



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Dear School Friends and Families



Summer is certainly making up for its absence over the holidays! Jan McFadzien (Angus's Mum) will no doubt have been feeling the heat during the Godzone Adventure Race this week – About 400km of trekking, biking, kayaking, rafting, climbing, all in the space of a few days. A great accomplishment for her.

Speaking of accomplishments, well done to our swimmers last Friday at the Northern Swimming Sports. We had 5 swimmers in finals: Ava Leach – 2nd 8yr backstroke, 4th 8yr freestyle; Cooper Leach – 6th 9yr freestyle, 5th 9yr backstroke; Gianna O'Donoghue – 4th 8yr backstroke; Maisie Mitchell – 5th 9yr freestyle, 4th 9yr backstroke, 5th 9yr medley; Benjamin Rodgers-Foran – 4th 9yr backstroke, 2nd 9yr freestyle, 2nd 9yr breaststroke. A huge thanks to Paulette Leach for her extensive coaching time with the children to prepare them for this event.

We are certainly fortunate with all the work and time that parents put in to support the school in different ways. For instance, there have been two 4WD events held recently which parents have catered for, co-ordinated by Annabel Saunders, resulting in about \$1700 being raised for the school. This is much appreciated.



And thank you to all of you who have been parent helpers during our Swim Safe sessions. This programme finishes on Monday, and staff have certainly noticed a lift in the children's confidence and skills. We are very grateful to have had Ange Rye's coaching expertise to spearhead this important learning module.



This week our school charter and annual plan for 2017 was sent to the Ministry of Education. This includes our 3-year strategic goals, and plans and targets for this year under Curriculum, Personnel, Self Review, Property and Finance, and Health and Safety. We have an achievement target and plan to lift student achievement in Literacy for Year 2 and Year 6 children, particularly boys, as this was an identified need when we looked at achievement data from the end of 2016. If you'd be interested in having a look at our Charter, check it out on the school website, or call into the office for a hard copy.

This year we will receive our 5-year property project allocation, some of which will be spent on a new heating system, as our current boiler has reached a state of disrepair. Meanwhile a temporary heating system has been installed – electric panel heaters (which hopefully we won't need to benefit from as the Indian summer continues!).

Coming up on the radar in the Mid Dome Athletics sports – Keep the 14th March free if you can, to come and support the children. We'll also be needing a fair bit of parent help to enable events to be run successfully. Stand by for more information next week.



Meanwhile have a good weekend. There will be tired children needing batteries recharged after the busy-ness of swimming, athletics practices on top of classroom happenings. Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Emergency Day	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 Heath McBride, Wenzel Angeles, as well as welcoming back Aayush Dhakal. We hope you enjoy your time at Lumsden School.



Lawnmowing Roster

The roster for the next 3 weeks is:

- 4/5 March Gendall Family
- 11/12 March Gill Family
- 18/19 March Graham 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. 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). Thanks to those families who have already paid.

Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools commenced today 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. Thanks to those families who have already sent their donations.

Leadership Assembly

Our Year 6 school leaders will be presented with their leadership badges at next week's assembly. All welcome to attend.

Guess who I am... – Room 4

- ❖ I have short brown hair. I have blue eyes. I ride a bike. I am a kind and caring friend. My favourite game is soccer. My dad is a truck driver. I have two brothers and one is a baby. I like tractors. I can run fast. Who am I?
- ❖ I have two dark brown, nearly black coloured eyes. I have brown skin because I come from the Philippines. I have a fringe and my hair is nearly over my eyes. It is black. I love tractors. My dad works on a farm. My mum works at Riverstones. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have short brown hair with a little fringe. I have little spots on my nose. I have brown eyes. My family go to the stock cars. My dad is an electrician. Guess what ... I am an uncle. Who am I.
- ❖ I have long fingernails and I have makeup that I put on. I have long hair and sometimes I put it in a pony tail. I live in a town, but I don't live in Lumsden. I like riding horses. Guess who I am.
- ❖ Me and Mum go for walks to her work. I have got blue eyes. I have got blond hair. I go super fast on my bike. I am kind and nice. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have two little brothers and a mum and dad. We live on a little farm just out of Lumsden. I have blue eyes and blond hair. I like rugby. Sometimes I go to Alexandra to see Nana and Grandpa. I like going camping with my family. Guess who am I.
- ❖ I have blue eyes. I have blond hair that is as long as my shoulders. I live in Lumsden up a steep hill. If you turn left here at the hill, that is where my house is. I love lollies because they are sweet and tasty. I have a brother and a sister. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have long brown hair that I sometimes put up in a pony tail. I have brown eyes and I live in Lumsden on the Riversdale Highway. I have a little brother. I like playing netball and I'm a fast runner. Sometimes I go hunting with my dad. It is always fun because we always catch ducks. Who am I?
- ❖ I have long brown hair that I sometimes put up in a pony tail. I have brown eyes and I live in Lumsden on the Riversdale Highway. I have a little brother. I like playing netball and I'm a fast runner. Sometimes I go hunting with my dad. It is always fun because we always catch ducks. Who am I?
- ❖ I live in Lumsden. I live in Lumsden with my mum and dad and little sister. I live on Dacia Street. I have got green eyes. I have brown short hair. I like playing with my lego. My mum and dad own a cafe. I like going there. Guess what my name is.
- ❖ I have blue eyes that help me see very clearly. I have blond and curly hair that is soft. I am as tall as my big sister. I have fair skin. I am six years old. I'm kind to my friends and other people. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I like having long hair and laughing. Sometimes my hair gets knotted, but laughing is my favourite thing to do a lot of times. I have greenie blue eyes. I like them. I love riding my pony and cantering on it. I go riding with my mum. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have blue eyes. I have brown hair. I am a boy. My dad lives in Australia. I like riding my motor bike. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have brown eyes. I am a boy. I live in Lumsden. I like chips. I don't like to eat soup. My favourite animal is a kitten and my favourite game is tag. I like vivids and I like mohawks. If you see a yellow mail box that's where my house is. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have brown eyes. I have long red hair. I have a big nose. I am a girl. I have two big sisters. I have a pet bunny. I like playing with my babies. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have long hair. It is brown. I have blue eyes. I have no brothers or sisters. I am a girl. I have a dog. My favourite toys are vehicles. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have blue eyes. I have long hair. I am a girl. I don't like eating bananas. I have a sister. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have black curly hair. I have brown eyes. I have brown skin. I have white nails. I live in Five Rivers. I am from Nepal. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have long hair and sometimes I have it in a plait. I have blue eyes. I like swimming. I live in Lumsden and I have a brother. I like cats. Guess who I am.
- ❖ I have got short reddish hair. I have brown eyes. I have little freckles on my face. I have a brother and I live in a farm. I like rugby and I'm a fast runner. Sometimes I go hunting with Dad. It is fun. Can you guess who I am?

"Close Call"



A young man came speeding down a rocky bike track on his BMX bike, his hair waving in the wind. Suddenly he encountered a dropper like ramp. He gulped, walking backwards with his bike, he was about to do it! The young man started a wee bit away then went for it. It was very bumpy. He closed his eyes and prayed, prayed that he would be okay, and he jumped, landing safe and sound.

By Harrison Quertier-Kerr

School Swimming

The pool will be available to us following the completion of our Swim Safe programme on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please help the children remember their togs on these days.

Northern Swimming squad is all smiles after their great efforts at the Northern Swimming sports in Te Anau last Friday.



Community Oral Health Service

Children (from birth to the end of year 8)

Children* are entitled to FREE basic dental care, from birth until they begin high school.

Free basic dental care is available at Community Oral Health fixed clinics and mobile dental units throughout the Southern District.

The Service is run by *appointment only*. We would like parents/guardians to attend all appointments with their child as Dental Therapists provide parents with valuable advice to support their children's good oral health.

If your child is already enrolled with the Service we will contact you to make an appointment. If your child is not enrolled, you are unsure or new to the area, please call:

Otago 0800 672 543 – free from cell phones, Southland 0800 570 300 – free from cell phones

For more information visit: <http://www.southerndhb.govt.nz/pages/community-oral-health-service/>

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*who meet the eligibility criteria for publicly funded health and disability services



MID NORTHERN SOUTHLAND TOY LIBRARY has moved to 33 Pluto Road, Lumsden (hall of the Lumsden Playcentre).



CHILDREN'S DAY 5TH MARCH - the Toy Library and Lumsden Playcentre are teaming up together to celebrate Children's Day 2017. Starting **11am** at 33 Pluto Road, Lumsden, families are invited to come along and check out the new location of the toy library, play games, have your face painted, and from 12.30 pm a hangi to finish (gold coin donation). Please register on the toy libraries Facebook page or contact Trish 021 0243 2741 for this event (so we can cater for numbers for the hangi). See you there!

 **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	David McFadzien
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	
Jan McFadzien	Mackenzie Aitken	
Tamara Wilson	Jan McFadzien	