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LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 8 – March 23rd 2018

Dear School Friends and Families



Looking out the window at a very nice new flag as I write this – Thank you to Jamie Cooper who has walked past the old wind-ripped one every day on his way to and from work, who kindly donated this to us 😊.

Congratulations to those children who will represent Northern at the Southland Athletics on 7th April. As far as I'm aware, this is the largest group of children from Lumsden who have qualified at this level – Well done to them all. Thanks to Mariette Geldenhuys (Elri's Mum), who is coming to school on Wednesday afternoons to help the children train and prepare for their events. See over for a full list of Northern place-getters.

Best wishes too, to Northern Swimming stars Benjamin Rodgers-Foran, Cooper and Ava Leach who will be competing in the Southland Primary Schools Swimming Sports on 8th April.

Kapa haka practices are in full swing for the year now, with the children quickly picking up on working towards the high standards that have been to source of much school pride in recent years. We would welcome any parents along who would like to join in along with the children and teachers. Practices are at 2:30pm on Wednesdays, and it would be a great opportunity for children and adults to enjoy this learning experience together, with the expert guidance of Miss Madden.



Speaking of Miss Madden, congratulations to her for being recently appointed to an 'Across Teacher' role for our Community of Learning. This will involve working with teachers across the nine FiNSCoL schools to help put plans into action for meeting our Achievement Challenges. Chloe will be co-working with Jennah Hughes from Fiordland College who has been appointed as the other Across School Teacher. The equivalent of a day per week classroom release time is given to this role, and we are very pleased that Tracey Watson will be covering this teaching time, which will mean that children will enjoy continuity of learning, as Tracey already covers Mrs Hailes' release, and both classes run a parallel programme.



Once again we are extremely grateful to the following farms and businesses who have sponsored the school through the Southfuels Fuel for Schools programme: Walling Contracting, Crofty Farm, Kerr Inverurie Trust, and Barford Investments. This support has resulted in another \$1000 technology package – A 45 inch monitor which will be used with chrome cast for presentations and professional learning and development sessions.

We are pleased to have had some expressions of interest from parents who are interested in the vacant BoT parent rep position. We are hoping that this position may be filled before the end of the term.

The children are certainly enjoying their new 'in bounds' playing area – The plantation at the end of the field has been limbed and tidied in preparation for Bike Track construction, and we are grateful for all Jules Adams' tractor work, along with the help of Bike Park Committee parents who came for a tidy-up working bee on Saturday.

Great to see such huge community support, getting behind the campaign to keep the Lumsden Maternity Centre from being downgraded. Hopefully such strong community voice will not fall on deaf ears, and good sense will prevail.



Have a good weekend. Ngā Mihi,
Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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

Parent Donations

We are extremely appreciative of the support given to the school via parent donations to help us provide high quality learning experiences for our children.

This is to let you know the high degree of benefits which these donations have, in terms of enabling the school to meet children's needs beyond what our Ministry of Education funding allows.

Currently, without other funding streams such as fundraising, parent donations, grants, and sponsorship, we would be operating under a significant funding deficit. For example, our current roll of 96 children only entitles us to four teachers under ministry entitlement. If we relied on ministry funding only, our senior class sizes would have close to 30 children. Through other funding streams we have been able to keep class sizes down through the employment of a fifth teacher, giving the children much better conditions for learning.

We have also been able to provide high quality resources, such as ready access to technology for children to support and enrich their learning, which our MOE operations grant does not stretch to. Special programmes, such as Duffy Books in Homes, and visiting performers, are also able to be budgeted for, thanks to external funding streams.

In summary, your donations contribute significantly to Lumsden School being able to sustain and improve a high standard of teaching and learning conditions for our children.

With thanks,
Andrew

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:

- 24/25 March Muir Family
- 31 March/1 April Munro 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.

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 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).

Southland Athletics

The following children will be off to attend the Southland Athletics Sports on April 7th, having placed first or second in their events at Northern: Digby Saunders, Arleea Hoffman, Zoe Munro, Travis Wise, Elri Geldenhuys, and Maisie Mitchell. Tia Ware and Cooper Leach will also be competing in Northern Relay Teams. See below for a full list of Northern place-getters.

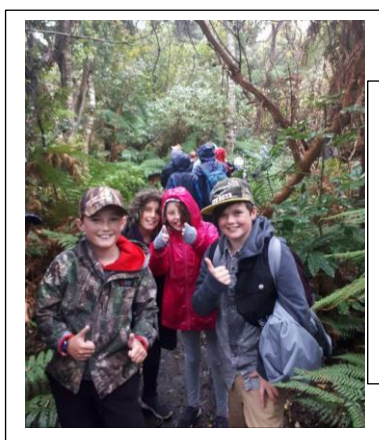
Name	Northern Athletics Placing
Digby Saunders	2 nd 60m, 2 nd 100m
Benjamin Rodgers-Foran	3 rd 100m, 3 rd 200m, 3 rd 800m,
Arleea Hoffman	1 st High Jump, 3 rd Long Jump
Zoe Munro	2 nd Shot Put
Cooper Leach	3 rd 200m, 3 rd 1500m, 3 rd Long Jump
Travis Wise	2 nd 800m
Elri Geldenhuys	1 st 100m, 1 st 200m, 1 st Long Jump, 1 st Discus, 1 st Shot Put
Maisie Mitchell	2 nd High Jump, 2 nd Shot Put, 3 rd 1500m, 3 rd Discus

Thanks for the Support!

Stefan Cooper from Southfuels dropped off our new 49" Panasonic Smart TV this week. Thanks to all the businesses and families supporting the programme.



Green Team Visit to Curio Bay



Green Team members Andrew, Blake, Izzy B and Hayley attended the Southland Enviro Schools Hui on Wednesday and had a great time. It was awesome having Kyle Clearwater supporting them. Curio Bay gave them an opportunity to see a wide range of coastal plants, animals and learn about the region.

Lumsden Rugby/ Rippa

Rugby/ Rippa practice will begin on Wednesday 28th March 3.15 pm school sport fields. Uniforms will be handed out, as well as registering all players.

B Grade players will have to travel to Balfour rugby grounds for practice on Wednesday as Lumsden will be joining with Balfour due to low numbers. Practice starts at 3pm.

Fees are \$25 includes mouth guard.

First game is Saturday 7th April. No games during the holidays

Any queries feel free to ring me

David McFadzien 027 224 0114

C Grade players (2nd year tackle) practice will begin on Wednesday 28th March 3.30 pm at Lumsden School. First game on Saturday 7th April.

Any queries phone Ian Ussher 027 681 0418.

Writers Club

Lumsden School has started a lunchtime writers club which meets each Tuesday lunchtime. The aim of this is to encourage young writers in our school and keep our school community up to date with events that have happened in our school. Watch this space!

Lumsden School Times Breaking News!

The Southland Steel have taken a visit to Lumsden to teach some lucky girls some ball skills and games.

Steel players Abby Erwood and Te Huinga ran the session with the year 4-6 girls from Lumsden School and students from NSC. "It was awesome!" said 8 year old Tara Stuart from Room 2. "It was a great experience, I loved it" said 10 year old Elri Geldenhuys from Room 1. "I loved the opportunity to test out skills" said 8 year old Tia Ware from Room 1. It was an active work out with your ball skills and our passing" said 10 year old Arleea Hoffman from Room 2. It is fair to say the girls all enjoyed the experience of meeting some Southern Steel players and learning new skills.

We would like to thank Abby Erwood & Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit for taking us.

Written by: Maisie Mitchell & Ava Leach - *Writers Club*



Northern Athletics Action



Thanks to Jeanna for the photos.



FiNSCoL News Update March 2018

*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress,
and working together is success." Henry Ford*

- **Professional Development**

On 5 February 2018 we met at Northern Southland College for our first Professional Development session with all teachers from FiNSCoL. Four facilitators from Using Technology Better ran interactive workshops to help us learn about exciting contexts for learning, relevant to all teachers. It was a very successful day, by the end of which staff all had some great takeaways to apply to their own contexts/situations. Staff were asked to consider two questions over the course of the day: 1. Where are some of the deliberate acts of teaching I can take back to my class/es? 2. Where are the literacy opportunities from each of the workshops I have attended? Several of our staff are already experimenting in their own classrooms with what they learned from this session.

We have submitted a PLD plan to the Ministry and Andrew has been working with Mike Reading to lock dates for PD opportunities into place. Principals all have a copy of that plan.

- **Achievement Challenges**

Our Achievement Challenges were approved on 15 December 2017. We have identified four challenges for FiNSCoL schools.

1. Tier 1 ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE 1:

To raise achievement of boys in Writing at all levels in our schools

2. Tier 1 ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE 2:

To raise the mathematical achievement of students in our schools with a particular focus on Years 5 – 7, and Years 1 – 8 Māori students.

3. Tier 2 ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE 3:

To raise the achievement of students at identified Transition Points

4. Tier 2 ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE 4:

To raise achievement in Literacy for all students through a focus on enriching contextualised learning

Individual schools have ensured that these challenges are embedded in their individual Annual and Strategic Planning documents.

- **Stewardship Group**

This governance group will oversee and support FiNSCoL's direction and progress. Since our Newsletter last year the Stewardship group has been formed. Members of the Group are Lynlee Smith and Andrew Watson (Co-Lead Principals), Grant Excell (Principal of Te Anau School), Robert Kempthorne (Mararoa School BoT) and Lisa Elder (Mossburn School BoT, who unfortunately has had to resign due to moving from the district). We are anticipating appointing a replacement for Lisa in the very near future. The first duty for the Stewardship Group was to make the appointments of our ASTs. Meetings will be 2-4 times a year.

- **Across- School Teacher Appointments**

Since our last Newsletter Ministry of Education approval for an alternative AST model has been granted. We are very encouraged by this as it means that we have been able to appoint two .02 ASTs. Job descriptions were sent out to all schools early in December. Applications for these positions closed on Friday 16 February. Interviews took place on 14 March. It is with pleasure that we can advise you that Mrs Jennah Hughes (Fiordland College) and Miss Chloe Madden (Lumsden School) have been appointed Co-ASTs.

- **Within School Teacher Appointments**

With increased rolls in a number of our FiNSCoL schools in 2018 the Within School Teachers (WST) allocation has moved from 7 to 8. Now that AST appointments have been made we will be making WST appointments, however, there is some work to still do around the criteria for those appointments. The aim is to have all Kāhui Ako appointments made and to be ready to start working together on our Achievement Challenges early in Term 2.

- **Early Childhood Liaison**

Andrew and Lynlee were invited to attend and speak at an ECE Hui in Mossburn on 26 February. The topic of the Hui was Strengthening Pathways to School - Developing the Pathway. The Ministry of Education has contracted InterLEAD Consultants, Angela O'Connor and Judith Price to support the ECE Services in the Fiordland, Northern Southland Kāhui Ako to develop a collaborative working group which will enable them to be active members of the Kāhui Ako. The group gave a presentation highlighting the ECE Curriculum, Te Whariki, and the learning that is valued in ECE. We are waiting to hear from ECE centres as to whether they wish to work with FiNSCoL and if so, who will represent them on the Principals' committee. We look forward to identifying the way forward for ECE services to work collaboratively with our schools to strengthen children's learning pathways from birth to 18 years.

- **CoL Lead Principal and AST Meeting in Milton**

Andrew and Lynlee attended a meeting with Lead Principals and ASTs in Milton on 13 February. The main focus was on culturally responsive practices in our schools. Key speakers for the day were

- **Expert Partner**

On 28 February Andrew and Lynlee met with Steve Edwards to plan next steps for the Kāhui Ako and to discuss and plan induction for our newly appointed ASTs.

- **Emerging Leaders**

We are very excited to announce that FiNSCoL has been accepted for the Emerging Leaders PLD pilot (one of only 3 Kāhui Ako to have been selected.)

The pilot is part of an attempt to develop a new way of growing leadership in our system, as new roles have formed in the CoL| Kāhui Ako setting. These are the CoL| Kāhui Ako Lead Principal, ASTs and WSTs. Traditionally we have developed teachers and aspiring leaders to become Principals. The scope for developing leadership is changing, and we need to respond to the challenge of how to prepare teachers for leadership regardless of their role.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) has contracted Evaluation Associates Ltd to develop a concept plan for how they will help Kāhui Ako to identify Emerging Leaders and how they will provide tailored professional development of these emerging leaders. Janelle Stevenson of Evaluation Associates will work with us as they trial their plan within FiNSCoL. The pilot will run from 4 April 2018 until 10 December 2018.

If any of these news snippets have raised questions or ideas in your mind, please make a time to discuss them with your principal.

Ngā mihi
Lynlee Smith and Andrew Watson
Co-Lead Principals