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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

LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 32 – November 2nd 2018

Dear School Friends and Families



Not very often I get to write the newsletter blurb with the sound of distant waves crashing, and kaka calling outside the window! The children are enjoying fantastic opportunities over here on the Island, which is clear from these Random Survey responses to the question: 'What has been a real highlight for you at Camp so far?'

"I like the walks – Learning about nature, like the mutton bird tree leaves that the early settlers used for postcards" Brodie

"I really liked the bumpy boat ride. I saw a kiwi on Tuesday night!" Samantha



"I liked all the bird life on Ulva Island – Listening to all the bird sounds trying to decipher what they were" Freddie

"I could feel myself lifting into the air on the boat it was so rough!" Xavier

"Mr W made me an awesome kelp bag at Ringaringa Beach." Isaac

"I liked the kiwi walk – Everyone was quiet!" Maisie W

"Fishing was amazing! I caught the biggest fish!" Andrew

"Fishing has been O for Awesome. I surprisingly caught 7 fish, but only one was big enough to keep" Aayush

"I loved the ferry ride over...Every time we went up we were sure to slam down hard, and every time we came down, our stomachs screamed out of us." Jali

"Coming over on the boat was a highlight for me...and I liked how the Stewart Island Robin came really close to me." Travis

"The grins on the kids' faces when they caught the fish was priceless. And the kids who were feeling sick on the boat coped so well – Felt proud of them!" Wendy

This is the stuff of lifelong memories, and my thanks to Mrs Hailes and Miss Madden for all the organisational work to make this possible, and to the adult helpers for supporting (and feeding!) the children so well.

The whole school just made it in the nick of time to see the Tour of Southland riders flying into the finish line on Monday. Charlie Chen (pictured here) and Ava Leach were chosen as our Finish Line ambassadors, in recognition of the excellent attitudes they bring to school which they apply to their learning and their friendly and respectful way with others.



Looking forward to Pet Day next Friday, followed by the Cycle and Celebrate community event on Saturday.

Have a good weekend...No doubt many a good camp yarn to be shared if you have a camper returning!

Ngā Mihi

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 Junior Farm Trip	6 Eileen Ryan PHN here; Photo Orders due	7	8 Armistice Day Special Presentation by the Hankey's	9 Pet Day (no Bible in Schools today)	10 Cycle and Celebrate	11
12	13 BOT Meeting	14 Matt Randall, Olympian, here 9.30 – 10.30 am	15 NZEI Strike Day	16 Outreach Singing Workshop	17	18
19	20	21 NSC Orientation Day	22	23	24	25
26	27 Eileen Ryan PHN here	28	29	30	1 Dec	2
3	4 BOT Meeting	5 Mitre 10 Top Kids, Year 6's, Invercargill	6	7 Bike Park Opening	8	9
10	11	12 Lumsden's Got Talent	13 Graduation Ceremony 6.30 pm	14 End of Term 4	15	16

Deputy Principal Position: New Appointment

The Board had exceptional applicants for the Deputy Principal position, commencing at the start of next year, which gave them 'fortunate difficulty' in their decision process. The new DP has now been appointed and we will be pleased to welcome Callum Tytler to our team in 2019. Callum is currently working at Rotorua Intermediate and will come with a strength set which will both add to and complement the wonderful strengths and attributes the staff already have, and his leadership style, experience (currently whanau leader of 5 classes), and qualities will be a fantastic asset.

Whānau Clubs

We are going to be having Whānau Group Clubs this term on a Thursday afternoon. These will be based on beautifying the school.

We need your help in working with Whanau Groups. Ideas could include Concrete Wall Murals, Planting, Sculptures, Tennis Court Designs, Signs, Painting Games and Shapes on the concrete and any other ideas that you can think of.

They will run the 15th, 22nd, 29th November and the 6th December.

We are looking for coloured bottle tops for one of the activities so if you have any milk bottle tops please send them along.

If you would like to be involved helping a Whānau group, please let me know at school or by email mhoughton@lumsden.school.nz.

Regards

Michelle Houghton

School Photo Orders

Please return any photo orders to school by Tuesday 6th November. Thanks.

Update re Principal/Teacher Industrial Action

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held next month. There will be nationwide rolling principal and teacher strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Thursday November 15th**.

While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause families, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.



The Fiordland and Northern Southland Community of Learning

(FiNSCoL) is a group of nine schools and seven Early Childhood Centres. These are: Lumsden School, Northern Southland College, Balfour School, Garston School, Waikaia School, Te Anau School, Mararoa School, Fiordland College, Mossburn School, Lumsden Playcentre, Riverstones Playcentre, Balfour Playcentre, The Blue Duck, Southern Stars, Fiordland Kindergarten, and The Key Playcentre.

The vision of the schools of FiNSCoL is to support all students to become independent, self-directed learners. We acknowledge that working together (rather than in isolation) will lead to greater success for our students.

We are aiming to raise achievement at identified transition points - From ECE to Primary School and Primary School to Secondary School.

We would like your perspective regarding how you find transition as a parent or member of your schools BoT in our Community of Learning. Please fill in the Google form using the link shared on our school Facebook page or, or type in this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/WXhRbB2yzQVKInnN2>

Lawn Mowing Roster

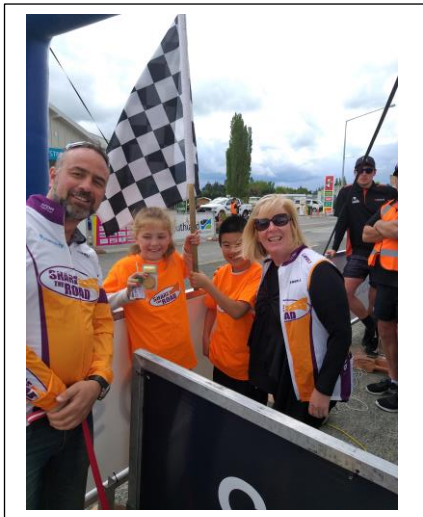
Here are the guidelines to follow:

- 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 few weeks is:

- 3/4 November Ware Family
- 10/11 November Wilson Family
- 17/18 November Wise Family

'Share the Road' Ambassadors



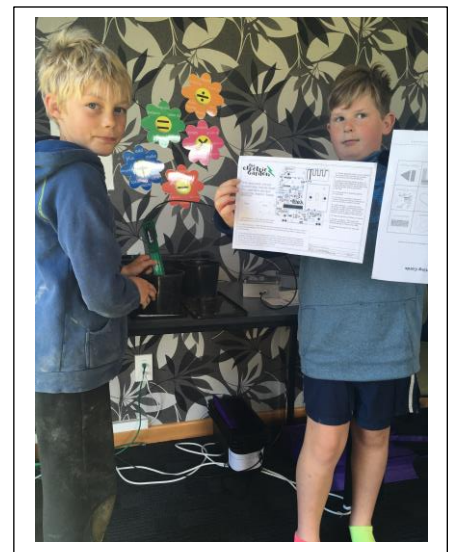
Ava and Charlie at finish line after waving the Tour of Southland cyclists in on Monday.

Charlie and Ava with the Stage winner Matt Zenovich from Southland 😊

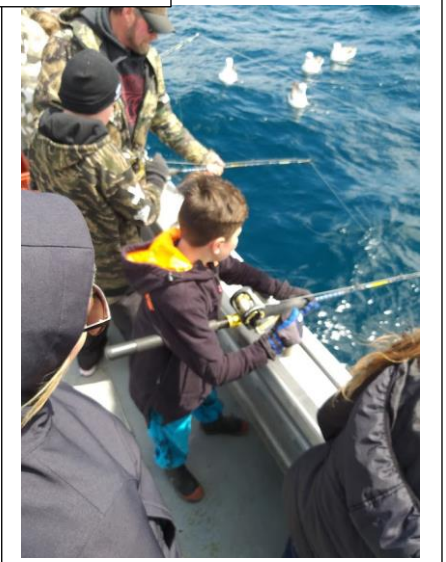
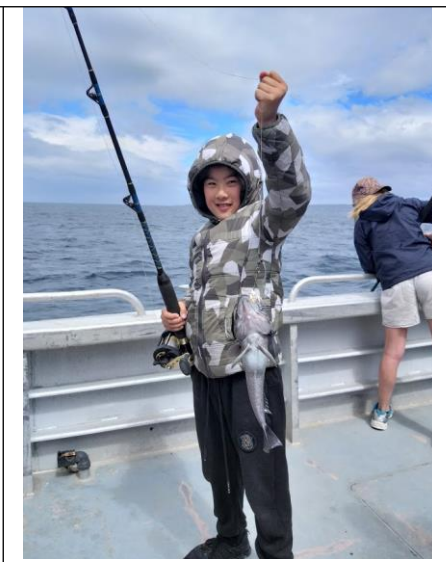
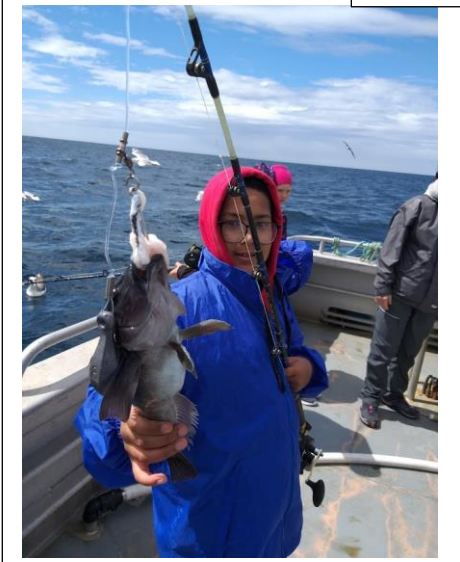
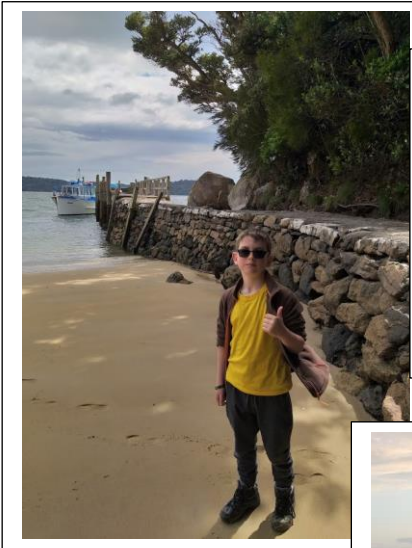
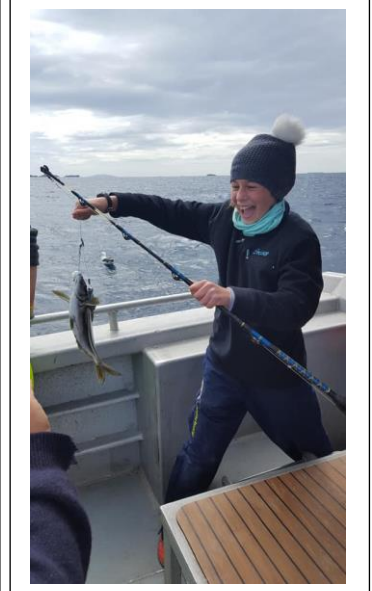
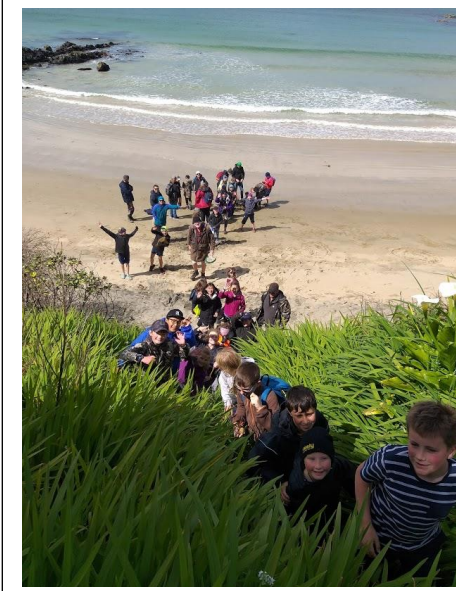


Electric Gardening

Digby and Sam checking the reading for the schools electric garden this week. The Electric Garden supports digital learning through gardening, and develops gardening knowledge through coding. Wireless sensors are installed into the garden to gather and monitor readings through an online portal.



Stewart Island Camp 2018



Northern Southland's 2018

Cycle & Celebrate
Saturday 10th
November
11am to 3pm

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PGG Wrightson **Ballance**

Let us help raise funds for Lumsden School

This spring, PGG Wrightson and Ballance Agri-Nutrients will again run Cash for Communities. For farmers who nominate your school, we will donate \$1 per tonne of qualifying Ballance fertiliser purchased.

Plus, give your school the chance to win iPads.

The school with the highest amount of nominations in both the North and South Island through the Cash for Communities 2018 programme will receive three Apple iPad Pro's each. The school with the second highest amount of nominations in both the North and South Island will receive two Apple iPad Pro's each.

Over the next few weeks, we will be encouraging our customers to get involved in this year's Cash for Communities and we suggest you do too.

We have included a poster and flyer to help you get started raising awareness of this promotion at your school to encourage nominations towards your school. A range of other resources including posters and advertisements for your newsletter or website are available at www.cashforcommunities.co.nz as well.

If you have any questions, please contact us at cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz or phone 03 372 0965.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Waightman
 National Sales Manager
 PGG Wrightson Limited

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The Southland Summer Reading Challenge begins on 1st December. All Southland Public Libraries will be hosting a Reading Challenge to help students continue reading over Summer.

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1 December 2018 - 31 January 2019

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