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- **Letter from BOT re Upcoming Strike**



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

LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 22 – August 10th 2018

Dear School Friends and Families



Nation-wide, there's a crisis in recruitment and retention of teachers and principals. 40% of those who do become teachers leave the profession within their first five years of teaching. Consistently raised high workloads, lack of support for students with additional learning and behavioural needs, and undervaluing of the profession are the key issues underpinning the decision of NZ teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday. This is a crisis, which if left unaddressed, will have a significantly detrimental effect on children's learning.

The support of parents and caregivers is much appreciated as teachers and principals across the country take action to shine a light on this issue, given that they obviously want education to be a government priority for their children's development as well. Please see attached the letter from Board Chair, Michelle Mitchell explaining the board's decision to close the school on the strike day (next Wednesday). Feel free to contact me if you would like to know more about this industrial action and the reasons for it.

Meanwhile, lots happening either side of Wednesday's hiatus.

Children have been busy working on their speeches, and we look forward to our school speeches final on Thursday at 1:30pm. This is always a highlight on the school calendar, and parents and visitors are warmly invited to attend. Finalists for this event (usually 10-12 speakers) will be announced early next week.



Staff will be attending a professional learning workshop on Thursday afternoon/evening with internationally renowned Māori educator Jerome Kavanagh. You may be interested to check out his work by visiting www.jeromekavanagh.com. He is multi-talented, and has a treasure trove of knowledge, so we're fortunate to have this opportunity.

It would be great if you could keep a space in your diaries from 5 until 6:30 pm on Wednesday August 22nd for our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) parent information and consultation session. Families can come along to school, enjoy some kai, hear about what PB4L is all about, and our journey as a school along its path, including an interactive session with Marcus Gough our PB4L facilitator. Supervision will be available for the children during this time. More information to follow next week.



Finally, a huge thanks to Castlerock Farming Co Ltd (Guy and Vicki Goodeve, David and Julie Thomas) who have once more donated \$2000 to the school to support children's access to digital learning tools. The fantastic support we have had from them over the years has made an enormous difference in terms of the school's provision of high quality teaching and learning tools to enrich children's learning experiences, and we are greatly appreciative.

Q: What does the tooth fairy give for half a tooth? A: Nothing. She wants the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth 😊 Have a good weekend!

Happy 40th Mrs Houghton!!! 😊

Ngā Mihi

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13	14 Rooms 1 & 2 Trip to Dipton – Jerome Kavanagh Workshop	15 Strike (school will be closed)	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

Thanks Mrs McLean!

Thanks to Mrs McLean for the great job she has done having very ably taken the helm in Room 4 while Mrs Stevens is away.



Winter Adventure Day Forms

If you haven't received information re Winter Adventure Day please contact the office for another copy. **Forms to be returned as soon as possible (by Friday 17th August at the latest).** Thanks.

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.

Lions Out and About at School

Lions Walking Group checking out the Bike Park progress at school on Thursday.



In Touch with Logan



Southland Touch Development Officer Logan Tippett working with Room 1 this week. An exciting opportunity is coming up for our children to be involved in a local Touch competition in Term 4 – stand by for more information later.

Science Buddies!

Some of our children took part in a Science Fair Project experiment on Thursday to help Indie, Olivia, Sophie from the College with their experiment.



Guitar Club Reminder for Term 3

Please send along \$5 payment in named envelope to cover photocopying costs for this term – thanks to those families who have already paid.

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 third 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.

Wanted please

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

Change of Clothes

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

Reusable Produce Bags

Fundraising for our Year 5-6 Camp to Stewart Island



Each Set contains 4 bags:

Produce bags

1 x Large Cotton Mesh Bag (28 x 33cm)
cotton

1 x Small Cotton Mesh Bag (20 x 25cm)
bio-

1 x Large Cotton Muslin Bag (28 x 33cm)
foot-

1 x Small Cotton Muslin Bag (20 x 25cm)

My Vita Bag Reusable

are made from 100% organic

and are machine washable and

degradable. Reduce your plastic

print whilst supporting our kids!

ONLY \$12 PER SET

If you would like to purchase any of our remaining reusable bags please pay at the office or into our bank account below.

Please check at the office first to see if we have enough stock available before you purchase. We only have 20 lots left, first in first served.

Thanks heaps for supporting our Year 5-6 camp fundraiser! It is much appreciated!

Please transfer your order total into the bank account below
or pay cash to the school office

A/C Name: Friends of Lumsden School

A/C Number: 031355-0752134-00

Any questions please contact Lauren Hailes



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10 August 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Board of Trustees can't provide teaching for students during the upcoming strike

The NZEI has advised the Lumsden School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15th August 2018 from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

The school will need to close during this strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact me (03 248 7080) if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Mitchell".

Michelle Mitchell
Chairperson Board of Trustees

