



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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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

Dear School Friends and Families



Hopefully you've all enjoyed the long break from school routines. Judging by the smiles and yarns that have brought the school back to life, the children are refreshed and recharged ready for another great year.

A special welcome to our new children, Brock (Rm 2) and Elijah (Rm 4), whom we look forward to getting to know.

Fantastic to have Mr Tytler on board as our new Deputy Principal, and Miss Buchan back on board as our fifth teacher for the year. Their skills, experience and attributes will contribute enormously to our children's learning experiences. Welcome, Callum and Christine.

Thank you to the several parents who spent a lot of time looking after our school environment during the holidays (from tidying gardens to exterminating wasps!) and toiling away with the Bike Park construction. A reminder that there are a couple of Working Bees (not wasps!) coming up – Tomorrow afternoon and Waitangi Day, to finish off the Bike Track construction before the February 15th Opening. Please let Simon Saunders know if you can help out at one (or both) of these sessions – Ph/text 021 138 8544.

Thank you also to Naomi Olsen who washed all of the school high viz vests and sunhats ready for the start of the year. Speaking of vests, Fonterra Grass Roots funding has kindly donated 50 brand new ones to the school, which is much appreciated. Please help the children remember that they MUST wear them each day to school to help them keep safe, and we will be doing the same if they start to walk out the gate at the end of the day without them on.



Looking forward to our Meet and Greet evening on Thursday, February 14th, 5-7pm, which will be a great opportunity for school families to catch up with each other, and meet new families and staff. We will have BBQ patties with bread for sale (\$2 each) and/or families may choose to bring own picnic food. Feel free to bring your own sausages to cook on the BBQ if you prefer. Following the BBQ there will be some supervised activities for the children while parents join the staff for a discussion about the role Digital Technology plays in our children's learning, which hopefully you will find very helpful, as I know that parents have 'wonderings' about where and how it sits in terms of education, given the rapid development of information and communication technology.

Lots of important information inside which may require a top-up of the coffee cup as you take the time to read through! Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself should you have any queries or concerns. Excited about our new school-wide acknowledgement system for positively reinforcing our school expectations *We are Kind, We always try our best.*

Hopefully the children will be able to explain this to you at home.

Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4	5	6 Waitangi Day	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Swimming	14 'Meet and Greet' 5.00–7.00pm	15 Bike Park Opening	16	17
18	19	20 Swimming	21	22	23	24
25 Mid Dome Athletics	26 Swim coaching starts; BOT Meeting	27	28	1 Mar Bible in Schools starts	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Life Education here	9	10
11 Life Education here; Last day of swim coaching	12	13	14	15 Northern Athletics	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Northern Swimming, Te Anau	23	24
25	26 BOT Meeting	27	28	29	30	31
1 Apr	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 End of Term 1	13	14

Welcome to Lumsden School!

Great to have Mr (Callum) Tytler, Miss (Christine) Buchan, Brock Till and Elijah Thompson aboard at our school.



Staffing

Teachers will be teaching in the following areas:

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| • Lana Stevens | New Entrant/Year 1 | Room 4 |
| • Judi McMillan | Year 2 | Room 5 |
| • Christine Buchan | Year 3/4 | Room 3 |
| • Callum Tytler | Year 4/5/6 | Room 2 |
| • Chloe Madden | Year 4/5/6 | Room 1 |
| • Tracey Watson | Release Teacher | Room 1/2 |

Support staff will be working with individual students as well as providing groups of students with extra learning opportunities as needs arise.

School Bus Families

A reminder that there is a website through which you can access information about your bus route and contact our bus transport manager directly if you have any questions or concerns about the service you are provided with. Please check this out at www.dome.easybus.nz and enter your name and email address to register for information updates.

Term 1 Swimming

Children will be swimming on the Wednesday afternoons of February 13th and 20th prior to the coaching programme commencing on Tuesday February 26th. The coaching programme will run each morning, 9:30am-12pm from that date until March 11th. *Parent help will be required in order to provide a safe adult:child ratio for supervision. Please contact the school if you are able to help with any of these days – Thank you.*

Property Development Update

The installation of the new wood pellet boiler is almost complete, and registers of interest from builders have been received for the corridor/art bay renovation project. Great to see the planning work coming to fruition.

Behold the Pumpkin Patch!

Charlie, Daisy and Frank admiring the pumpkins that are growing their way into contention for winning the Electric Garden 'Largest Pumpkin' competition.



New Vests



Room 1 children wearing their new High Viz vests kindly donated by Fonterra Grass Roots recently.

Buddy Reading

Most Tuesday mornings for the last decade or so, Lumsden School children have benefitted from the time and dedication of community members who have come into school to sit down and read with them. It would be great to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining this buddy reading team – Please let myself, or Ethel Barnes (co-ordinator) know ph 248 7216 – Thank you!

School Lawns

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:

- 2/3 February Collins Family
- 9/10 February Cooper Family
- 16/17 February Cowie Family
- 23/24 February Dhakal Family

Bus Roll Procedure

At the end of the day, unless the school has been contacted by parents stating alternative arrangements, children will be put on their designated bus. It is important to let us know if you do not require bus transport for your child on certain days or in one-off situations.

NB: If your child is not a bus passenger on a particular bus, they may only travel on a bus with the driver's permission. It is not a right to be able to hop on any bus at any time. The bus company is happy to help where they can but some buses are full and it is possible that this request will be declined if space/safety become an issue.

South Fuels

Thanks to the continued support of local businesses: Crofty Farm Ltd, Kerr Inverurie Trust, Walling Contracting, Driffield Farming and Barford Investments Ltd, we have been allocated another \$1,000 sports or digital hardware package. This support is hugely appreciated. If you are interested in more information about this scheme, go to www.southfuels.co.nz

Superstar Cricket

Superstar and Girls Smash Cricket will be on Thursday nights starting on February 21st at Northern Southland College. Both competitions run for 6 weeks and finish on March the 28th – registration forms available at school office (please register by 7th February).

School Information

Please find attached to this newsletter, lots of information. We like to produce our information booklet for all families at the start of each school year. Mostly it serves only as a reminder but it would be very helpful if you could take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with routines and procedures.

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 first term by the 28th February 2019. 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.

Emergency Contacts

While many families have cellphones we still require the name of at least one other person we can contact in the event of an emergency or illness of your child, who could come and collect your child. If your phone number has changed please remember to advise us so we can update our records.

Privacy

Please let us know if you do not wish your child's photo to be published in any document publically accessible e.g. newsletter, information book, school website, school facebook page.

Dental Clinic

If you need to contact the Dental Nurse please phone 0800 570 300 or alternatively 248 7699 for the Lumsden Clinic.

School Assembly

School Assembly is held each Friday afternoon in Room 3 at 2.30 – 3.00 pm. We welcome parents, grandparents and community members along to share in this time. It is an important part of our week when we all come together to reflect on the week and share in what each class has been doing. We value it as a time to reinforce our values and attitudes programme and acknowledge our students in a positive way.

We would please ask that parents of preschoolers respect that for many children it is their first time in front of a large audience and often hard to hear. Preschoolers are very welcome but we do need them to be quiet please.

Whole School Athletics Practice

The Mid Dome Athletics are going to be held at Northern Southland College on Monday 25th February. Your child will be training in the age group they will be competing with on the day (Age as at 31st December 2018).

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate running shoes and clothing. Please **ensure that your child has footwear that they can put on independently**. Jandals and scuffs are not advised as they are not good for running in.

Please contact us if you would be happy to help with coaching athletics. Athletics skill sessions on Fridays 11.20 am – 12.00 pm.

Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools will commence on Friday 1st March, from 9.00 – 9.30 am. Please inform your child's teacher in writing if you do not want them to attend. **Please note that school is officially closed during this time and parents are responsible for supervising any children not attending Bible in Schools.** We are able to provide supervision for children who come to school by bus, 9.00 – 9.30 am in the Library.

Brain Food Reminder

A reminder that there is a short break at 10.00 am for the children to have a small, healthy snack (quick and easy to eat- e.g. apple cut up) to keep them energized for their morning's learning. Good examples are fruit, vege sticks, raisins, natural popcorn (not cake and biscuits!). Given that there are a number of children who have allergies to nuts, we suggest nuts are not brought. We are also a 'water only' school and encourage children to bring a full water bottle rather than rely solely on our drinking fountains.

Fonterra Milk for Schools

Please advise the school office if you do not wish your child to participate or if they cannot participate because of dairy intolerance and/or allergies.

Sunscreen

If your child is allergic to certain brands of sunscreen please send along a named bottle for your child/ren to use.

Friends of Lumsden School Help List 2019

Below is our list from last year – if you would like to change the area you are helping in please amend form and send back to school.

- ***If your name is not already on the list please add and return to school.***
- ***It is expected that all families will contribute in some area in order to spread the load.***

<u>Catering/BBQ's</u>	<u>Grounds/Garden</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>
Deb Cowie Michelle Mitchell Naomi Olsen Natasha Muir Teresa Pullar Kirsty Bryan Jules Adams (BBQ's) Leach Beks Ware Jacky Liu Janice Kington Amanda Russell Sarah Cooper Hannah Drummond Linzi and Jeff Keen Rob and Liv Selbie Cecilia and Ariel Raga	Mitchell Annabel Saunders Sheat Yvonne Muilwyk Carrie Adams Lorie Abella Beks Ware Sharlie Maglaras Wendy Burgess Gabriela Lachova/Lukas Hejzlar Janice Kington Daniel Jones Hannah Drummond Linzi and Jeff Keen Rob and Liv Selbie Tim and Susan Thompson	Angus Cowie Glen Mitchell Jules Adams Harley Ware Sharlie Maglaras Gabriela Lachova/Lukas Hejzlar Hannah Drummond Linzi and Jeff Keen Alisa Collins/Dion Cook



Grand Opening Friday 15th February

The bike park is really taking shape thanks to the efforts of the working bee last weekend. We get a birds eye view of all the construction work being so close to the school. I could hear the beeping of the digger until late at night as Jules Adams was determined to get as much completed as possible whilst the equipment was on hire.

Other members of the committee are working on organizing things such as signage and bike containers. Trish Gill has been coordinating a range of signs such as welcome signs, track name signs and sponsor signs to go on the container. Simon advises me the bike container is being dropped off next week. Bikes have arrived and are ready to be constructed. Senior students will have the opportunity to get involved.

Volunteers needed

Weed eating needs to be done, along with crusher dust on track (icing on the cake). If you can help either **THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON** or **WAITANGI DAY** (next Wednesday) please phone or text Simon on 021 388 544.

