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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

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Dear School Friends and Families



It's time to VOTE!

Exciting news this week as we were informed that Miss Madden, who was nominated alongside hundreds of other teachers across New Zealand, for the Teacher Unsung Hero Award 2018, is in the final five (The only teacher in this final group from the South Island). The winner is determined by voting. Go to this site <https://bit.ly/2KlOxHO> to vote and tell others to do the same to support Chloe! As you'll read on the site, her nomination was for the amazing work she has done with our children across the whole school to enable them to shine as kapa haka performers. If you have trouble with this link, google EducationHQ Unsung Hero Awards.

Speaking of excellent achievements, well done also, to Mrs Stevens who had great success competing in the Equestrian events at the Christchurch Show last week. Lana won the Open Round the Ring as well as placing 2nd and 4th in two other events.

At staff meeting this week, we had Sport Southland Community Sport Manager, Luciana Garcia come and run a workshop with us to help us plan for our Health and PE focus curriculum focus next year. At this meeting we also looked at the feedback we had received from last term's parent survey, and what parents felt were the most important aspects of Health and PE for the school to include in our programme. There were 12 parents who responded to this survey. Common threads were: Health and PE was seen as very important for us to teach; Parents told us that they thought the more important aspects were: Self Care, Self Worth (really important), Keeping Ourselves Safe, Daily Fitness, Friendships, Self Esteem. Less important were: Cross Country, and Gymnastics. Sort of in the middle were: Nutrition, Sexuality Education, Body Care, Coping with Change, Playground games, Athletics, Team Sports, Sportsmanship. We appreciated this useful input. Next year we intend to line our Health and PE programmes so they are driven more directly by the Curriculum rather than contexts to 'cover' (e.g Large Balls). We want our programme to be driven by the focus of the HPE curriculum which is on the well-being of students through health-related movement concepts.



We are very grateful for the support we've had from parents to enable the children to make the most of the opportunity to enjoy the pool, with our good adult-child ratio enabling a large group to be in the pool at once and minimise 'wait time'.

Excited children have come back from the Orientation Day at NSC on Wednesday. A reminder to contact me should you be interested in an application for uniform financial assistance.

Kia pai tō rā – have a great day!...and let's get voting for Miss Madden's Award success 😊

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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; Balfour School Production (Year 1-5)	6 Superstar Cricket, sessions at school	7 Bike Park Opening	8	9
10 Yr 3 and 4 Adventure Day	11	12 Lumsden's Got Talent, 1.30 pm	13 Graduation Ceremony 6.30 pm	14 End of Term 4	15	16

2019 Classes

We are in the process of setting our classes for 2019. We're very fortunate to have 5 ministry-funded classes right from the start of the year. Decisions around which classes children go into are school management ones, based mainly on age and social dynamics. If there are any significant factors around this that you feel we need to consider as we decide which class your child is in, please let me know by the end of next week (November 30th) - Thanks. Andrew

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:

- 24/25 November Wilson Family
- 1/2 December Adams Family
- 8/9 December Bayer Family

Policy Review Instructions for Parents

We have 2 policies due for review which parents are welcome to provide feedback on: *Religious Instruction* and *Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori students*. To view and comment on these if you'd like to please follow instructions.

1. Visit the website
<http://lumsden.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (lumsden) and password (maria).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Swimming Reminder

Please remind children to bring their swimming togs on Wednesday's and Friday's. Thanks

Teacher on Show!

Mrs Stevens following her win in the Open event at the Christchurch Show last week.



Go Green! – Room 1 Posters

Yesterday Room 1 created posters to try to convince others to go green. Here are the amazing slogans from some of the posters

- Go green – There's no other planet for living! *Ashley and Ava*
- Plant more trees and eat more greens! *Ryan and Andrew*
- Clean and green is the perfect dream. *Tori and Hayley*
- Don't be mean, Just go green! *Zoe and Sarah*
- Save the trees, save the earth, we are the guardians of nature's birth. *Xavier and Izzy*
- Sustainability! One can make a change. *Nic and Jack*
- What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you make. *Elri*
- Make NZ green again! *Brodie and Sam*
- Lead the Scene and keep it Green! *Tia and Tilly*

Persuasive Writing – Room 2

Room 2 has been working hard on persuasive writing this week. We have some great debaters at Lumsden School. Here are some of the points they made:

- You should tidy your room because if you don't you would become a hoarder.
By Rebekah
- Dog restaurants should not be allowed because the dog could get into a habit and it is hard to get dogs out of bad habits and the dogs could kill everything.
By Travis
- In my opinion dogs should wear pj's because it looks cute and keeps them warm. A dog might not be able to sleep inside or on a bed so pj's keep them warm.
By Tara
- Fish live in bowls and do hardly anything. They should be able to go for a walk in the park. They would see more than being in a boring old fish tank.
By Jade
- I disagree with the people who think that people should ban cats in NZ. Cats catch rats and mice for us. People like them as pets. They help in rest homes.
By Freddie
- In my opinion I reckon there should be no weapons for war. They should go to court and talk it out and whoever is guilty will go to prison.
By Cayden

Mid Northern Southland Toy Library - Fundraiser

Orders and payment to be in by 1st December, in time for Christmas. Bank details for payment: 03 1355 0714728 00. See previous newsletter's for order form.

Room's 1 and 2 Visit to Stag Valley

Thanks to Simon and Annabel Saunders for giving the opportunity for some great 'hands on' learning last week.

