



# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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### Attached:

- **NZSTA – Community member guide to the role of the board of trustees**

Dear School Friends and Families



This week has been bubbling with happenings, but at the same time, it's been great to see the way children have settled into their class and school routines so positively, and with high engagement. No wonder the staff supply of 'gotcha' rewards for great behaviour is already running low!

I'm looking forward to our Meet and Greet today as I write this – Always good to touch base with school families, along with having the opportunity to talk about our teaching and learning. Please do let me know if you still have any wonderings or questions following on from our Digital Learning discussion led Tim Thatcher, one of our professional learning providers.

As many of you will have already seen, we have a fantastic new community asset on our school grounds with the addition of the Oreti Bike Park. The huge hours put in by the committee members is greatly appreciated, and a special appreciative mention to Jules Adams whose machinery reversing beeps could often be heard late into the evening! Hopefully your family will be able to come and enjoy the use of the track outside of school time, and we will certainly be making the most of this opportunity for the children while they are at school.



Plenty of other opportunities coming up for the children to enjoy active recreation, too, with Touch scheduled to start here at Lumsden next Tuesday after school (February 19) and Superstar Cricket on Thursday (February 21). Mark Reid for Southland Cricket will also be taking classes for fun cricket sessions during the day on Thursday. Let us know if your child is keen to participate in one or both of these after school programmes, as it's not too late to register.



Please see attached information about what's involved in being a Board of Trustees member. With Board elections coming up on June 7, we encourage you to consider nomination for this important and rewarding governance role, to help provide the best education we can for our children.

The board had an excellent Charter development meeting this week, considering all of the feedback from parents, staff and students from last year's consultation about what is really important for our children, what we do well and what we could do better. The Charter drives our school direction. Stand by for more information about this later.

We're grateful to our community Buddy Readers Ethel Barnes, Serra Stewart and Sandra Prebble who have started coming in on Tuesday mornings once again to read with our children, giving them that all-important reading 'mileage'. Please let us know if this is something you'd be interested in helping with as well.



I have a keen group of Year 4-6 Guitar Club members who have started this week and room for one or two more if your child expresses an interest.

Have a great weekend. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson  
Principal

### **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)

## Looking Ahead 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 FOL's meeting 7.00 pm staffroom	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

### Term 1 Swimming

Children will be swimming on Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm prior to the coaching programme commencing on Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>. The coaching programme will run each morning, until March 11<sup>th</sup>. Parent help will be required in order to provide a safe adult:child ratio for supervision. Please let us know if you are able to help. Thanks

### Swimming Timetable 2019

- **Room 5:** 9:30-10:00
- **Room 4:** 10:00-10:30
- **Room 3:** 10:30-11:00
- **Room 2:** 11:00-11:30
- **Room 1:** 11:30-12:00

### 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:

- 16/17 February      Cooper Family
- 23/24 February      Cowie Family
- 2/3 March              Dhakal Family

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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).

Thanks to those families who have already paid.

## Whole School Athletics Practice

The Mid Dome Athletics are going to be held at Northern Southland College on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February (please refer to notice sent home earlier this week for details).

If you need to hire a school t-shirt please send \$2 along to school next week.



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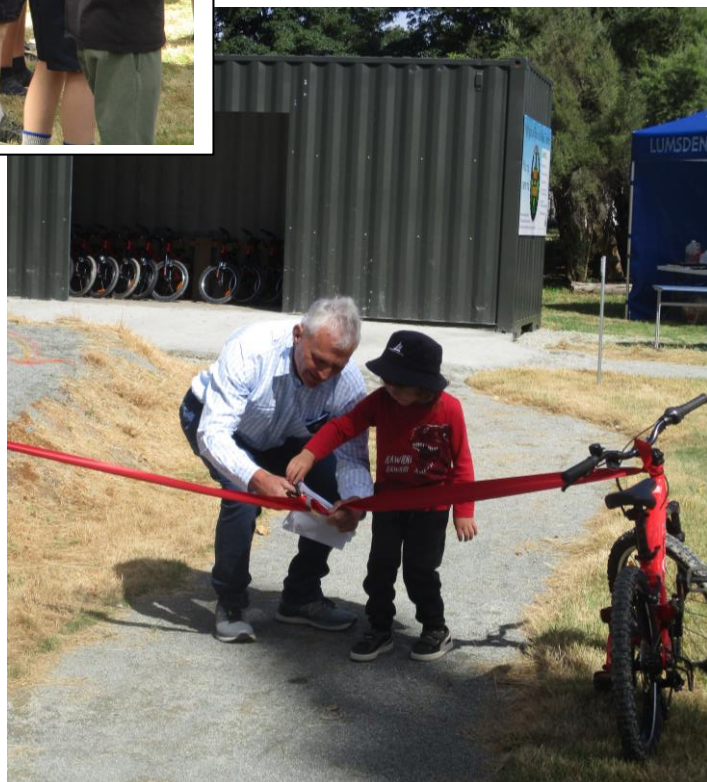
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## Oreti Bike Park Opening



SDC Councillor John Douglas cutting the ribbon with our youngest pupil, Elijah Thompson



