

LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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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

I may have turned 50 this week, but as someone pointed out, that's only 7.1 in dog years, so I don't feel too bad about that!



The children did a superb job at Polyfest on Monday, doing the school proud on the stage at Stadium Southland. To view the video, you can go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zn6JDSF-VkY>

Great photos also available to purchase online <http://rufferphotography.pixieset.com/> Thank you to Miss Madden for a job well done, coaching the children to such a high standard, and to Miss Mackay for her terrific guitar accompaniment work. We appreciated the parent help with applying the moko, and helping with costumes. Once again, Sonya Hoffman's time and expertise was much appreciated, sewing 10 more kapa haka uniforms for us to meet a numbers shortfall.

On Wednesday I was in Dunedin attending a leadership forum, along with a large number of Otago/Southland principals involved in setting up Communities of Learning (CoLs) as groups of schools. Currently, our school is involved in the formative stages of a 'CoL' with eight other Northern Southland schools, and we've been meeting to discuss how we could work together to improve student outcomes collectively.

On Monday we look forward to working with Otatara principal Sharon Livingstone and a senior staff member, who are visiting to work with our teachers as we learn to use the Progress and Consistency Tool (PaCT). This is a tool which has been developed by the government to help with making accurate judgements about children's progress.



A reminder that next Wednesday afternoon most teachers will be attending a Paid Union meeting about an issue which may have a major impact on the way schools are funded, and buses will be arriving at 12.30 pm at school to take children home. If you wish your child to attend school in the afternoon, please let us know, and arrange to pick them up from school at 3.00 pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Castlerock Farming Co. Ltd (Guy and Vicki Goodeve, and David and Julie Thomas) has once again generously donated \$2000 to the school for the purchase of ICT equipment. Their ongoing support is hugely appreciated and adds a significant boost to our resourcing to enrich learning.

Have a good weekend – Spring has sprung so hopefully more sunshine coming with it! Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson

Principal

(Oh, and FIFTY is only 14 in Scrabble 😊)

Looking Ahead 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	6 St John in Schools	7 Teachers Paid Union meeting, buses leave school at 12.30 pm	8	9 Duffy Role Model Assembly 11.00 am; 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; Rooms 2 & 3 – Camp Fees due today	20	21	22 Production Matinee performance 10.00 am & evening 7.30 pm	23 End of Term 3	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 Oct	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Start of Term 3; Year 6 Bannockburn Camp till 13 th	11	12 Year 4 & 5 Bannockburn Camp till 14 th	13	14	15	16
17	18 FoLS Meeting 7.30 pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 Labour Day	25 BOT Meeting	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 Nov	2 Year 2 & 3 Camp Columba	3	4	5	6

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 12.30 pm. 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 Valen Reidt last week's VIP recipient for having an excellent attitude and helping out those around him on the ski trip.



Skating and Ski-ing Moments in Time – Room 5

I smell chlorine that they put in the pool
I smell the ice when I am skating
I hear people jumping in the pool
I hear people scratching the ice
I see people falling over on the ice
I see water through the door
I feel the freezing ice
I taste the water when I go under
That's me swimming and skating
By Cayden

I can smell hot chocolate
I can hear people saying "cold"
I can see people crashing
I can taste the snow
I can feel the windy air
That's me skiing
By Jed

I smell hot chocolate miles away
I feel so cold on the ice
I see someone who flies past me
After it, I feel I have a sore leg from the ice
I taste a dry throat
I hear the ice cracking
That's me skating
By Jade

I smell hot chocolate from miles away
Hot, hot cookies, yum in my mouth
Fun, fun on the ice
I fall down and hurt my bottom, I'm embarrassed
So, so awesome on the ice
I see a fake palm tree – awesome!
That's me ice-skating and swimming
By Zoe

I smell the cold ice on my skating boots all cold as snow
I hear bug thumps because people fall down
I see penguins going past me
I feel the ice on my skin
I taste the coffee on the side
That's me skating
By Nic

I smell fresh water on me
I hear people scream out loud
I see boys and girls splashing
I feel water splashing on me
I taste hot chocolate coming to me
That's me swimming
By Maisie

I smell the air in the pool
I hear the talking in the pool
Ow! I hurt my back on the ice
I see people having fun on the ice
I feel scared when I get on the ice
I taste the freezing ice
I see people fall on the ice
I feel like I am growing when I go underwater
I hear people splashing each other
That's me skating and swimming
By Charlie

Ahh! The relaxing cosy water
I smell the stinky chlorine
I can taste the water as I come sliding off the slide
I feel my bottom landing on the ice – ouch!
That's me skating and swimming
By Harrison

I smell the thick ice underneath me
Deep breath and under
I hear the bubbling water around me – it's there and there!
All I see is skid marks on the shivery ice
I stop, I taste the rope in my mouth
Suddenly I nearly face plant onto the ice
I feel two big holes beneath me
That's me skating and swimming
By Jodi

I see people zooming past
I smell the hot chocolate
I see heaps of people skiing
I feel very surprised with how many people are here
I taste snow going into my face
I hear people falling
That's me skiing
By Charlotte

I hear people say "hooray, what a good day!"
I feel cold at skating
I see lots of happy people
I smell a chocolate cake
I taste my good lunch
That's me skating and swimming
By Abbie

I feel the ice spring onto my cold skin
Watch out! Ice skater out of control!
And of course she falls over
Do you hear that noise?
Help! Help! Someone's almost drowning!
Smell that hot soup, it smells like it's time for lunch
Mmmm taste that yummy soup, almost finished my lunch
That's me ice skating and swimming
By Tia

I can hear people shouting "hooray!"
I am so excited to go down that huge hill
My teacher Miss Mackay slips on the snow – it is funny
I can taste that chocolate brownie with cream in my mouth
I see people sliding down those hills
I smell everyone's sweaty bodies from all of that excitement
That's me skiing
By Gianna

I smell some fizzy drink coming near me
I hear the snow splashing everywhere when I go fast
I see mum is paying to go to the ski field – cha ching!
I can feel the snow hitting my face
I taste hot chocolate in my tummy – yum!
That's me skiing
By Milo

I smell the fantastic drink
I hear the air whizzing past
I see Miss Mackay fall over and she gets a snowy bottom
I feel all of the snow whacking my cheeks
I taste all the gross snow
That's me skiing
By Tilly

Hot, hot warm milk smells delicious
I see all different people like adults and kids having so much fun
I taste the cold air racing through my lips
I hear lots of chattering
I feel my bottom crash to the ground
That's me skating
By Victoria

Yum, I smell a cookie close by me
What can I hear? Oh people shouting "watch out for me!"
I see that Harri is pushing the inflatable when I am on the big one
I feel the showers spraying on me
I taste Zoe's potato chips that she had
That's me skating and swimming
By Ava

Warm swimming pool as warm as milo
Fresh air coming my way
I can notice people splashing their hands all in the pool
Brrr! Freezing cold ice
Slipping over on the slippery ice
I notice that I can skate
Air goes straight into my mouth
That's me swimming and skating
By Tyrese

I can see chair lifts going up and down with people on them
I smell the freezing snow when I speed past
I see my friends in my group behind and in front of me
I hear people talking to each other
I taste the food around me that people are munching on
That's me skiing
By Digby

The Creation of Lumsden School

One day there was an adventurous kid who loved to go out into the community and explore, but one day when he moved to a new land, everything changed. There was a school on his newly discovered land and it didn't let anyone have the opportunity to do anything, the school controlled every single child, it was terrible! There was no green land, no trees, no birds, no nothing! It was all concrete and all boring.

He soon found out it was not just a bad school but it was also home to a monstrous creature whom was making learning not for life! No one had respect for each other or the school and they had no fun. Andrew Watson was a student that was not like the other kids, he was outgoing, fun and respectful.

He decided that he had to make a change and defeat this creature that was destroying the schools reputation! So he trained until he was a strong warrior, he came to school and attacked the creature, the creature fought back but Andrew felt no pain and soon the giant, despicable creature was finally defeated.

As the creature died his body parts fell off and filled some of the school. His hair fell off and covered the concrete with grass, his limbs turned into trees and his face crumbled into stones. Everyone soon found out what Andrew did and they made him the new school leader. He soon made playgrounds, rubbish bins, rugby posts and other things that helped the school to grow!

Once everybody heard the news there was a bit of a rush to join the amazing school. Kids came to learn for life and they loved it, and so do we!

That is the creation story of Lumsden School!

By Giavana Santelli

Polyfest Performers



Headlice and School Sores

Please be vigilant checking for these unwanted visitors, which are still around our neck of the woods. Children are able to attend school once treated for headlice; any children with school sores are able to return to school 24 hours after treatment with antibiotics has started or once sores are healed.

Room 2 and 3 Camp Fundraising

Please return all chocolate boxes and raffle cards as soon as possible so that we can notify families of total amount of camp fees to be paid. Thanks.

Construction Day – Room 1

Room 3 children helping Room 1 with their creations this morning.



Lost Property Explosion!



The collection of clothing left lying around the school has grown!!! The naming of clothing would be a great help. Please call in and check to see if anything belongs to your children. Any unclaimed clothing will be disposed of by the end of term.

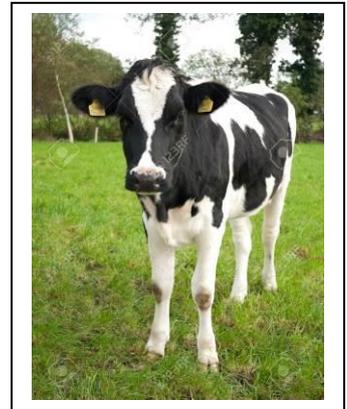
Northern Southland Amateur Swimming club will, once again, be offering swimming lessons and squad training sessions in the Lumsden pool for term 4. Please contact nsasc.lumsden@gmail.com for further details.

Friends of Lumsden School Stock Scheme

Friends of Lumsden School are once again organising our annual community stock scheme and we are calling on you, our rural community, to help build on the success of past years. We are asking people to rear and donate calves at 100 kg, or lambs that are ready for sell with all proceeds going towards our children at Lumsden Primary School.

This year we are looking for:

- Friesian and Jersey bull calves reared to approx 100 kg
- Weaned Lambs or sheep
- A 'virtual' calf or lamb (cash donation to the value of \$100 - \$200)



EID tags to be supplied by you - the farmer.

All animals donated will be collected, collated and weighed then sold through the Lorneville Saleyards, with support from **Rural Livestock**.

This is a great fundraising opportunity, and we really want you as parents and community members, on board, as all proceeds will directly benefit our children.

Please contact Jan McFadzien 021 060 3396 or the school office.

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Please return to school office by the end of term

We are happy to rear and donate _____ calf/calves; _____ lamb or _____ a virtual animal to the value of _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

E-mail _____