

# 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



We appreciated the adjustments families made to routines on Wednesday afternoon when teachers attended the Paid Union Meeting in Gore. The packed James Cumming Wing was an indication of the strength of concern about the government's proposed Global Funding system. Currently, each school is given a guaranteed staffing entitlement, and these teachers' salaries are paid by the government. Under a Global Funding (Bulk Funding) system, all of a school's funding is bundled into a single payment and left it to them to decide how much to spend on teachers and other things. We are concerned about it because it removes guarantees around the minimum number of teachers each school would have. It would also load a whole lot more financial management onto Boards of Trustees.

Although it gives schools flexibility to do what they like with the funding, at the same time, it's taking away some of the safeguards that schools have in terms of staffing. The best resource for teaching and learning is the teacher, and we wouldn't like to see teacher time traded off for other things - Education is too important for that and global budgets could dilute the quality of teaching and learning, i.e. no guaranteed teacher-student ratios, and larger class sizes as a result. So the meetings held around the country were aimed at sending a clear message to the government that we want a better funding system to give our children a better deal.



**Congratulations!** Someone who is certainly able to deliver a clear message is Rachael Miller. Rachael was runner-up in the Northern Western Speech contest on Monday night, qualifying for the Southland final to be held at Aurora College next Wednesday night. Well done, Rachael!

On Monday afternoon we were grateful to Otatara Principal Sharon Livingstone, along with another senior staff member coming out to work with myself and the teachers to help us learn about a new digital tool for evaluating children's progress. It will add a lot of validity to the judgements we make about where children are in relation to the National Standards.



It was great to have Jo Lilley from St John in Schools back with us on Tuesday. Jo runs excellent class sessions, teaching children how to be safe and get help in an emergency, along with some basic First Aid understanding and knowledge.

As this goes to print, children's author and illustrator Scott Tulloch is the special guest at our Duffy Role Model assembly. Scott's work is well known, for example, he has illustrated numerous Craig Smith stories, such as Square Eyes. We're fortunate to have these opportunities for children to be inspired by such talented people who bring positive and motivational messages with them.



School Disco next week (Thursday evening) - See inside for more info. Meanwhile, have a good weekend. Hopefully the weather matches the bright days as people get into the thick of lambing. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 Room 2/3 Camp Raffle Cards and money due today	13 BOT Meeting; Eileen Ryan PHN here; Room 2/3 Camp Parent Helpers Meeting 3.30 pm	14	15 School Disco	16 Room 5 Camp Raffle Cards and money due today	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 <sup>th</sup>	11	12 Year 4 & 5 Bannockburn Camp till 14 <sup>th</sup>	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 Room 5 Camp Columba →	3	4	5	6

### Financial Contribution

**Financial donations for the third term are now overdue.** 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.

### VIPs of the Week

Congratulations to Hayley Norrish and Saige Cambridge last week's VIP recipients for being helpful around the school.



### Room 2 and 3 Camp Fundraising/Fees

**Please return all raffle cards on Monday** so that we can draw the raffle. **Grocery item box looking very empty at least half of families haven't sent in their grocery item please do so immediately.** Thanks.

If you are paying Camp fees via Internet please pay into the FoLS bank account: 031355-0752134-00.

## **Duffy Books in Schools: 'Caught Being a Good Dad'**

This year's award was presented to **Jules Adams** in assembly last week, for the huge amount of time and work he spent on leading the construction of our wonderful new sandpit.

We also acknowledged the following people for their tremendous volunteer help recently:

- **Matilda Highfield** – Matilda, a Year 10 NSC student, has been coming into school every Thursday after school to help teachers replace the week's reading books, as the 'service' component of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. Her reliability and great work has been much appreciated.
- **Sonya Hoffman** – For the amazing sewing work she has done for us this term (Kapa Haka uniforms, Production costume).
- **Paulette Leach** – For the excellent job she did, involving heaps of time and work, organising our recent Winter Adventure Day activities (Ski Trip/Gore Sports Complex).

We are very fortunate to have tremendous community/family support to be able to give our children such great experiences.

## **Well Done, Rachael**



Rachael Miller along with the other Northern/Western place-getters at Otautau on Monday night.

## **School Photos – 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Geoff Horrell will be here at 8.30 am for those families who would like a family photo. If you do not want your child to have an individual photo taken please notify the school office.

## **Springing into Gardening Action**



Children mucking into gardening this week, motivated by the Gardening Club leaders.

**Wanted please:**

We need good soil to mix in with the soil in the vege plots so if you can help us out please let Tom or Cade know at school. Thanks.

**Meeting for parent helpers for Bannockburn Camps!**

There will be a meeting for the parent helpers of both Room 2 and 3 camps next Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30 pm here at school. This is to discuss your roles and responsibilities during our time away. If you're unable to make it don't panic, we will catch up with you to go over this.

**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](mailto:nsasc.lumsden@gmail.com) for further details.

# THE LUMSDEN SCHOOL DISCO!

**WHERE:** Lumsden Primary School

**THEME:** Crazy hair!

**WHEN:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 6.30-8.00 p.m.

**WHY:** Money raised will go to our school camps!

**COST:** Gold coin donation

**Available to buy:**

**Glowsticks, Glowing rings, flashing necklaces and more!**

**All priced from \$1-\$2**

**Chips and Drinks**

