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#### Reminders:

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

# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue 33 – November 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear School Friends and Families



“The nicest thing about rain is that it always stops. Eventually” *Eeyore*. No doubt overdue tractor work is on the priority list for many of you! Hoping for a good day for the Cycle and Celebrate day in Lumsden tomorrow, too. 82 registrations so far, so it is shaping up to be a great community day with lots of families taking part.

Given the weather pushing the schedule out for the completion of the Bike Park, we will be aiming to have a school opening on December 7<sup>th</sup> so that children can make use of it before the holidays, however the official community opening will now be on February 15<sup>th</sup> next year. By this time, we will be able to celebrate the completion of the project, including the signage, landscaping, tracks, and Bike container installation.

On Thursday, we were visited by Evan and Jill Hankey, who, very generously, have donated an Armistice Day commemoration coin to every child in the school. This is much appreciated, and is something special which will help the children be mindful of the huge sacrifice made by the 18000 New Zealanders who died because of World War One. There will be a commemorative service at the Memorial Hall on Sunday morning at 11am (in line with when the Armistice was signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month 1918), which would also be a special event for children to attend if families were able.



Next week, the senior children will be visiting the Saunders farm as part of their learning about farming practices. The junior children had a very enjoyable and educational time visiting farms this week (Monday). A big thanks to Nortja and Wilco Hamers (Dairy), Paul Waller (Deer and Sheep), and Mr and Mrs Morrison (Tulip farm) for their time and help in hosting the children's visit and doing a such a great job with their showing, explaining, and question answering.

Looking forward to having Matt Randall, ex Olympian cyclist, visiting us next Wednesday to talk to the children as an Olympic ambassador. Always great to have such positive role models coming in to provide encouragement and inspiration to the children.

We also have Outreach Singing workshops on Friday run by Susan West (through Southland Music Education). This will be excellent for helping children prepare for future interactive singing trips to Rest Homes and Day Care centres.



Still raining as I write this (Thursday), hoping that by the time this is fed into the copier, Pet Day will be happening and we will be enjoying a rain-free school family get together. Thanks to Mrs Hailes and Mrs Stevens for all the work in spear-heading the organisation for this event.

Have a good weekend. Ngā Mihi,

Andrew Watson  
Principal

***P.S. A reminder that school will not be open for instruction on Thursday 15 November due to it being a principal and teacher strike day.***

## Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

### **Term Dates 2019**

Term 1 January 30<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>

(April holidays include Easter and ANZAC Day)

Term 2 April 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>

Term 3 July 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup>

Term 4 October 14<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>

### **\$5 Duffy Parent Offers**

Orders are due back at school by next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November.

## Whānau Clubs

Thanks to those of you who volunteered to help with Whānau Clubs however we are still short of numbers and given our tight schedule this term we decided to postpone Whānau Clubs until next year.

## 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:

- 10/11 November Wise Family
- 17/18 November Abella Family
- 24/25 November Wilson Family
- 1/2 December Adams Family

## Junior School Farm Visits

This Monday morning we went on a farm trip. First we went to a dairy farm with some parents. Then we went to a sheep and deer farm. After a while we went to a tulip farm and they also grow lilies. We found out at the dairy farm that the barns were for the cows and they had personal space. At the sheep and deer farm we learnt that the sheep's wool came off itself, that is the breed of sheep. We learnt about the deer. There is velvet on their antlers. Last of all we learnt about the bulbs at the tulip farm.

*By Ashleigh Kington*

On Monday I went to three farms. My favourite farm was the dairy farm because there was a new milking machine. There was another farm. It was a deer farm. I got to feel deer fur. It was soft. It was fun. We also went to a tulip and lily farm. There were all coloured tulips in lots of rows. They were chopping off the heads of the tulips. Some people were taking the tulips. The tulips were pretty.

*By Parker Maclean*





## Armistice Day



Children holding the bags of special coins for each class kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Hankey.

## Touch Rugby

Well done to our Touch teams on Tuesday which both had close games against Mossburn. We have had two games and the teams are enjoying the game, as well as developing some great skills.

- Player of day for week 1 - Hunter Butler (Junior Team) and Mitchell McLachlan (Senior Team)
- Week 2 - rained off
- Player of day for week 3 - Abbey Jiwan (Junior Team) and Finlay Jones (Senior Team)

If you have not paid your child's \$5 registration fee yet could you please send payments to the office as soon as possible. Thanks.

## Swimming Pool

The pool will be open to the public for a free swim tomorrow (Saturday) between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm following Cycle and Celebrate. Season keys will be available to purchase there at an early bird rate.

## Pet Day Craft Activities



**Northern Southland's 2018**

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

**CROSSROAD CYCLES**

**Jennian HOMES**  
 Your personality. Our expertise.

**around the mountains**  
 CYCLE TRAIL

**15km Race from Five Rivers to Lumsden.**  
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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](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz) as well.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz](mailto:cashforcommunities@pggwrightson.co.nz) or phone 03 372 0965.

Yours sincerely,

*Richard Wrightman*

Richard Wrightman  
 National Sales Manager  
 PGG Wrightson Limited

© For every tonne of Ballance Agri-Nutrients fertiliser purchased (including Live and Spore) will be donated. Open to PGG Wrightson account holders only. One \$125 donation used to raise for Lumsden School, you'll be guaranteed to receive a cheque for the funds received at the conclusion of the campaign. Apple iPad Pro 12.9inch, 64GB model will be given away. For eligible products and full terms and conditions see [www.cashforcommunities.co.nz](http://www.cashforcommunities.co.nz).

**The Southland Summer Reading Challenge** begins on 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Parent Help**



## Mid Northern Southland Toy Library - Fundraiser

Orders and payment to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> December, in time for Christmas. Bank details for payment:  
03 1355 0714728 00.

For payments please use internet: Mid Northern Southland Toy Library 03 1355 0714728 00



# Mid Northern Southland Toy Library Fundraiser Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

	Price each incl. GST	Quantity	Total Cost
<b>Foodwrap</b> 			
330mm wide x 300mtrs	\$23.00		
330mm wide x 600mtrs	\$35.00		
<b>Roll-Foil</b> 			
440mm wide x 90mtrs	\$22.00		
300mm wide x 150mtrs	\$22.00		
<b>Baking Paper</b> 			
300mm wide x 100mtrs	\$30.00		
<b>Total:</b>			

Payment of your order is required before delivery - Please address cheques to the collecting organisation (not Fundraise+).  
Estimated delivery date is 15 working days from order return date of:

## Help Us Raise Funds!!

Order and payment in by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Thanks for your support