



# LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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### **Swimming Reminder:**

Please remind children to bring their swimming togs, etc on Monday and Wednesday next week.



**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



*Put yourself in Their Shoes.*

It might be time I stopped running around playing tag. It's been two days now since I was 'it', and my legs are still sore! But it has prompted some reflection: I think as parents and educators there will come the day when we might well stop playing kids' games, but in the figurative sense, we should never stop putting ourselves in kids' shoes. For instance, when we try and see things through their eyes when we are teaching them, when we try and understand their behaviour before we decide how to try and modify it, and when we 'connect' with their interests and show them that we truly value them, then we're helping them become the best that they can be.

Here is a good link which Lisa Elder sent me, which may be of help to parents from an "in-kids-shoes" perspective, particularly if children are having any back-to-school anxieties. <http://www.theparentingplace.com/behaviour-and-discipline/beating-school-anxiety-powerful-things-parents-can-do/>

Yesterday we were pleased to announce the Year 6 student leadership positions to the children. The children had the opportunity to create a C.V. and put down their first, second, and third leadership role preferences, and we were very impressed with the time, thought, and enthusiasm that went into these. As a result of staff considering these carefully, the role allocations are as follows:

- Spirit of a Nation Leaders: Kadia Muir and Luke Jamieson
- Sports leaders: Toby Patterson and Jacob Richards
- Duffy Books leader: Jamal Gerken
- House Leaders: Toby Patterson and Kaina Henry (Kikorangi), Mackenzie Herrick and Luke Jamieson (Kowhai), Jacob Richards and Damin Baucke (Kakariki), Kadia Muir and Jamal Gerken (Whero)
- Technician leader: Kaina Henry
- Green Team Leaders: Mackenzie Herrick and Damin Baucke



Badges have been ordered and these will be presented at assembly the week they arrive (We'll let you know).

Thank you so much to Jin and Jackie Chen, who provided delicious Chinese food for Lewis's and Charlie's classes on Wednesday, in celebration of Chinese New Year. We're very grateful to them for generously including us in this very special time of year for their family.

Food and celebration of another sort resumed later that day, as we enjoyed our school family BBQ. It was great to catch up with those of you who were able to



come, and the nice evening weather we'd booked duly obliged! I guess such an event is indicative of the fact that we are a school family, involving a home-school partnership, and with this in mind, please don't hesitate to contact us any time you'd like to discuss your child's learning.

Looking forward to Constable Marty Lohrey coming to work with all the children on Monday, as we hook into our 'being a good citizen' learning theme.

Sharon will be away from next Friday until Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, so apologies in advance for the lowering of reception standards which you may well receive from a principal not so good at front-desk multi task efficiency!

Have a good weekend. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 Whole school swimming	14 BOT Meeting; Buddy Reading starts	15 Whole school swimming	16	17	18	19
20 Swimming programme starts (every day for 2 weeks)	21	22	23	24 Northern Swimming, Te Anau	25	26
27	28	1 Mar	2	3 Bible in Schools starts	4	5
6	7	8	9 Duffy Show 1.30 pm	10	11	12
13	14 Mid Dome Athletics	15	16 Life Education here	17 Life Education here	18	19
20	21 Northern Athletics; BOT Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Emergency Day	31	1 Apr	2
3	4	5	6 Kath Bee Show 1.30 pm	7	8 Southland Athletics	9
10	11	12	13 End of Term 1	14 Easter Friday		

### Welcome to School

Welcome to Cameron Gendall and Josh Wellings (Room 3), Cael (Room 2) and Kahn Henry (Room 1) and their families. We hope you enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



### Whole-School National Standards

#### Achievement Data – December 2016

	Below		At		Above	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Reading</b>	10	11	37	42	41	47
<b>Writing</b>	13	15	55	63	20	23
<b>Maths</b>	4	5	62	70	22	25

This data shows that at the end of 2016, 89% of the children were achieving 'At' or 'Above' their National Standard in Reading, 86% in Writing, and 95% in Maths. The Ministry of Education has an aspirational goal that 85% of all Y1 – Y8 children will achieve at or above their National Standard, so this reflects well on Lumsden School children.

A detailed report, analysis and commentary has been forwarded to the Ministry, and will be available to view on the "Education Counts" website later in the year along with all other NZ schools' data. Feel free to contact me if you'd like to view the detailed report in the meantime.

## Flying the Flag for Japanese Shearers

Toby Patterson will be flag bearer for the Japanese Shearing team at the World Championships tonight representing Lumsden School.

## Lawnmowing Roster

The roster for the next 3 weeks is:

- 11/12 February      Cowie Family
- 18/19 February      Denley Family
- 25/26 February      Gerken 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.

## 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.

## Medical Forms

Please return updated medical forms to the office as soon as possible. Thanks to those families who have already returned theirs.

## 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.**


Donations towards the cost of books for the children who attend Bible in Schools would be much appreciated. The approximate cost for each child is \$7.50. **Please send any donations along to school in a named envelope.** We can then forward these on to the LBK Presbyterian Church who provide the books.

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## NORTHERN SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY POOL - UPDATE



\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

## Chinese New Year Celebration – Room 4 Recounts

### **Chinese New Years Food**

*Recounted by Luigi*

I liked the food. It was delicious to eat. I liked the Chinese food. My favourite was the chicken.

### **My Thank You Letter**

*Recounted by Renae*

Dear Jackie

Thank you for the food. My favourite was the chicken nuggets. It was very nice of you.

From

Renae

### **Chinese New Years Food**

*Recounted by Hannah*

I had some Chinese food yesterday and it was tasty. I couldn't decide what I liked the best. It was all lovely.

### **Chinese New Years Food**

*Recounted by Shreesti*

I loved the tasty food because it was delicious. My favourite food was the rice.

### **Chinese New Years Food**

*Recounted by Meg*

The food was delicious. The sauce was sweet. I loved it so much. My favourite was the chicken.

### **My Thank You Letter to Mum and Dad**

*Recounted by Lewis*

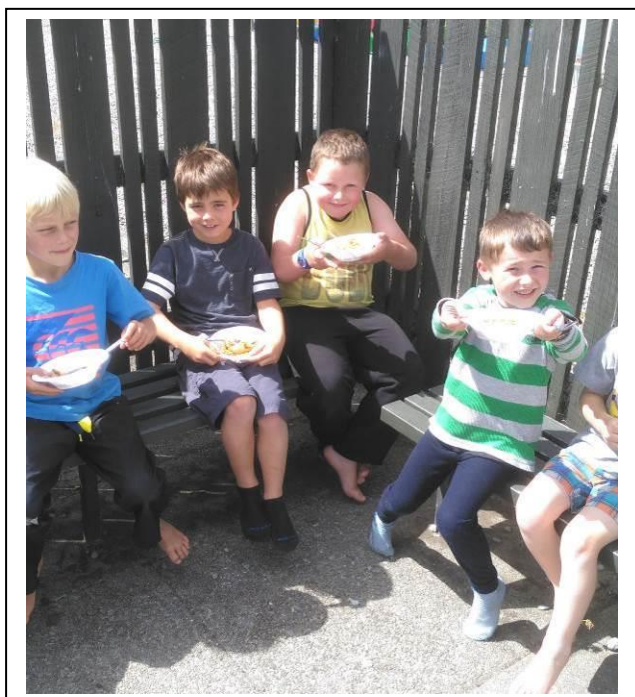
Dear Mum and Dad

Thank you for the delicious food you gave us. My favourite food was the wontons. They were crunchy. The children really liked it. They kept asking for more food.

### **Chinese New Years Food**

*Recounted by Olivia*

I liked the delicious food. It was tasty. I liked it. It was the best food. I liked the delicious Chinese Food.



Room 2 and 4 children enjoying the delicious Chinese New Year food provided by Jin and Jackie Chen.



## **Itinerant Music Lessons**

These are available at the school for drums/guitar/ukulele please contact Dean Ashby 021 130 9026.

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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> February, 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 and 2009 inclusive and 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

## **Superstar and Girls Smash Cricket**

Cricket is back for Term 1 and its bigger and better! New Zealand has some great cricket programmes and we are taking it to more centres across Southland than ever, including our inaugural girls only cricket competition "GIRLS SMASH". All the details are below:

### **Superstar Cricket** (\$20 per child for 6weeks)

- Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- Centres: Mondays HAMILTON PARK GORE, Tuesdays QUEENS PARK INVERCARGILL, Thursdays WINTON and LUMSDEN, Friday TE ANAU.
- Games start at 4pm.
- Superstar is aimed at Y1-6. Where possible please group teams Y1-3 and Y4-6. Once I have registrations back, I will be able to compile a draw and group teams by age accordingly.
- Where possible if schools could enter whole teams that would be great, however, we can find individuals teams to play in if from a smaller school.
- Please encourage children to bring friends to sign up and participate and drive numbers.
- Entries close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, close of business.
- 8 players per side batting in pairs (formerly kiwi 8's).
- \$20 per child for the 6 week programme.

### **Girls Smash**

- Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- Centres: Mondays HAMILTON PARK GORE, Tuesdays QUEENS PARK INVERCARGILL.
- Games start at 4pm.
- Girls Smash is aimed at Y3-8. Where possible please group teams Y3-6 and Y7/8. Once I have registrations back, I will be able to compile a draw and group teams by age accordingly.
- Where possible if schools could enter whole teams that would be great, however, we can find individuals teams to play in if from a smaller school.
- Please encourage children to bring friends to sign up and participate and drive numbers.
- Entries close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, close of business.
- 6 player per side batting in pairs.
- Soft ball used.
- "Girls Smash" T-shirt for every player.
- No fee to play (funded by NZ Cricket).

To register your child please contact your school office.

James Carr

Cricket Development Officer, Southland Cricket Association, Mobile: 021 241 5966

# 3 STATIONS 4WD TRIP

Exploring the Athol/Garston Back Country

Sat 11th February 2017



Adults \$50

<15yrs \$25

<5 are free

**BBQ included  
at conclusion**



**A Lumsden Lions Fundraiser  
for the Northern Southland Community  
Pool Trust for Capital Improvements**



Come and enjoy a great day out for this rare opportunity to explore the back country of Athol/Garston for a great cause.

Bring your own lunch, water, snacks and a warm jersey or coat and some cash for non alcoholic refreshments and raffle. Please read the details on the reverse of this page and bring this form with you on the day.

Assemble at the Castle Hill Woolshed (Quoloh Station Road) from 9am. Briefing 9.45am

**We have limited numbers so get in fast. For further information or  
to register email: [cheryl.stuart95@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.stuart95@gmail.com)**



updates about the trip will be posted on facebook - make sure you like our page  
[www.facebook.com/NorthernSouthlandCommunityPoolTrust](http://www.facebook.com/NorthernSouthlandCommunityPoolTrust)

Postponement day - 25th February

## 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	