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- Download the School Stream app to receive texts and updates
- For Bus transport information go to www.dome.easybus.nz

LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 9 –April 6th 2018

Dear School Friends and Families



Exciting times ahead with property project planning now in the Design stage. Stage 1, which will hopefully begin later this year involves the renovation of the 'Art Bays' to become multi-purpose learning spaces; the corridor will undergo a major upgrade to include interior windows and glass doors along the interior classroom walls to provide good light and visibility for children using it as a learning space. The messy bag hooks and shelves will be gone, to be replaced with bag cubby holes elsewhere, and new carpet and wall fabric will provide a fresh new environment which can be used for learning, as opposed to just a thoroughfare and bag storage area as it is currently.

Stage 2 will involve covering over the veranda area in line with the front corners of the school to allow an extra non weather-dependent space for a range of activities, and covering over the courtyard area outside the Junior classrooms (Rooms 4 and 5) which can be set up for play-based learning activities.

Another project in the pipeline is the new wood pellet boiler, which is now unlikely to be installed before this winter, but definitely before next year's winter.

The other exciting news (which you hopefully will have received from schoolbags yesterday!) is the increase in staffing we're able to implement from the start of next term due to our roll growth. The benefits to children's learning of having five teachers, keeping our class sizes down, are immense.



A big weekend coming up for some of our children on the sporting front, with Southland Athletics on Saturday, where we have nine competing (see over), and Southland Swimming Sports on Sunday, where Cooper and Ava Leach, along with Benjamin Rodgers-Foran will be swimming. Best wishes to them all as they compete at this high level.



It's not very often you get given a wedding for your birthday, which is what happened to Miss Mackay on Thursday... I'm sure she found the experience a great practice run for the real event coming up in the holidays 😊.

The children did a great job with all their 'secret squirrel' preparations and making the 'ceremony' so entertaining!

Have a great weekend – Quite nice having another one so soon after the last one! Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9	10	11	12 Duffy Role Model Assembly 9.30 am	13 End of Term 1	14	15
16	17	18 Kidsfit holiday programme	19 Kidsfit holiday programme	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
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 NZ Playhouse Performance, NSC	29	30	31	1 June	2	3
4 Queen's Birthday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 John Parsons visit and parent evening	20	21	22	23	24
25 Elgregoe Show 1.40 pm	26	27	28	29	30	1 July
2	3	4	5	6 End of Term 2	7	8

Lumsden School Wedding of the Year!



“Happily married” Miss Mackay with “husband” Vaughan having been married by “celebrants” Ashley Chan and Cooper Leach at school on Thursday.

We wish Lana and Vaughan all the best for the real event on 20th April.



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).

BOT News

Some preliminary work has been carried out by the Board with the help of Trish Gill and Paulette Leach, around the idea of having a school uniform. The next stage in this process is to ascertain the level of support from the school community for a school uniform, when given a rough idea of how this uniform could look. This will be done in the form of a survey attached to the school newsletter at the beginning of Term 2, so look out for this, and please be prepared to give some feedback around this.

Big congratulations from the Board to Chloe, for her new role as Across School Teacher for FINSOL. A great achievement and an exciting new challenge!

The Board would like to thank everyone for the feedback that they gave during the Annual Parent Survey. We have all used your feedback to provide some great next steps for our school. This will be detailed more clearly in next week's newsletter.

Thanks to those who have expressed an interest in being on the Board of Trustees. We will be adding to the 'team' in term 2.

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:

- 7/8 April Norrish Family
- 14/15 April Palmer Family

Lumsden School FoLS – Garden Roster 2018

April	Annabel Saunders	Sharlie Maglaras	Lewis Family	Janice Kington
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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.

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).

Let the Bike Park Begin!

Northern Southland trucks delivering material for the bike park on Thursday.



Good luck Southland Sports Kids!



Children competing at Southland level in the weekend: Maisie, Elri, Arleea, Tia, Zoe, Travis, Digby, Cooper (Athletics); Ava, Benjamin, and Cooper (Swimming).

Reading in Comfort



Room Two children settled on to the new library furniture enjoying their books.

Wanted please

If anyone has small boxes, containers, newspaper, or anything small that can be recycled please send along for Room 3. Many thanks.

Balfour Hockey Club

Hi all it's that time again. By now you will of registered your child through the sporty.co.nz website (if you haven't done this and are wanting your child to play hockey please do it asap).

The season will start

Monday 30th April Year 5&6 in Gore

Friday 2nd May Year 0-4 in Gore

Year 0-2 will no longer be in the stadium we have plenty of room for them on the turf.

Skills Sessions Balfour - These will start on Thursday 5th April:

Year 3-4 3.30-4.30pm; Year 5-6 4.30-5.30pm

At this stage I have opted not to take the 0-2 Yr group after school as found last year this group of kids were quite tired by the time hockey practice began, I am going to take Balfour 0-2yr during a lunch hour and wondered if there was any kind Lumsden parent who was willing to take the 0-2yr group at Lumsden during a lunch hour? Please let me know if you are able to help.

Teams and draws will be emailed out in due course.

Please if there is any parent out there who is willing to take a team on Fridays please let me know.

Any other questions please do not hesitate to contact me

Thanks, Nic Roy 0272334728



Holiday Programme is coming to Lumsden!

KidsFit is offering days of games, drills and sports this April School Holidays



Wednesday 18th April
Thursday 19th April

9am - 3pm
\$35 per child per day

Limited to 16 children per day

Find out more and enrol now at www.KidsFit.co.nz/Holiday