



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

Annual Parent Survey – End of 2016 Summary

At the end of last year, we had 49 responses to our parent survey, which gave us information about:

- a) What you think we're doing well
- b) What you think we can improve on
- c) Do you want a school uniform?

The following are areas 4 or more of you think we're doing well with:

- Being welcoming and friendly
- Happy children
- Good education
- Great support with struggling children
- Good teachers
- Communication
- Good range of opportunities
- Minds Alive programme
- Approachable staff
- Camp activities great
- Extra curricular opportunities.

The following are areas 4 or more of you think we can improve on:

- Extra curricula detracting from core business of learning reading, writing and maths
- Core programme of reading, writing and maths not being done well*
- Too many spontaneous events costing parents money/more notice needs to be given
- Camps starting too young
- How school deals with bad behaviour
- Profanities, put-downs and expletives at school
- Sun smart needs focus (hats that fit, shade for lunch, sunscreen).

** (Principal's note: It was reassuring to see, however, following this survey, that our children's Reading, Writing and Maths National Standards data at the end of 2016 was significantly higher than the average percentages for schools across New Zealand schools and across Southland at the end of the previous year – See over for a comparison).*

59% of people who responded expressed an interest in the idea of having a school uniform. This is an indication to the Board that it should be explored as an option. So the Board wishes to set up a 'Uniform Working Group' to explore options/costs etc., to put back out to parents. Given the additional information, the level of parents in favour of one or more of these options will be gauged, and if there is a high % still in favour, the Board may consider implementation. The Board is seeking interested parents to be part of this Uniform Working group. **Please let the school know if this is something you would be keen and happy to help with.**

The high number, and thoughtfulness of responses to our survey was much appreciated. It was good to have many reassurances about what we're doing well, and your ideas about what we can improve on will be carefully considered.

Have a good weekend. Please remember Sharon is away next week, so the front desk will not always be attended.

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 FoLS Meeting 7.30 pm	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

This week we are pleased to welcome Dion and Maurakau Ngatai to Room 2. We hope you enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



National Standards Data

How does our National Standards look compared with averages for schools across NZ and across Southland? Table shows % of primary aged children at or above their National Standard. NZ and Southland 2015 data is the latest available.

	NZ (end 2015)	Southland (end 2015)	Lumsden Primary (end 2016)
Reading	78%	80.3%	89%
Writing	75.5%	76.3%	95%
Maths	71.4%	72.5%	86%

Lawnmowing Roster

The roster for the next 3 weeks is:

- 18/19 February Denley Family
- 25/26 February Gerken Family
- 4/5 March Gendall 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 25th 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.

School Swimming

Our Swimsafe programme starts on Monday **CHILDREN NEED TO BRING THEIR TOGS TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT**. This programme is run by REAP and we are fortunate to have Angela Rye leading the coaching.

Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools will commence on Friday 3rd 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.

Being a Good Citizen

Constable Marty Lohrey is supporting us with this programme, working with each class to develop understandings about what it means to be a safe and responsible citizen.

Room One – Why We Need to Wear Seatbelts

You need seatbelts because it keeps you safe and you could fly out. – Lithula

I wear my seatbelt whenever I go in the car because I need to be safe or you could fly through the front window. – Ellie

We need seatbelts because it keeps us safe and if we didn't... splat. It feels good and safe. – Saige

We need to wear our seatbelts because we might crash into the front seat. – Oscar

We need to wear our seatbelts because you could fall out the window or open the door or be silly. If we didn't wear our seatbelts we would crash into our concrete wall. – Kahn

You need to wear our seatbelts because you might crash. You will fly out of the car. – Xanthe

We will fall out. You don't want to fall out. – Bella

If you don't have your seatbelt you could fly through the back window. – Hunter



Toby flies the Flag

Toby Patterson as flag bearer for the Japanese shearing team at the World Shearing Champs last weekend.






Itinerant Music Lessons


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

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.

 **sbsbank Southland A&P Show**

SHOW DAY
Saturday 4 March 2016
Donovan Park, Bainfield Road
Kids FREE entry with an Adult \$10



CREATIVE KIDS SECTION
Entries open until 4.30 pm on Friday 3rd March
School Scarecrow competition, Baking,
Photography, Home Produce Craft, Colouring
competitions

PET SECTION
Enter on the day. Pet classes and Fancy dress

Entry forms, schedules and coloring competitions
available at www.southlandapshow.co.nz or
email southland.ap.show.co.nz
Phone 215 6639

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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	