



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Reminders:

- Download the School Stream app to receive texts and updates - Go to schoolstream.com.au/ download to download
- For Bus transport information go to www.dome.easybus.nz

Dear School Friends and Families

Great to be coming back to school getting closer to summer with the half-year turnaround! Hope the holidays went well at your place. There has certainly been a very happy learning vibe in each class this week, as the children have returned refreshed from their break.



No doubt the children will have told you about the St Johns sessions they have had this week with First Aid educator Felicia McCrone, who did an excellent job with teaching children basic First Aid strategies. She will be returning to do another session with the Year 5 and 6 children focussed on First Aid in the outdoors, prior to them going to their Stewart Island camp.

We were sad to farewell Wenzel Angeles and Abbie Mendoza, who are attending Dipton School having moved farms, and we wish them and their families all the best with their new starts. Great to have new students, Brodie Carse (Year 6), Daniel Diack (Year 1) who have joined us at the start of this term, and very pleased too, to have Tori and Ellie Grant back with us. Welcome also to our new support staff member Julie Thomas who is, supporting learning in Room 3 until the end of the year.

Polyfest and Production coming up this term which is exciting.

We have a learning focus on

Kiwiana, which aligns directly with the Production, which will be on September 27th. Meanwhile, a keen group of engineeringly-minded senior children will be competing in the EPro8 competition in Winton next Thursday; School Speeches are coming up in Week 4, and we're also looking forward to our Winter Adventure Day (Skiing and Ice Skating) on September 6th.



Inter-School Science and Technology Competition
Year 5-6, Year 7-8,
Year 9 & Year 10 Events

It's good to have Sarah McLean with us for the first three weeks of term in Room 4, while Mrs Stevens enjoys her honey-moon time away in Europe, and also Deb Cowie this week in Room 2 while Mrs Hailes is on leave. I don't take the fact that we have a pool of such great relievers to call upon for granted, as I know that access to relief staff is a real challenge in many schools.

The Board is currently working through the tender process for the new wood pellet boiler (which we are assured will be in before next winter!),



and exciting plans have also been drawn for the upgrade of the corridor area and Art Bay spaces between the classrooms. The advent of warmer weather will also mean the resumption of the Bike Track construction, with the aim of an October opening.

Have a good weekend. I'm thinking that the busy-ness of calving will be getting underway for many of you, so here's hoping for a sunny August.

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Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1 Aug	2 E Pro8, Winton; FoLS Meeting 7.00 pm in Staffroom	3	4	5
6	7 BOT Meeting	8 PB4L Parent Information Session	9 NSC Open Night 5.30 – 7.00 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 School Speeches	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Polyfest, Invercargill	30	31 Northern Speeches	1 Sep	2
3	4	5	6 Winter Adventure Day	7	8	9
10	11 BOT Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 School Photos	26	27 Production	28 End of Term 3	29	30

Welcome to School

Welcome to our new children Brodie Carse,
Daniel Diack, Tori and Ellie Grant.



Welcome Julie



Newly appointed Teacher Aide Julie Thomas
working with a group of children in Room 3.

Winter Adventure Day

Just to give you the “heads up”, this is being planned to take place on 6th September (Ski-ing and Ice skating options). More information next week.

Wanted please

If anyone has spare plastic shopping bags please send them along to school. Thanks.

Lumsden Rugby – Rippa and C grade

Please return any outstanding Lumsden rugby tops and shorts (keep socks) to school office ASAP.

If you child has out grown their Lumsden Rugby hoodie and you are not sure what to do with it, please consider donating back to the club for future little rippas. If you are happy to do this please just leave at the school office or contact Jan 021 060 3396.

Thanks, Jan McFadzien

Strike Action 15th August

A nation-wide strike for teachers and principals is scheduled for 15th August. At this stage members are voting as to whether this will be a full-day or afternoon strike.

The reason for the strike is that we as an education sector believe that key issues are not being addressed: increasingly high workloads, lack of support for students with additional learning and behavioural needs, and undervaluing of the profession.

These are issues which directly affect our children's learning, and the decision to take strike action reflects the importance and urgency of this situation, given that progress has not been made as a result of previous negotiations.

We understand that the strike will obviously mean some disruption to families, as we will be asking parents to make arrangements for children not to be at school during the strike period. We appreciate your support, and I will keep you in the loop as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

Our hope is a successful campaign will mean that the Ministry of Education will deliver staffing and resourcing improvements to all schools to better help children reach their potentials, and curb the crisis in teacher recruitment and retention.



IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.**

FoLS News

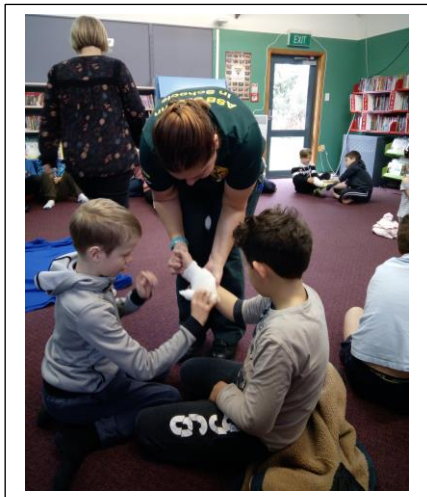
"Thanks to all who turned out to the FoLS AGM. We would like to pass on our thanks and appreciation to Jan McFadzien and Carey Cambridge for all they have done in their roles of chairperson and BBQ co-ordinator respectively over the last few years.

Holly McBride has stepped into the role of Chairperson, and Sarah Cooper as vice-chairperson. Alicia McLean, Beks Ware and Jeanna Rodgers stay on in their roles of treasurer, secretary and grants officer. We are still looking for a BBQ co-ordinator, if you are interested in finding out more about what this role entails please ask.

We would also like to thank all those who came to our fun family Bingo night. We successfully raised \$450 which will go towards the purchase of a school marquee/shelter to use at school events.

If you would like to find out more about FoLS and what it does for the school please join us at our next meeting - Thursday 2nd August, 7pm in the school staff room. All welcome."

First Aid Learning



Cael and Sawyer busy patching up their 'wounds' with guidance from First Aid Educator Felicia who was here on Monday and Tuesday.

Donated Books

Thanks to Samantha (Room 1) who has donated a Rainbow Fairies series to the school having read them once and is passing them on to give other bookworms the opportunity of enjoying them!



NORTHERN SOUTHLAND COLLEGE

OPEN NIGHT
THURSDAY 9 AUGUST
5.30PM - 7.00PM



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