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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



What's in the name?

I was wondering: Why was Lumsden named Lumsden? Come in Mr Google...Originally the district in general was known as The Elbow, then when the then new railway station was also named The Elbow, residents of Castlerock brought the matter to George Lumsden of the Otago Provincial Council, who referred the matter to the Railways Department. They then chose the name Lumsden for the town in the absence of any other suggestion.

George Lumsden, Mr Google's P.A. Miss Wikipedia, went on to tell me that George Lumsden was a watch maker from Scotland who arrived in Invercargill in 1861, and was mayor for a couple of years. He later became a member of Parliament before resigning to re-focus his watch makers business.

With all due respect to Mr Lumsden, it sounds like he had very little to do with Lumsden, other than refer a complaint from some disgruntled Castlerockians about a name double-up to the Railways Department. And yet his name is immortalised on our signage and letterheads.



I imagine he was quite clever. Being able to make watches would have required a great deal of dexterity and specialised skill. He was probably a very busy man too. He had eight children, a high level of political involvement, while running a business at the same time.

And like many of those early European settlers, he was probably courageous too, leaving his Scotland home, family and friends to sail off to the other side of the world to begin a-new.

So while initially thinking our town was a bit hard done by, with its name resulting from a somewhat flippant decision from the Powers-That-Be, on reflection, our name has good character as its origin. It seems to me that George Lumsden worked hard – to acquire specialist skill, to contribute to his wider community, and to support his family. He was prepared to move outside of his comfort zone (emigrate to New Zealand) and seek new opportunities.



And I guess those are the sort of character traits that we want to nurture in our 'Lumsden' children – a keenness to learn, to contribute positively to society, and show initiative and seize opportunities.

Wondering satisfied, along with a meaning-enriched take on our 'Lumsden' vision and values. For me, yesterday the signage and letterheads were just labels. Today they're meaning-holders.

That's what's in the name.

Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 Tour of Southland Stage Finish, Lumsden (2.40 pm approximately)	1 Nov	2 Room 5 Camp Columba →	3	4	5	6
7 Pet Day	8 Pet Day (postponement)	9	10	11	12 Cycle & Celebrate Community Event	13
14	15	16	17 Scott Eade Touch Rugby sessions	18 FoLS Coffee and Chat 1.45 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Room 2 & 3 Reports home	26	27
28	29 BOT Meeting; Room 2 & 3 3-way Conferences	30 Room 2 & 3 3-way Conferences	1 Dec	2	3	4
5	6	7 Mitre 10 Mega Tough Kids Event Invercargill (Year 6 attending)	8	9 Assembly 1.30 pm; "Ice Cream" Afternoon 2.00 – 3.00 pm	10	11
12 "Lumsden's Got Talent" 1.30 pm (note change of date)	13 End of Year Ceremony 7.00 pm	14 End of Term 4	15	16	17	18

Annual Survey

Over the next couple of weeks, a Board of Trustees member will be phoning you to ask the following questions:

1. *What is Lumsden Primary School doing well?*
2. *What can Lumsden Primary School improve on?*
3. *Do you want a school uniform? (Please note, that this question is just to gauge interest in the idea of having a school uniform. It will give the BoT an indication as to whether or not this should be explored as an option.)*

Please consider your answers to these questions and expect to hear from a BoT member in the next couple of weeks. If you would rather complete this survey online, please copy this link into your web browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BX5VDNK>

We value your feedback and look forward to speaking to you.

Financial Contribution

Financial donations for the fourth 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 fourth 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.

Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy

Due to the upcoming resignation of a parent representative on the Board of Trustees (moving from Lumsden) there will be a vacancy to be filled for the beginning of 2017.

The Board is very keen to hear from anyone in our parent community who may be interested in having a role on our Board. Please contact Board Chairperson Michelle Mitchell (ph 248 7080) or Andrew (ph 248 7474) if you would like to express an interest in being a BOT parent representative and/or to find out about what such a role involves. Please let us know by November 11, so that we can then put process in place for filling the vacancy.

Lawnmowing Roster

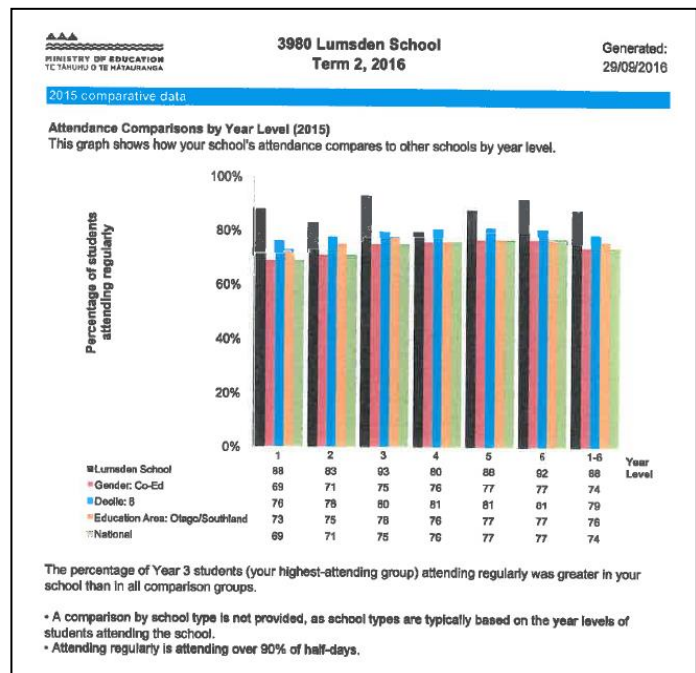
The roster for the next 3 weeks is:

- 29/30 October Walling Family
- 5/6 November Ware Family
- 12/13 November Wilson Family

NB: The key to the mower shed is at the Lumsden Four Square, there is a map of the area to be mown in the mower shed. If the petrol container is empty or low please contact Mackenzie Aitken phone 022 391 3152. If you are unable to mow the lawns on your rostered weekend please organise to swap with another family yourself.

Attendance Survey

This year our school was selected to participate in a nation-wide survey on school attendance. This graph shows our attendance levels for 2015 compared with other schools nation-wide and Otago/Southland schools. It is reassuring to see that Lumsden School had significantly high rates (the black line), comparing very favourably with schools nationally and across Otago/Southland.



Pet Day

Thank you for the return of notices letting us know about children's pets and your availability with help. We would appreciate any remaining Pet Day return forms to be sent to school by Monday. Please note that Pet Day is **MONDAY** November 7, not Wednesday, which was an error on the notice. If children do not have a pet we are encouraging them to bring a favourite soft toy. If children are bringing dogs, please ensure that they are registered, of non-aggressive nature, and have had their regular dog dosing treatment.

Pet Day BBQ

FoLS needs helpers from 11.00 am till 1.00 pm, please volunteer for 30 minutes and help feed everybody. To put your name down ring or text Sheril 021 293 1901.

Enviroschools Hui



Cade McLachlan enjoying kayaking at Borland Lodge during the EnviroSchools Hui on Thursday. Others who attended were Thomas Cowie, Freddie Saunders and Mackenzie Herrick.

Tour of Southland Lumsden Finish

We look forward to being at the finish line on Monday at 2.30 pm, with Grace and Caleb H waving the cyclists in with the chequered flag. Do feel free to join us there. Hopefully the conditions keep the race running to the expected time so we can see the action (as we need to be back to school in time for buses).

Bon Voy-camping Room 5!

Room 5 are off to Pukerau on Wednesday for their overnight adventure. There are some great outdoor experiences planned including climbing and abseiling, kayaking and a rope course.

Well done to Troy Fowler who represented the school at the recent Northern Primary Schools Tennis Tournament, winning one of his games and competing closely in the others.

Swimming

We look forward to the children having the opportunity to use the pool following next week's opening. We'll be using it on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons (not necessarily all of those days each week). More details next week.

Ngā Putangitangi Visit

Today Miss Madden and Miss Mackay and a group of Year 4 and 5 children are going to Invercargill to watch some of the Ngā Putangitangi competition. This is basically a 'step up' in terms of performance quality from Polyfest, i.e. a judged, competitive kapahaka performance event. This is with a view to entering Lumsden School into this competition in the future, and finding out what it involves and how it works.

Wanted please:

If anyone has spare plastic shopping bags please send them along to school. Thanks.

Chickenpox Alert

Please be aware that Chickenpox could have a foot in our door. Early signs are fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot. Children are infectious from up to 5 days before appearance of spots until lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days).

Ko-ordination Development!

Budding Lumsden Golfers under the watchful eye of Lumsden Golf Club members, Chris and Liz Senior. Well done to our two teams who participated in the Primary Schools Tournament at Mossburn on Wednesday, and we are hugely appreciative of Liz Senior and Lois Mitchell who managed the teams on the day.



Football Results

Players of the Day: Cayden Bryan and Andrew Graham.

Super team work from both the Lumsden Wasps and the Lumsden Stingers!!!!

All Go in the Gardens



There has been a flurry of activity around the garden plots this week as each whānau group has taken charge of a planting project. Each plot will be judged later in the growing season in terms of its produce and the way it's been cared for. Watch out for a burst of colour as the children paint planned designs on their plots, too.



THE NORTHERN SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY POOL (FORMERLY LUMSDEN) IS CELEBRATING
OPENING

- AT A WARM **28** DEGREES
- ON FRIDAY **4** NOVEMBER
- FROM 3.**28**PM TILL 6PM

ALL RESIDENTS OF NORTHERN SOUTHLAND ARE INVITED TO ENJOY A **FREE SWIM & FREE BBQ** ON
THIS COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN **\$28** OFF THE COST OF A SEASON KEY

(From **Mon 31 October**, pool will be open from 7am till 9.30pm daily for tag holders)

SEASON TAGS: Families \$130 + \$20 bond, Singles/Seniors \$80 + \$20 bond

For further information or queries, please contact Paulette 021 1211723



Superstar Cricket Academy



The New Zealand Post Superstar Cricket Academy is a six week junior development programme that teaches the fundamentals of batting, bowling and fielding within an exciting and competitive environment. Designed for boys and girls aged 5-10 years, it is the first step on a pathway that can lead to a lifelong involvement in cricket. (This programme runs for children up to Year 8 in Northern Southland). The academy provide coaching opportunities for players new to cricket and games for those with appropriate skill sets.

Wednesday: Lumsden – 4pm starting 2 November 2016.

The cost is \$40 per player. Children will receive giveaways including a bat, backpack and drink bottle.

Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child in this programme, or register your child on www.southlandcricket.co.nz/superstar-cricket-academy then click on the Lumsden link to register your child.

Northern Southland's
"Cycle and Celebrate"
Cycle Race and Market Day



Kingston to Lumsden

62 km individual race
31km (each) team race
15km family/short race

Saturday the 12th November 2016

www.cycleandcelebrate.co.nz - Ph (03)2487885

MNSTL - the Mid Northern Southland Toy Library has term memberships available. \$25 for term and this will take your membership until end of the year. Access to quality indoor and outdoor toys, equipment and puzzles for play and learning (ages 0 - 8yrs). Contact Holly 027 945 4803 today!



WAIKAIA PLAYGROUP & PLUNKET
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

FRIDAY THE 11th OF NOVEMBER
6pm - 9pm at the Hall

LIVE MUSIC, GREAT FOOD, BEER &
WINE

ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
UNDER ONE ROOF!

Gold Coin Entry



BALFOUR LIONS CLUB PRESENTS
A FAMILY NIGHT OUT
@ THE FIREWORKS
FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2016
GATES OPEN 6.30pm
Balfour Racecourse
Racecourse Road, Balfour
Entertainment from Kayla Mahon Music Students

Tickets \$5
Children under 12 & Under Free

GLOWSTICKS FOR SALE
FOOD STALLS, COFFEE-CAR, CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT
NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS

Postponement date 5th
Call to be made 3pm
on Hokonui Radio 94.8 & Facebook

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