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Reminder: text follow lumsdenschool to 8987 so that you will receive immediate text notification of alerts and reminders via our twitter account (e.g. snow days, cancellations).



Dear School Friends and Families



Going by the children's grins and Thursday morning's stories, both the Remarkables and Gore trips were great successes. We were really appreciative of all the parent help with supervision and transport, and once again, a huge thanks to Paulette Leach for the huge amount of time and work which went into the organisational detail to make these events run smoothly.

Two things that stood out for staff on these trips, aside from how children managed the various skills involved, were the outstanding way that some of the older children saw beyond 'themselves' and helped the younger children, and the high levels of perseverance (e.g. Getting straight back up after a fall and carrying on complete with smile). Always heartening to see these values in practice in different settings and situations.

Looking forward to another exciting happening outside the classroom next week, as the whole school heads down on buses to Stadium Southland to perform at Polyfest. We are timetabled to perform at 1.00 pm, and of course, all supporters would be welcome. Don't be too disappointed if you're thinking you won't be able to see your child/ren perform though, as the whole performance will also feature within the Production on September 22. Many thanks to sewing expert Sonya Hoffman who has topped up our kapahaka uniform numbers. Miss Madden is nervous but I don't think she needs to be! She has once again done a fantastic job bringing the children up to a very high standard, with Miss Mackay's support with guitar accompaniment.



Bon Voyage to Jen Hellewell who is heading overseas with family next week for the rest of the term. We wish them all a safe and a very enjoyable family time. Jackie Gilkison and Sam Grant will be here extra hours during that time to keep the momentum going with group and 1:1 Literacy tuition.



A reminder that due to a teachers paid union meeting on September 7 in response to the government's proposed 'Global Funding' system, our local transport network will be running buses home at 12.30 pm that day. Please let us know if you wish your child to be supervised at school until the usual finishing time (You will need to arrange alternative transport home for them if this is the case).

Have a good weekend. Hope weather is good for those long calving days that are keeping lots of you busy at the moment. Ka kite ano,



Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2016

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| 29 Polyfest, Invercargill | 30 | 31 | 1 Sept | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 St John in Schools | 7 Teachers Paid Union meeting, buses leave school at 12.30 pm | 8 | 9 FoLS Coffee and Catch up 1.45 pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 BOT Meeting; Eileen Ryan PHN here | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 School Photos | 20 | 21 | 22 Production | 23 End of Term 3 | 24 | 25 |

Paid Union Meeting Day

On Wednesday 7 September PPTA (Post Primary Teachers' Association) and NZEI (NZ Educational Institute) have called a joint paid union meeting for all its members from 1:30 pm in Gore. These two unions cover both primary and secondary teachers and support staff. It is unusual for the two unions to join meetings in this way. They have called this action because of the potential impact the governments proposed changes to the ways schools are funded could have on the way schools operate. Meetings are occurring nation wide. The Principals from Balfour, Lumsden, Mossburn and Northern Southland College have agreed that buses on this day will leave schools at 12:30pm. By law schools are required to stay open for instruction. If you wish for child to remain at school and be supervised until the usual finishing time then please contact us here at school. You will need to organise alternative transport home if this is the case.

Please free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Yours

Andrew Watson

Financial Contribution

Financial donations for the third term are now due. The BOT ask for 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 third term as soon as possible. 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). Thank you to those families who have already paid.

Please feel free to discuss this with Andrew if you have any other questions or concerns about this request.

VIP of the Week



Congratulations to Kadia Muir last week's VIP recipient for helping in Room 1 before school without even being asked.

Duffy School Leaders' Assembly

It was great to have Sophie Sangster and Jono Anderson and Mr Newell as special guests at Assembly last week. Sophie and Jono spoke really well to the kids with a positive message about reading, and were also presented with our Duffy School Leaders' books.

Headlice

Please be on the alert checking for these unwanted visitors, which are around our neck of the woods again. Children are able to attend school once treated.

9th and 12th Grade Lumsden Wasps Football teams: Home game!

The weather turned it on for us and both teams won their games 3-2 (12th) and 5-0 (9th). Thanks to all who came and supported and especially those parents who put in some incredible effort for the Fund-raising.

12th Grade

11/8/16

Junior Wanderers Jets 4 Lumsden 0

POD: Jack Brensell

13/8/16

Old Boys Stormers 4 Lumsden 2

POD: Cade McLachlan

20/8/16

Lumsden 3 Junior Wanderers Mariners 2

POD: Jacob Sinclair

9th Grade

20/8/16

Lumsden 7 Waihopai Blue 0

POD: Mitchell McLachlan

Northern Southland Amateur Swimming club will, once again, be offering swimming lessons and squad training sessions in the Lumsden pool for term 4. Please contact nsasc.lumsden@gmail.com for further details.

Ice Skating Fun - Room 4

I went ice skating at Gore. It was fun at Gore. I went swimming at Gore. We had delicious cake there. It was banana cake. It was yum. It was awesome. I went swimming under the water. I didn't need any help need any help for ice skating. *Written by Lachie*

First we went to the netball stadium and played ball games. Then we went ice skating and I kept falling over. Riley helped me up and my mum helped me too. At the end I was very good. Then we went swimming. It was awesome. *Written by Angus*

I went swimming. I had so much fun on the slides. It was exciting. Ice skating was fun. I liked ice skating, but I still need some practice ice skating. Ball sports was fun. I liked sports. It was really good. It was excellent. It was the best. *Written by Levi*

Yesterday I went to swimming. It was fun and I went down the slide. That was fun and I swam there too. But first I went dodging balls. Then I went ice skating and that was fun too. It made me very excited. *Written by Grace*