



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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

Dear School Friends and Families

This is an article written by a YMCA summer camp worker which I read recently, and could relate to thinking about my own job. Thought it was worth sharing...

The 10 Best Things About Working With Kids

Because only 5-year-olds could make you laugh until you cry because of a knock-knock joke.

During the summer, I started working at a YMCA summer camp in my hometown. The kids were funny, most of them being outgoing, and had a never-ending supply of energy.

1. Their optimism: No matter what may have happened a few minutes ago, they're already laughing and smiling. Whether it was tripping over a curb or someone taking their ball, it doesn't matter the next day.

2. Their laughs: If you've never heard a 5-year-old's laugh at their camp counsellor making a funny face, you haven't lived. It's infectious in the best way.

3. Losing yourself in your work: You forget the outside world when you work with kids. You could be having the worst day possible, but the work is so involved and in need of your attention at all times that whatever is going on doesn't matter for a little while.

4. The rewarding feeling: You go home every day thinking about the day, the little victories, and things to improve on.

5. No day is ever the same: The second you leave, you think about how maybe you could have done one more round of Poison Dart Frog after lunch or kick yourself because you should have spent more time doing crafts so you could have talked more with them. On the way home, you're already planning for the next day.

6. Helping them up: Seeing a little boy fall and scrape up his knees and elbows is a heart-breaking sight. They burst into tears because, for them, that may be the worst pain they've ever felt. But you pick him right up, dust him off, rinse off the cuts, and tell him how awesome he's being. In an hour or so, it seems like the Band-Aids aren't even there.

7. Seeing them learn: At my camp specifically, we also teach kids how to swim. I watched as a little boy start out the summer being terrified of the water. Near the end of the summer, I watched him jump in the deep end and swim across the entire length of the pool. It was a proud moment for him and I, because I knew that I had helped him achieve that goal.

8. Watching them grow: In just a short few months, campers were already using a bigger vocabulary, moving into the older kids' group, and would proudly show me the teeth they had lost. I forgot how new and exciting everything was when I was younger and it was a great reminder.

9. Realising your impact: I didn't realize my own impact until a parent told my co-workers and me that when they go home, the kids play camp. The camper would pretend to be a counsellor while his younger sibling would be the camper. It was amazing to see him continue to want to be at camp, even when he left.

10. Knowing you will be remembered: The teary-eyed faces of the campers as I was leaving on my last day will forever be stuck in the back of my mind. I know they'll forget all about it when they see me again next summer, but the time between is hard, especially since I enjoyed working with them so much.

Will never take for granted, the privilege it is to be working with our great kids! Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14	15 Nico Porteous visit 10.00 am; BOT Meeting	16 'Kokako's Song' Puppet Show 2.00pm; FoLS meeting 7.30 pm	17	18 Pink Shirt Day; School Uniform Survey forms due back	19	20
21	22 Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Parent Meeting 3.00 pm; "WHYS" Night 7.00 pm	23	24	25 Mid Dome Cross Country, Garston	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 Northern Cross Country, Mararoa	16	17
18	19 John Parsons visit and parent evening	20	21	22	23	24
25 Elgregoe Show 1.40 pm	26 BOT Meeting	27	28	29	30	1 July
2	3	4	5	6 End of Term 2	7	8

Winter Olympics Bronze Medallist to Visit!

Community Co-ordinator, Kim Spencer-McDonald has organised a visit to Northern Southland by Nico Porteous, at no cost to schools through funding secured by the Northern Southland Resource Centre Charitable Trust. Nico will be at Lumsden School at 10.00 am on Tuesday May 15th for 45 minutes, before heading to the College. He will do an interactive presentation, as well as giving the children an opportunity to see his medal. Feel free to join us if you'd like to!

FoLS Meeting

A warm invitation to any parents who would like to attend a FoLS meeting next Wednesday 16th May at 7.30 pm, at school.

On the Radar for Parents

- **Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information Session**
An opportunity for parents to come and find out about our Keeping Ourselves Safe programme with Constable Marty Lowrey on Tuesday 22nd May, 3.00 pm.
- **"WHYS" Night**
Parents are warmly invited to come into school and find out more about our PB4L Journey (Positive Behaviour for Learning), which is a major focus for this year. Also, find out about some of our exciting new teaching practices on Tuesday 22nd May, 7.00 pm.

Entertainment Memberships - it's that time of year again. Book or digital (on smartphone).

A Lumsden School fundraiser for our own sail flags (at front entrance with school values on them) and an easy way to save \$\$ when eating out, grabbing food on the go, accommodation, families activities and so much more - all throughout Southland and Otago. Savings to be had right here in Lumsden. What a great gift for Mother's Day.

Please visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26143w9> to order online or you can purchase at the school.

Thank you for your support!

Contact Trish if you have any questions trishy.mike@gmail.com

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 this week is:

- 12/13 May Scott Family

Lumsden School FoLS – Garden Roster 2018

May	Kylie Kennard	Daniel Jones	Jess Wallis	
June	Drummond Family	Keen Family	Selbie Family	

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.

What's happening at Lumsden School?

Our writers club reporters hit the playground to find out what the kids think of the new timetable and to find out what they are enjoying at the moment.

Room 4

"Tate, How do you like the new timetable?"

"It's good, yeah, pretty good."

"So Laura, what do you think about having a 10 minute break after lunch and do you like having the fitness before lunch."

2 Big thumbs up to both!!!!

Room 5

What are you guys doing in science?

We have been using magnets and popsicle sticks in our science - Myah and Kadeigh from Room 5.

How are you enjoying the new timetable?

"We are having fun doing the new timetable so we can have more play time. We enjoy having the breaks so we can spend time with our friends" said Mackenzie and Charlotte.

Are you excited about the bike track and how it is coming along?

A big yes and grinny smile from Olivia and Ashleigh.

Room 3

What do what do you think of the new timetable?

Good because there is a 10 minute break in the afternoon - Meg and Finlay

What are your favourite things to do in class?

Writing because it makes my brain think a lot - Angus

I like handwriting because it's so fun to do - Seneli

Room 2

What are you enjoying doing at the moment?

"I'm really enjoying maths time" - Rebekah

What do you think of the new timetable?

"I think it is good but I'd like to see 10 minutes added back to lunchtime as well" - Isaac

Room 1

What is your favourite class subject?

"I really like writing at the moment". - Cameron

What do you think about having a school uniform?

"I think we would look like a school but the bad thing would be not being able to wear their normal clothes". - Elri

Science Reports – Room 5

Sinking and Floating

The chalk can sink. A boat can float, but if it has a hole in it the boat will sink. A pen will sink. We learned lots about floating and sinking.

Olivia Collins

Parachutes

Making parachutes is fun. Why don't you try it? You can make it slow down quickly. Then you won't go too fast. You will land it softly on the floor. Try your own.

Indy Ware

Magnets

Yesterday we found out how compasses work. We got some magnets. We tied one to string and we got another magnet to see if it worked. We could make it dance with another magnet.

Luigi Santelli

It is great to learn about magnets. We got some equipment to build with so we could hang a magnet. We tested which magnet was the strongest. It was my one. We played catch the fish.

Ashleigh Kington

Pepper and Salt

I found out pepper is lighter than salt. When you rub a teaspoon against a dish cloth and then hold it over pepper the pepper goes up. We also tried our hair. It was better. It was fun finding out that pepper has static.

Parker Maclean

Rubbing Spoons

I liked when we rubbed the spoons. I had to rub the spoon on my head to make electricity. To lift the static onto the spoon you had to rub lots. I saw the salt stick to the spoon and the pepper. The people could make a picture out of the salt and pepper. You can do it again, and again. You can do different kinds. It was so much fun.

Renae Lewis



Pink Shirt Day

A national day to prevent bullying and spread kindness.

When: Friday 18th May 2018

Next Friday we would like everyone to wear something pink to help New Zealand make young people feel good about who they are, right across the country.

We are going to have a fun lunch time celebrating who we are and spreading the kindness.

We have lots of activities planned.

All you need to do is wear something pink and join in the fun!

An event run by Cooper Leach and Ashley Chan

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, **ideally with every school family on board** (with the exception of any who don't have a smart phone).

Winton Football Club

GIRLS ONLY - Southland Football is running 8 weeks of girls only football in groups of 9 & 10, 11 & 12 and 13 & 14 years. These are to be held on Friday afternoons starting 18 May, 4-5pm on the ILT Football turf. A great taster if you have not played before or some extra coaching if you are a club or college player already. Registered club players are free, all others \$20 for the season. Registration can be done on line once you click on 'read more' on the article in the latest news at www.southlandfootball.org.nz/ All enquiries to: jack@southlandfootball.org.nz

Mossburn Netball Years 1-4

Mossburn Netball Club is looking to run a satellite programme for children year 1-4. This is the introduction to netball before children start playing Saturday Netball. There is a minimum requirement of 10 children for this to happen. If you are interested, please contact Mossburn Netball Club president Nicole Sharp at nicole-sharp@hotmail.com or text 027 866 3972.

Mid Dome Cross Country 2018

Date: Friday 25th May
Postponement: Tuesday 29th May
Time: Departing from Lumsden School at **10.45am**
Assemble at Garston at 11.30am
Start: 12.00pm (welcome, briefing)

Venue and Race Details: See information (over) from Garston

Your child needs to bring:

- Lumsden School Tee-shirt (available from school office to buy for \$40 or to hire for the day - \$2)
- Blue or Black shorts
- Suitable running footwear – these are likely to get wet – bring a change of socks/footwear.
- Warm clothing – for before and after the race
- Drink bottle
- Lunch or money if buying from the canteen or from BBQ
- Safety pin for attaching name/age tag

Ages: As at 31st December **2018**

Distances: **5yr:**400m, **6yr:**500m, **7yr:**750m, **8yr:**1km, **9yr:**1.5km, **10yr:** 2km, **11yr:**2km

It is our expectation that parents will transport their own child to and from this event. If you are unable to take your child to Garston or are able to offer transport to other children, please return the slip.

General:

- Children must stay in their **Lumsden School Area** unless parents have notified staff that they have a specific reason to take their child elsewhere.
- Children will not be returning to classes for schooling in the afternoon, but are encouraged to stay on and support their peers.
- Parents of children that are travelling with other parents will need to make arrangements as to where your children will be dropped off/picked up at the end of the day.
- **A reminder that child restraints (car seats/boosters) are mandatory for all children until their 7th birthday, and recommended for children under the height of 148cm if they are 7 years or older. Children's parents/caregivers need to provide these for parents taking their child to/from the Cross Country.**
- If your child needs to take their asthma inhaler along on the day – please inform your child's teacher.
- Footwear is necessary but spikes are not allowed.

Transport for Cross Country RETURN TO SCHOOL BY FRIDY 16th May

Name: _____

I require a ride for _____

I am able to transport ____ extra children with seatbelts.

Please note: If you have offered to transport other children, please come to school to collect the children. You will also need to arrange drop off/pickup points for the end of the day with parents/caregivers.

Thank you for your assistance with transport. It is greatly appreciated.

Signature: _____



Mossburn & Lumsden Schools



2018 MID-DOME CROSS COUNTRY - GARSTON SCHOOL

FRIDAY, 25th May

POSTPONEMENT DAY TUESDAY, 29th May

Where: Church paddock (southern side of the Catholic Church in Garston village). Foot entry via a gate below the church.

When: **Arrive - 11:30.** **Start - 12:00 (welcome, briefing)**

Parking: Available along the Terrace Road (Garston Village)

Generally the children aged 8 and over, who qualify by being placed in the first 6 runners in their age group, may go on to the Northern event.

There will be a B.B.Q. offering hot soup, patties and sausages for purchase. So break into your piggy banks and bring along all those coins. Public toilets in the Garston Village will be available for use but all children should be accompanied when using them.

Race Organisation. A bell will ring to advise the children that the next race is about to start and to quieten the crowd.

Race order:

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| Race 1: - 11 yr and over Girls. | Race 2: - 11 yr and over Boys. – 2000m. |
| Race 3: - 10 yr Girls. | Race 4: - 10 yr Boys. – 2000m |
| Race 5: - 5 yr Girls. | Race 6: - 5 yr Boys. – 400m. |
| Race 7: - 6 yr Girls. | Race 8: - 6 yr Boys. - 500m. |
| Race 9: - 7 yr Girls. | Race 10: - 7 yr Boys. – 750m. |
| Race 11: - 8 yr Girls. | Race 12: - 8 yr Boys. – 1000m. |
| Race 13: - 9 yr Girls. | Race 14: - 9 yr Boys. – 1500m |



The children will compete in their appropriate race according to their age at the 31st December 2018.

Lumsden Primary School Uniform

Some preliminary work has been done on the idea of Lumsden Primary School having a school uniform. Thank you to Paulette Leach and Trish Gill for their work so far on this.

The following chart outlines how the Lumsden School uniform *could* look. The basic idea is to have a Lumsden School Polo shirt (similar to the designs shown), one Lumsden School Jersey/Polarfleece (similar to the designs shown), and any black or navy bottom (trackpant/trouser/skort/shorts). The jersey choices would include a merino option (more expensive), a polarfleece option and a mid-range option (still to be confirmed). All of these choices would have the Lumsden School Logo embroidered on them.

Based on these uniform ideas, we need each family to indicate whether they would support a school uniform or not. We will need support from at least 70% of families before the Board of Trustees would consider implementing a school uniform.

Please fill out the following form and send back to school by Friday 18 May. Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback.

Please note should a uniform be implemented it would be optional for Year 5 and 6 children during the two year phase in period.

Family Name _____

Based on the uniform looking similar to those shown, I would/would not (please circle option) support a school uniform at Lumsden Primary School.

Possible options for a Lumsden Primary School uniform

The following are possible options for a Lumsden Primary School uniform. Prices are subject to change and colours were what was available at the time of investigation.

Polo t- shirts:

These are all available in either navy or royal blue, school logo may be embroidered in white (or another colour). Possibly these could be utilised as our sports tops for school sporting events also.

			 <p><i>We have included this image as we could create our own design which incorporates that Lumsden is "the elbow"</i></p>
<p>Short Sleeve Polo Approx \$35 Sizes 4-14 Sourced: School Tex – Warehouse.</p>	<p>Plain short sleeve polo Approx \$27 with logo embroidered on it Sizes 4-14 Sourced: Poppet Clothing</p>	<p>Short Sleeve Polo \$33 Sizes 4-14 Sourced: School Tex – Warehouse.</p>	<p>Short Sleeve Polo Approx. \$40 Sizes 4-14 Sourced: School Tex – Warehouse.</p>

Outer Top:

These are all available in either navy or royal blue, school logo may be embroidered in white (or another colour).

A variety of materials and price.

	
<p>Crew Neck Sweat Approx \$25 Sizes 4-14 Available in both Navy and Royal Blue Sourced: Aurora Clothing Distributor. School would need to order on behalf of parents.</p>	<p>School Crew Neck Sweatshirt Approx \$30.00 (smaller sizes may be cheaper depending on order numbers) Sizes 4-14 Available in both Navy and Royal Sourced: School Tex – currently not available with the Warehouse (either online or in store – might be this year 2018).</p>

		
<p>Anti-Pill Fleece. Half zip and collar. Zip side pockets. Straight hem and side splits. Approx. \$40 with embroidery of logo. Sizes 4-14 Sourced: Poppet Clothing</p>	<p>Sweatshirt with logo transfer. \$27 Sizes 4 – 14 Sourced: School Tex – Warehouse.</p>	<p>Polarfleece with embroidered school logo. \$40 Sizes 4-14 Sourced: School Tex – Warehouse.</p>
		
<p>340gsm 100% Merino Jersey with zip and embroidered logo. \$85 Sizes 5-14 Sourced: Merino Wool for Schools online store.</p>		

Bottoms:

The suggestion for the ‘bottom’ half of the uniform is to set colour(s) i.e. navy and/or black but no more specific details. Children would have the flexibility to wear track pants, skirts, shorts, skorts etc. over all seasons. Parents can then buy favourite/preferred brands if desired. Bottoms could then be reviewed in the future and introduced at a later date if deemed necessary by school community.