



# 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



Interestingly, the word 'school' derives from Greek σχολή (scholē), originally meaning "leisure" and also "that in which leisure is employed". So I guess our goal is to make that true by making learning fun and enjoyable.....and it would be nice to think

that we have ten weeks of leisure before the next holidays!

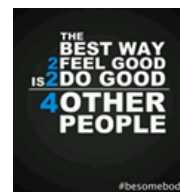
Certainly hope you found some good leisure time in the holidays despite the blue-less skies.

A warm welcome to our new families, Cameron Gendall (Yr 5), Cael Henry (Yr 3) and Josh Wellings (Yr 5), and welcome back to Ryder Wass (Yr 2).

A very positive vibe as all children have settled in, many of them in new classes and/or with new teachers. Thank you for having their stationery organised for the start of the year, and a big thanks too, to Rebecca Patterson, Michelle Mitchell and Kirsty Bryan for washing all the school vests and sunhats ready for re-distribution.

You may have noticed 3 new tree plants next to the school gate. These were donated by Kathryn at the butchery, which was much appreciated.

This term's wall planner has filled up quickly. Our learning theme is 'Being a Community Kid'. Police Education Officer, Constable Marty Lohry is helping us with a good citizenship unit; children will be coming up with ways help people in the community, and we will be hosting a special afternoon for senior citizens later in the term.



We look forward to taking a team of swimmers off to Te Anau for the Northern Swimming sports in about three weeks, and of course we have hit the term running with preparation for the Mid Dome athletics. No doubt the new running tracks on the field are going to be given a good pounding over the next while!

We have the pool available to us on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, before we start our daily Swimsafe programme for the two week block later in the term. Please help the children remember to bring their togs on those days.



The teachers are looking forward to a Google Apps training day on Tuesday which will be held at the school – There will be relief teachers covering each class that day. Meanwhile, enjoy the long weekend.

Ka kite ano

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

| Monday                                       | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday                      | Thursday                   | Friday                           | Saturday                 | Sunday |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| 6 Waitangi Day                               | 7 Staff Training Day<br>Google Apps        | 8 School Family<br>BBQ 5.30 pm | 9                          | 10                               | 11                       | 12     |
| 13   | 14 BOT Meeting;<br>Buddy Reading<br>starts | 15                             | 16                         | 17                               | 18                       | 19     |
| 20 Swimming<br>programme starts<br>(2 weeks) | 21   | 22                             | 23                         | 24 Northern<br>Swimming, Te Anau | 25                       | 26     |
| 27   | 28   | 1 Mar                          | 2                          | 3 Bible in Schools<br>starts     | 4                        | 5      |
| 6  | 7  | 8                              | 9 Duffy Show<br>1.30 pm    | 10                               | 11                       | 12     |
| 13   | 14 Mid Dome<br>Athletics                   | 15                             | 16 Life Education<br>here  | 17 Life Education<br>here        | 18                       | 19     |
| 20   | 21 Northern<br>Athletics;<br>BOT Meeting   | 22                             | 23                         | 24                               | 25                       | 26     |
| 27   | 28   | 29                             | 30 Emergency Day           | 31                               | 1 Apr                    | 2      |
| 3  | 4  | 5                              | 6 Kath Bee Show<br>1.30 pm | 7                                | 8 Southland<br>Athletics | 9      |
| 10   | 11   | 12                             | 13 End of Term 1           | 14 Easter Friday                 |                          |        |

### **Staffing**

Teachers will be teaching in the following areas:

- |                     |                          |              |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| • Miss Lana Mackay  | New Entrant / Year 1 / 2 | Room 1       |
| • Mrs Judi McMillan | Year 1 / 2               | Room 4       |
| • Mrs Lauren Hailes | Year 3 / 4               | Room 2       |
| • Miss Chloe Madden | Year 5 / 6               | Room 3       |
| • Mrs Deb Cowie     | Release Teacher          | Room 1 and 2 |

Support staff will be working with individual students as well as providing groups of students with extra learning opportunities as needs arise.

### **Lawnmowing Roster**

The roster for the next 3 weeks is:

- 4/5 February      Collins Family
- 11/12 February    Cowie Family
- 18/19 February    Denley 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.

### **Back to School Family BBQ on 8<sup>th</sup> February**

This will be a great opportunity to meet and catch up with other school families and staff members. Starts 5.30 pm bring your own food, BBQ will be available to cook on (brand new school BBQ funded by Meridian).

### **'Friends of Lumsden School' Catering Fundraiser**

FOLs has a catering fundraiser next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February for 30 4WD enthusiasts, this is an annual fundraiser.

Are you able to help me? I am looking for volunteers - is your signature dish a potato salad, green salad, rice salad or something similar. Or maybe your forte is a beautiful slice? Maybe you are a wizard at making bread or you have a tasty tender leg of lamb, backstrap of venison or beef you are willing to donate?! Perhaps you could help me on the day (8<sup>th</sup> February) serving lunch from 11am to 1pm at the Memorial Hall. Please don't be shy in coming forward - I would like to hear from you! We are a school community and many hands make light work.

Please contact Annabel Saunders 021 762 648 - Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and willingness to help. 😊

### **School Information**

Please find attached to this newsletter, lots of information. We like to produce our information booklet for all families at the start of each school year. Mostly it serves only as a reminder but it would be very helpful if you could take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with routines and procedures.

The Medical Form and Bus information is very important. Please return as soon as possible.

### **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 by the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Alternatively you may wish to pay the full annual donation as a lump sum before this date. 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).

Please feel free to discuss this with Andrew or Michelle Mitchell (BOT Chairperson 248 7080) if you have any other questions or concerns about this request.

### **Emergency Contacts**

While many families have cellphones we still require the name of at least one other person we can contact in the event of an emergency or illness of your child, who could come and collect your child.

### **Medical Forms**

**Please supply us with all necessary information to ensure your child's safety while at school. If your child is an asthmatic we have another form we require you to complete.**

**If your child requires medication during the school day we are happy to administer it for you but we require you to complete a form giving us authority to do so. Please make contact with us rather than just sending medication along with your child.**

**All medication must be kept in the Medical Room or the staffroom fridge during the day. Inhalers may not be kept in school bags due to Health and Safety regulations.**

### **Privacy**

Please let us know if you do not wish your child's photo to be published in any document publically accessible e.g. newsletter, information book, school website, school facebook page.

### Dental Clinic

If you need to contact the Dental Nurse please phone 0800 570 300 or alternatively 248 7699 for the Lumsden Clinic.

### School Buses

We would appreciate you completing the form indicating **permanent bus changes** as soon as possible. Please read the information on the procedure for notifying us if your child is not travelling on the bus or intends travelling on another bus.

If we have not heard from you we will put your child on the bus as usual.

**Please Note: If your child is not a bus passenger on a particular bus, he/she may only travel on a bus with the driver's permission. It is not a right to be able to hop on any bus at any time. All bus companies are happy to help where they can but some buses are extremely full and it is possible that this request will be declined if space / safety become an issue.**

### School Assembly

School Assembly is held each Friday afternoon in Room 5 at 2.30 – 3.00 pm. We welcome parents, grandparents and community members along to share in this time. It is an important part of our week when we all come together to reflect on the week and share in what each class has been doing. We value it as a time to reinforce our values and attitudes programme and acknowledge our students in a positive way.

We would please ask that parents of preschoolers respect that for many children it is their first time in front of a large audience and often hard to hear. Preschoolers are very welcome but we do need them to be quiet please.

### Whole School Athletics Practice

The Mid Dome Athletics are going to be held at Northern Southland College on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March (Postponement Date Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>).

Your child will be training in the age group they will be competing with on the day (Age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016).

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL WEARING APPROPRIATE RUNNING SHOES AND CLOTHING.

***Long trousers are not advised*** as the grass is often wet with dew in the morning and long pants get very wet.

Please **ensure that your child has footwear that they can put on independently** as teachers don't have time to do up shoelaces in the morning – they will be heading straight out to fitness too.

Jandals and scuffs are not advised as they are not good for running in.

Please contact us if you would be happy to help with coaching athletics.

### Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools will commence on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, from 9.00 – 9.30 am. Please inform your child's teacher in writing if you do not want them to attend. **Please note that school is officially closed during this time and parents are responsible for supervising any children not attending Bible in Schools.**

### Brain Food Reminder

A reminder that there is a short break at 10.00 am for the children to have a small, healthy snack (quick and easy to eat- e.g. apple cut up) to keep them energized for their morning's learning. Good examples are fruit, vege sticks, raisins, natural popcorn (not cake and biscuits!). Given that there are a number of children who have allergies to nuts, we suggest nuts are not brought. We are also a 'water only' school and encourage children to bring a full water bottle rather than rely solely on our drinking fountains.

### **Fonterra Milk for Schools**

The school has taken up Fonterra's offer to join this programme however it is entirely voluntary for students to participate. Please advise the school office if you do not wish your child to participate or if they cannot participate because of dairy intolerance and/or allergies.

### **Newsletter**

This is a weekly publication. You are welcome to send notices along that pertain to children/children's events to be printed in the Newsletter.

Please have these to Sharon by **Thursday afternoon or at the latest 9.00 am on Friday morning.**

### **Sunscreen**

As some children are allergic to certain brands of sunscreen please send along a named bottle for your child/ren to use. We will have a bottle at the office as a back up.

### **Vests/Sunhats**




Please check at home to see if you have any extra school vests or sunhats and return any extra to school.


## **NORTHERN SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY POOL - UPDATE**



Thank  
You!!!

\_\_\_\_\_ for the amazing support the pool has received from the community this season.

We are very close to having  tag holder's this season. If we make it to , then all season tag holder's will go in the draw for one lucky family to win  next season's tag cost.

With approx.  days of swimming left, you'll still get great value for money if you purchase a tag now. Tags are \$130 + \$20 bond for families and \$80 + \$20 bond for singles. Tags available from Lumsden 4 Square or Paulette – 021 1211723.

Our new timetable will be e-mailed to tag holders over the weekend. We've added in 6am lane swimming on Tues, Wed and Thurs mornings for those people who enjoy diving into an early morning workout. Keep an eye on our facebook page for future pool updates.

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## **LUMSDEN-WINTON WASPS FC 2017 SOCCER SEASON**

### Dates to note:

Team registration day: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

\*Games and bbq at the Lumsden Rec' ground 11am onwards.

Pre-season training starts: Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

Season starts: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017.

This year we are hoping to have teams and opportunities to play available for all players born between 2002 & 2009 inclusive & fun football on Saturdays for 5-7 year olds!- but we do need your support to make it happen.

Please, pre-register your child's interest (team space may be limited). For more information, I am more than happy to answer any questions, contact Mark by phone/text

02102430699 or email markford23@hotmail.com

### Permanent Bus Change

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate the child's arrangements*

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|-----------|--|
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| Tuesday   |  |
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| Thursday  |  |
| Friday    |  |

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Lumsden School



PERSONAL MEDICAL HISTORY

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency: 1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

It is vital we have emergency numbers as we do not have adequate staffing to provide one on one care when your child is ill.

Doctor(s) Name

Phone Number

Address

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Further Action / Details for an Emergency Situation \_\_\_\_\_

*It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that medication held at school is current and staff have been informed of the required use.*

Current Medications

All medications/inhalers etc brought to school by a child must be clearly labelled and kept in the Medical Room.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies

Other Allergies

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child ever had:

(please circle)

- |                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| ▪ Rheumatic Fever      | Yes / No |
| ▪ A heart condition    | Yes / No |
| ▪ Diabetes             | Yes / No |
| ▪ Epilepsy             | Yes / No |
| ▪ Hepatitis A, B, or C | Yes / No |
| ▪ Asthma               | Yes / No |

Should your child become sick at school with a headache or fever and we are unable to contact you, would you give permission for your child to have Junior Panadol?

Yes / No

Approximate date of most recent tetanus injection .....

It is the parents/caregiver's responsibility to ensure emergency contact numbers are current. Staffing levels mean children cannot be constantly supervised if required to be in the Sick Bay for any length of time. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure children are safe.

*This is a confidential form for school and dental clinic use*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver)



## Friends of Lumsden School Help List 2017

***Below is our list from last year – if you would like to change the area you are helping in please amend form and send back to school. If you are new to the school or your name is not already on the list please add and return to school. It is expected that all families will contribute in some area in order to spread the load.***

| <u>Catering/BBQ's</u> | <u>Grounds/Garden</u> | <u>Maintenance</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Deb Cowie             | Lewis                 | Angus Cowie        |
| Sheril Jones          | Denley/Jones          | Denley/Jones       |
| Ange Rye              | Rye/Marsh             | Rye/Marsh          |
| Glenda Chan           | Chan                  | Glen Mitchell      |
| Michelle Mitchell     | Mitchell              | Maurice Graham     |
| Amelia Duthie         | Cara Metherell        | Peter Richards     |
| Sonya Hoffman         | Jeanna Rodgers        | McLachlan          |
| Naomi Olsen           | Annabel Saunders      | Herrick            |
| Natasha Muir          | Jordana Norrish       | Jules Adams        |
| Teresa Pullar         | Judy Jamieson         | Harley Ware        |
| Melissa Palmer        | Sheat                 | Bel McKain/Dan     |
| Cindy Quertier        | McLachlan             | O'Donoghue         |
| Debbie MacLennan      | Rebecca Patterson     | Sharlie Maglaras   |
| Kirsty Bryan          | Herrick               |                    |
| Rebecca Patterson     | Yvonne Muilwyk        |                    |
| Sandy Herrick         | Carrie Adams          |                    |
| Jules Adams (BBQ's)   | Lorie Abella          |                    |
| Leach                 | Beks Ware             |                    |
| Beks Ware             | Bel McKain/O'Donoghue |                    |
| Bel McKain/O'Donoghue | Sharlie Maglaras      |                    |
|                       | Mackenzie Aitken      |                    |