



# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Dear School Friends and Families



It's like getting off the Kingston Flyer onto an electric bullet train. The new boiler is officially operational as from today. From dirty coal, black smoke and buckets of ash, to clean wood pellets, a teaspoon of ash, and a lap top, we're all set for a cosy winter! Great to have this project ticked off, with the next project soon to follow: The renovation of the corridor and Art Bay spaces to accommodate better learning space options. Designs have been completed and tenders are soon to come in. Watch this space (literally ☺).

Just after this goes to print, we will have announced our Year 6 Leaders for the various student leadership positions. It's great to see the Year 6 children step up in terms of their leadership qualities as they take on these responsibilities, and the example they set for the younger children.

On Monday we had Ricky Bakker from Sport Southland come and lead our first Health and PE development session. We've realised that our Health and PE sessions are currently mainly about physical skills and enjoying games, but there is so much more to the Health and PE curriculum in terms of well-being, relationships with others and personal health. We have a focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning in this area this year, with support from Ricky and his team.



Speaking of physical activity, there has certainly been a lot going on lately, such as the Swimsafe programme which finishes on Monday. Thanks to Lydia (REAP tutor) and the many parents who have supported teachers with making this such a successful and worthwhile programme for our children, with the focus on survival skills. For children who have a good mastery of swimming strokes, there will be trials next week for those interested in competing at the Northern Swimming sports on March 22.

On Tuesday, we had our school 1500m championship – Great to see so many of our Year 5 and 6 children so willing to give this a go, and the determination they showed in completing the seven laps of our semi international track! Congratulations to Sawyer – Boys champion (closely followed by Xavier and Digby), and to Girls champion Tilly Mitchell.

Good to have Life Education teacher, Teresa Wallace, here today with the Life Ed classroom (and beloved Harold). Teresa returns on Monday for a second session with each class, focussing on Friendships and Feelings.



Best wishes to all our Northern athletes competing at NSC on Thursday.

Ngā Mihi,

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
11 Life Education here; Last day of swim coaching	12	13	14 Northern Athletics ( <i>change of date</i> )	15	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

### 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 now. Alternatively you may wish to pay the full annual donation as a lump sum. 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.

### Life Education at Lumsden

Ellie, Tayla and Charlotte on the steps of the Life Education truck which the children went aboard today to learn about friendships and feelings.



### Life Jackets for Monday please

Our swimming tutor has asked if any Room 3, 4 or 5 children have their own life jackets could they bring them to school on Monday please? Thanks.

### 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 March                      Cowie Family
- 23/24 March                      Dhakal Family

### Touch Rugby

Just a reminder no Touch next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Two more Tuesday's left 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### Small Stick Hockey 2019

Anyone interested in playing hockey or for more info can register

at, <http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/95508> Registration close Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

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