smart and wise and when you meet him you are in for a big surprise.

He will look for a chance, and then he will prance. Putting his plan into action you'll have no time for a reaction. With his sleek green eyes meant for seeking, he will eat you up when you're alive and weeping.

See you later alligator, but let me tell you, only one in a few get past without being turned into stew.

By Maisie Mitchell - Year 6

### **The Big Bad Wolf**

Deep in the darkest corner in the woods where the tallest pine trees grow, where no one would ever dare to enter, lives the big bad wolf. On a floor of bones with walls of sheep skin. His cottage is horrendously ugly.

His coat is smoke grey, his teeth like the yellowest sun, his eyes ash black. Mr Wolf's claws are dirt brown, he is as fat as your house from overeating. He has blood all down his front.

Mr Wolf is cunning and patient, a vicious and cruel beast. Infinity times scarier than Goosebumps. He prepares his own feast. A brave creator daring and sadly real.

He creeps through the forest sneakily. Quick to grab things especially chicken. Mr Wolf leaps into action when he hears a cockadoodledo or a voice. He dashes through the woods, he climbs trees and cleans himself with egg whites. And of course eats the yolks.

You will never see the wolf twice and if you do you're the world's best runner by miles.

By Samantha Kington