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LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 21 – August 3rd 2018

Dear School Friends and Families



Just have a bit of 'writer's block' as I sit down to start this, so I'll head out the door and into Rooms 1 and 2 before the bell goes now that buses have arrived and get the kids to help me out. I'll ask them to tell what's going well at school for them at the moment, what they're enjoying and anything they're pleased or excited about...

"I'm looking forward to speeches because it's really fun writing them" Hayley

"I'm really looking forward to the skiing and skating trip" Ava

"Huts is fun because you get to build stuff with your friends" Izzy

"This school is, like, really kind" Tori

"I'm looking forward to the production because everyone's a part of it and we all get to have fun" Tia

"My speech is going really well" Harrison

"I'm really enjoying huts – I'm making a tree hut and it's really fun" Tara

"I'm enjoying reading Harriet the Spy" Becky

"I like the reading with the Chapter Chat – It's really fun – The books are awesome" Arleea

"Our EPro8 team got second out of 12 schools yesterday. We had to build lots of common sense electrical things and constructions. One of the things was to get breakfast to a bed using a battery, solar panel, a motor and a winch and a pulley – It worked!" Freddie



Well that certainly fixed the writer's block, and hearing that sort of stuff is like opening the blinds and letting rays of sunshine in! I'd like to have found a few more boys too – They're outside – Next time!

Congratulations to Freddie and the rest of the EPro8 team – Isaac, Brianah, and Maisie M. Best wishes to them for the Southland final in a couple of weeks.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Ngā Mihi

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6	7 Eileen Ryan , PHN visiting	8 BOT Meeting	9 NSC Open Night 5.30 – 7.00 pm	10	11	12
13	14 Rooms 1 & 2 Trip to Dipton – Jerome Kavanagh Workshop	15 Strike (school will not have capacity to be open for instruction)	16 School Speeches 1.30 pm	17 Winter Adventure Day forms due back	18	19
20	21	22 PB4L Parent Information Session <i>(note change of date)</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Polyfest, Invercargill	30	31 Northern Speeches	1 Sep	2
3	4 Eileen Ryan , PHN visiting	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

Strike Action 15th August

A nation-wide strike for teachers and principals is scheduled for 15th August. Members have voted that this will be a full day 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.

Why get in behind the campaign? New Zealand has a problem. Enrolments in teacher training have dropped 40% between 2010 and 2016 while there are growing school rolls. Since the early 2000s teacher salaries have dropped significantly relative to the median NZ salary from 1.8 times the median (for experienced teachers on the top of the pay scale) to just over 1.5. In effect, this means jobs that used to earn less than teachers now earn more.

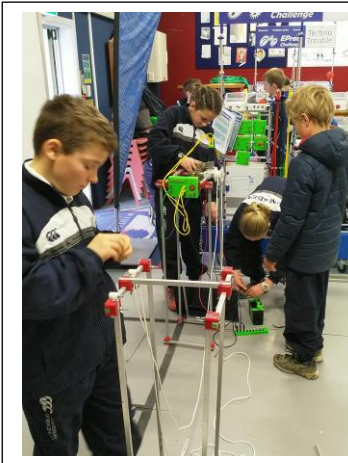
We understand that the strike will obviously mean some disruption to families, as we will be asking parents to make arrangements for children not to be at school during the strike period. We appreciate your support, and I will keep you in the loop as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

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.

Winter Adventure Day

Information was sent home on Wednesday if you haven’t received this please check school bags and ring the office for another copy if need be. Forms to be returned by Friday 17th August. Thanks.

E Pro8 Experts



Our expert EPro8 team members working together towards their second place in Winton on Thursday.

Jerome Kavanagh – Tuesday 14th August

Rooms 1 and 2 (Yr 4/5/6 children) will be attending a workshop with Jerome Kavanagh who is a highly regarded international educator around NZ's cultural heritage and treasures. This will be at Dipton School and children will be travelling by bus that morning. Please let us know if you do not wish your child to travel by bus.

Wanted please

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

Why we can't wear shoes inside

We can't wear shoes inside because it spreads mud. Miss Bray will be sad. She would not be happy. She would not have enough time to clean it up every day. That's why we can't wear shoes inside.

By Indy Ware

My Kitten

My kitten is grey and fluffy. She is called Tinsel. She is my cat and I am her mum. I will be her mum forever.

By Bella Clark

Change of Clothes

Please remind children to bring a spare change of clothes in their bags due to muddy conditions. Thanks.

Lumsden Rugby – Rippa and C grade

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

If your child has outgrown 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

Congratulations!



Well done to Maisie Mitchell, Isaac Marsh, and Sarah Wilson who have been selected in Representative teams. Maisie and Isaac are both in Year 5 and 6 Hockey teams with games at Dunedin, Cromwell, Invercargill, and Gore in the upcoming weekends. Sarah has been selected in the Southland Under 12 Girls Football Team for a tournament in Blenheim.

Congratulations and good luck for your games!

Imaginative Writing – Room 5

One day I was walking along and then I saw a tree with a door so I knocked on the door. I was scared so I looked around for somewhere to hide. Then I saw a cave so I jumped in but I shouldn't have done that because I saw a fire demon eating a wolf. So I ran home in fear.

By Parker Maclean

In a foggy forest stood a tree. Not any tree, a tree where a witch lived. This witch had creaky stairs.

By Kadeigh McLean

There was a big old tree in a scary forest. It was a house and it was a bit scary. I tried to go in but there was a lot of spiders. So I went up the stairs but it wasn't a good idea. There was a tiger! So I quickly went down the stairs and back to my mum and dad's car and we drove back to my house. I went to my bed and then I was safe.

By Elise Zheng

Once upon a time there was a witch. She had a very long nose with a wart and a magic wand. She has a pointy hat too. The witch asked me "Do you want to help?" I said "No!" She stole my biscuit.

By Lithu Gunawardhana

We went on a trip to the woods. After walking for a while we got to a scary tree. We quietly tip toed up the steps. I knocked on the door. It was awfully dark inside. A beast growled so we ran home as fast as we could.

By Ashleigh Kington

Once upon a time there was a tree in the middle of the scary woods. It was a foggy night. On the tree was a door with a sign. It said that nobody could come in. There was nice green grass beside the tree.

By Myah Gerken

When I was walking to my tree hut I saw a werewolf. Then when I was walking back home I saw a dummy. Then I heard footsteps. I couldn't see him, he was the invisible man. I was scared no one was home except the werewolf!

By Lucus Clark