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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 36 – November 30th 2018

Dear School Friends and Families

As this goes into bags, Gene Marsh (Isaac's Dad) will be finishing his epic 420 km six day Pioneer mountain bike race.

At last report he was coming 2nd in the masters. Doing amazingly well up against professional cyclists.



Speaking of biking, due to the wintery spring hampering the Bike Park progress, there will be no Bike Park opening this term. Friday February 15th has been put down as our big official opening date, assuming we'll get a summer to get the work done. Meanwhile signage plans have been almost completed thanks to Trish Gill's hard work, and a landscaping plan is in progress.



It was a real bonus for us to be able to have a visit from the Kahurangi Dance Company on Tuesday, due to other schools pulling out from their schedule. They put on a one hour performance for the whole school. They are a group of professional Māori Performance artists who travel internationally to promote cultural understanding through their highly entertaining performances.

Many of the children will be putting on some very entertaining performances of their own on Tuesday December 11th from 1.30pm, when we will be having our annual Lumsden's Got Talent show. Be great to see you there if you can get away from work!

A big thanks to Carrie Adams for arranging the bark chip delivery, Jules for his tractor work, and the helpers who stayed after assembly last week to spread them over the blue playground area. What a difference this has made to that area.

Next Tuesday will be a Teacher Planning Day for 2019. One of the items on our agenda will be a review of our reporting to parents format. We are keen to hear any feedback from parents about the current format – How useful is the information?/What changes would you like to see? etc. Three way conferences are coming up for Room 1 and 2 parents next week, so then would be a good time to share any ideas you may have with teachers, or other parents are free to give me a call anytime if you wish, or email us – Thank you.



Looking forward to the Balfour Production next week (Year 1 to 5 children heading to Balfour on a bus), while the Year 6 children head down to Invercargill for the Mitre 10 Tough Kids Competition. The next day all classes will be enjoying Superstar Cricket coaching sessions run by Cricket Southland. Never-a-dull-week at LPS!

Meanwhile Kia pai tō rā – have a great day....and remember to vote for Miss Madden, Teacher Unsung Hero finalist by going to <https://bit.ly/2KIOxHO> before December 10th!

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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	8	9 Lions Senior Citizens Singing 5.00 pm
10 Yr 3 and 4 Adventure Day, Invercargill	11 Lumsden's Got Talent, 1.30 pm	12 Student Volunteer Army Day – Room 1 & 2	13 Graduation Ceremony 6.30 pm	14 End of Term 4	15	16

2019 Start Date – Wednesday 30th January

Bike Safety

It's good to see a number of children biking to school. Please help them ensure that their helmets are fitted correctly, as we've noticed that some children have them very loosely placed on their heads. Thank you.

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:

- 1/2 December Adams Family
- 8/9 December Bayer Family
- 15/16 December Botting Family

Swimming Reminder

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

Superstar Cricket Fees

Fees for Superstar Cricket will be collected by the coaches after cricket next week – Cost is \$20 for the boys only as Southland Cricket has funding to cover the girls fees.

Kahurangi Dance Performers



Poi, waiata and rakau in action during the performance on Tuesday.

Enjoying the Athletics Challenges Today 😊



Library/School Books

Please return any library books or stray vest/hats or school books you have at home to school as soon as possible. Thanks.

Digital Technologies Update

Lumsden Primary is hosting an hour of code activity on Monday the 3rd of December. This event is hosted by schools worldwide and millions of students will participate. Hour of Code's mission is:



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“Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path”

Check out the website this weekend and choose the activity you going to do.



<https://hourofcode.com/nz/learn>

Code Avengers have had several activities published on the hour of code website this year and we would like to thank Lumsden School who tested this course with us and gave us excellent feedback.



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electric
Garden

Another exciting digital technologies initiative is participating in the electric garden pilot which will be rolled out to schools in the north island next year.

Using the Electric Garden kit, children install the wireless sensors in their school garden and we will begin to gather and monitor readings through a secure class online portal. Photos and data to come.....

Email me if you have any questions sarah@codeavengers.com