



# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Dear School Friends and Families

Another great day of Athletics for many of our children at Northern yesterday, giving it their all. Well done to all those who took part and thanks to all the helpers who supported children and staff.



Recently, the Board has completed a review and update of our school Charter, based on consultation last year with parents, staff and students. As equally as important as academic goals, our strategic and annual plan outlines desired outcomes and strategies for fostering student well-being, motivation, engagement, and positive behaviour for learning. Once the Charter has been approved by the Ministry of Education we will pop it onto our website, and a hard copy will be available to read or take home from the office if you would like one.

Last Friday we announced our Year 6 student leadership roles and presented the leadership badges to these children. It's great to see how our Year 6 children have already taken on new responsibilities with reliability and enthusiasm. Whānau group leaders are as follows: Kowhai – Sawyer Jones and Ryan Hansen; Kikorangi – Aayush Dhakal; Whero – Cayden Bryan and Jade Muir; Kākāriki – Jed Sheat and Maisie Walling; Duffy Leader and Library Leader – Nic Cowie; Sports Leader – Ava Leach; School Leaders – Tilly Mitchell and Charlie Chen.



Next Tuesday, teachers will be attending Paid Union Meetings in Lumsden. We have made arrangements so that disruption to teaching and learning will be minimised, so it will be 'business as usual' for our children that day, with a rolling reliever coming in to enable teachers to attend these meetings. These meetings are a crucial part of the 'Kua Tae Te Wā - It's Time' campaign. They're an opportunity for teachers and principals to come together to discuss the offer and decide next steps. We want to ensure teaching is an attractive profession for people to join and stay in, and we have asked that the government provide for better staffing to reduce class sizes and give us more time to teach and time to lead. The offers received are only minimally different from what was offered (and rejected) last year. This is because the government has refused to increase the amount of money available. Already, many schools are having to make sacrifices because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around.

We appreciate your continued support. If these offers are rejected, it is the voices of parents and the wider public that will be key to forcing the government to listen as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible education. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>.

Please see inside copy of a letter sent to schools and ECEs this week containing important information regarding the measles outbreak further North and precautions we need to take, bearing in mind how infectious measles are.



All the best to our Northern swimmers who are competing at Te Anau next Friday.

Have a good 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 Whole School Swim after lunch	21 Neighbours Day 5.00 – 7.00 pm	22 Northern Swimming, Te Anau	23	24
25	26 BOT Meeting	27	28	29 FoLS Coffee and Catch up, 2.00 pm	30 S'land Primary Athletics	31
1 Apr	2	3	4	5	6	7 S'land Swimming Champs
8	9	10 Eileen Ryan PHN here	11	12 Duffy Role Model Assembly 9.30 am; End of Term 1	13	14

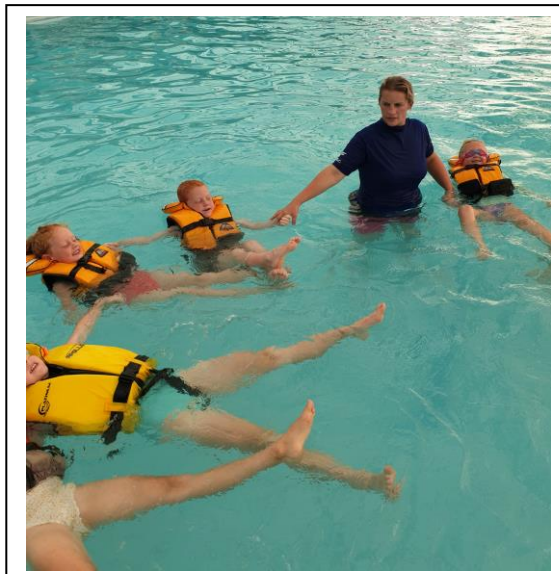
### Financial Contribution

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.

### Swimming Survival Skills



REAP Swimming Tutor Lydia teaching the junior children about lifejacket survival skills on Monday.

### School Lawns

Here are the guidelines to follow;

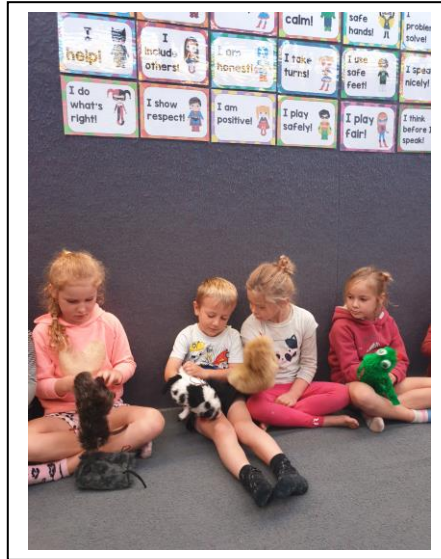
- Pick up the school mower shed key from the Four Square Supermarket
- Check the mower has fuel and fill from can in shed if necessary. Please let the school know if petrol can is low and we will refill
- Check the map attached to the mower showing which areas to mow
- Catcher loads of grass can be emptied 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:

- 23/24 March Dhakal Family
- 30/31 March Drummond Family



## Life Education Visit



Life Education Teacher Teresa Wallace and Harold the Giraffe reinforce the positive friendships and feelings message to the junior children this week.

## Duffy show



Characters Sam, Duffy and Aunty Grace perform in the Duffy Show yesterday with the help of some keen volunteers.

Get to know your Neighbours at the Lumsden

# Neighbours Day Picnic!

BYO Picnic, Games & Bikes

Thursday 21st March  
5-7PM  
Oreti Bike Park at the Lumsden Primary School

13/03/19

**To all Schools and Early Childhood Education Facilities.**

**Information regarding Measles Outbreak March 2019**

Two cases of measles have now been confirmed in Dunedin since 22 Feb both of which are linked to the current outbreak in Christchurch. One case was in contact with a local early childhood service whilst infectious.

Public Health South is working with staff and parents at the affected service to ensure that any unimmunised or vulnerable contacts are safe. This is a timely reminder to ensure that your records and children's vaccinations are up to date.

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about 4 days. About one in ten people with measles need to be hospitalised and 30% will develop complications.

The best measles prevention is two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

**Prevent measles at your school/early childhood service**

1. Inform staff, parents and caregivers that there is measles in the community.
2. Check and update your Immunisation Register. These must be maintained by all schools/Early Childhood Education Centres under the Health (Immunisation) Regulations 1995. Registers allow unimmunised children who have been in contact with someone with measles to be quickly identified to help reduce the risk of further spread.
3. Ask parents and caregivers to make sure that their children's immunisations are up-to-date. Staff born during or after 1969 should also make sure that they are fully vaccinated for measles.

**Measles at your school/early childhood service**

1. If a child becomes unwell with possible measles while at your service, keep them separate from other children while waiting for them to be taken home. This helps reduce the risk of measles spreading. ***Please ask parents to phone their GP's for advice and information before going to the surgery.***
2. GPs and health professionals are required to notify the local Medical Officer of Health of any suspected cases of measles. Once a notification is confirmed, your service will be contacted by public health staff who will provide information and advice.
3. A child or teacher with measles should stay away from school or ECE services for five days from the appearance of their rash or until recovered, depending on the advice of the Medical Officer of Health.
4. Unimmunised children who have been in contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should be excluded from the school or ECE service. The child may need isolation for up to 14 days after last contact with the infectious person. This includes exposed children who have only had one MMR vaccination.

**More Information**

For further health information on measles please go to the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.govt.nz> or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website <http://www.immune.org.nz>  
You can also call the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free line 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

**Marion Poore**  
**Medical Officer of Health**  
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