



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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Attached:

- **Behaviour Management Plan**

Police Vetting information and Consent Forms to be returned to school as soon as possible for all parents interested in supporting with school events, e.g. camps, trips.



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

It's smart to work together. That's why in 2015 nine schools in our area – Fiordland College, Te Anau School, Mararoa, Mossburn, Lumsden, Garston, Northern Southland College, Waikaia and Balfour decided that we wanted to work together in a Community of Learning. This will enable teaching expertise and effective programmes to be shared across our schools for the benefit of children's learning.

Recently I have been fortunate to have been appointed, along with Lynlee Smith (Fiordland College Principal), as a co-lead Principal for our Community of Learning ("FiNSCOL"). Lynlee and I are both proud and excited to have been given this leadership opportunity. Our CoL is unique in that, at this stage, we are the only CoL in the country to have been allowed a shared leadership model.

This new role will mean that Lynlee and I both have a one-day-a-week time component to carry out our work. What this means for Lumsden School is that Mrs Hailes will take up a new Acting Principal position to fill this extra principal release time, and a relief teacher (yet to be confirmed) will cover her classroom during this time.

The Board are very pleased to welcome Harley Ware on 'board', having filled the parent rep vacancy following the resignation of Paul Mavor who moved to Wanaka. Harley has much to offer, and has taken on the Property Rep role.

At last week's Board meeting and 'Evaluation of Impact: Swim Safe Programme' was presented, with high levels of swimming skill development evident across the school. This year's student achievement targets were also approved which focus on the development of Literacy skills at the Year 2 and Year 3 level. In other matters, the Board acknowledged the work of Friends of Lumsden School (FoLS) for their fundraising and grounds maintenance work (e.g. Thanks to Jan McFadzien who has liaised with the Gore P.D. Supervisor for ongoing grounds maintenance work). The Board also expressed thanks to the staff 'Casino Royale' 2016 ball organisers who used the profit from this event to purchase two new iPads for the school.

After a very useful query from a parent regarding the February 2017 Newsletter National Standards data, it's apparent that I inadvertently placed some figures in the wrong cells. Please see over for the amended table. My apologies for this error.

Please also find included in this newsletter the 'front end' of our new behaviour management plan for your interest. This has resulted from a staff professional learning focus in 2016, and replaces the punishment-based 'Step' system which was not meeting desired outcomes.

Congratulations to our Northern Athletics competitors for their efforts and achievements on Tuesday. See inside for details.

Have a good weekend. E haere rā

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30 Emergency Day	31 FoLS Farewell for Sheril Denley and Coffee and Catch Up 1.30 pm	1 Apr	2
3 Pool closed	4 Emergency Day; Eileen Ryan PHN here	5	6 Kath Bee Show 1.30 pm	7	8 Southland Athletics	9
10	11 Senior Citizens Day 1.30 pm	12	13 End of Term 1	14 Easter Friday	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 May	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 FoLS AGM	12	13	14
15	16 BOT Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Mid Dome Cross Country, Garston	27	28
29	30	31	1 June	2 Northern Cross Country, Mararoa	3	4
5 Queen's Birthday	6	7	8	9	10	11

Welcome to School

This week we are pleased to welcome Cooper Healy and Sam Ussher to Lumsden School. Cooper is in Room 1 and Sam has joined Room 2.



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%	86%
Maths	71.4%	72.5%	95%

Lumsden School Bike Track

Last year some year 6 pupils had a 'big idea' that the school should build a BMX track. We think this is a fantastic idea! With plenty of room in the school grounds and heaps of enthusiastic pupils it's time to turn this dream into reality.

So any parents and Friends of the School out there who are keen to be involved in this exciting project please give Simon Saunders a call or text on 021 388544.

DREAM BIG LUMSDEN SCHOOL

Financial Contribution

Invoices have been sent home this week to those families who have not made their school donation. Please make payment to Sharon in the office at school or directly into the school bank account 03-0960-0112624-00 (child/ren's name as reference). Thanks to those families who have already paid, your support is much appreciated.

Lawnmowing Roster

The roster for the next 3 weeks is:

- 25/26 March Grant Family
- 1/2 April Gunawardhana Family
- 8/9 April Healy 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.

Southland Athletics Qualifiers

Congratulations to the following Southland Athletics qualifiers who are competing at Surrey Park on Saturday, 8th April (Northern placing in brackets):

Name	Event(s)
Gianna O'Donoghue (8 years)	60 metres (1 st), 100 metres (1 st), Relay
Arleea Hoffman (8 years)	Long Jump (1 st), 60 metres (2 nd), 100 metres (2 nd), Relay
Maisie Mitchell (9 years)	Shot Put (1 st), High Jump (1 st), 200 metres (2 nd)
Luke Jamieson (10 years)	Discus (1 st)
Mitchell McLachlan (9 years)	Discus (2 nd)
Digby Saunders (7 years)	60m (2 nd), Relay
Benjamin Rodgers-Foran (8 years)	Relay



Bible in Schools

Bible in Schools has commenced. 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.

School Swimming

Our Swim Safe programme has now finished however we will still possibly be swimming on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please help the children remember their togs on these days just in case.

Changes to Bus Arrangements

With sports practices starting to get underway please make sure you update any changes to your child's after school bus arrangements. Thanks.

Balfour Hockey Club AGM

Wednesday 29th March 2017, 8.00 pm Balfour Rugby Clubrooms. All welcome apologies to Nic Roy 027 233 4728.

Rippa Rugby

First practise will be on 29th March:

- Rippa 3.00 pm
- C Grade 3.00 pm
- B Grade 3.30 pm at NSC

Contact David McFadzien 027 224 0114.

Central Southland Netball Centre ANZ futureFERNs

Years 1 & 2; Year 3 (& any Year 4s not in a team or who wish to attend this programme)

Our new, exciting & fun sessions begin on **Thursday 4 May 2017** at the Sports Complex, John Street Netball courts, Winton. These sessions run for 9 weeks.

Years 1 & 2 3.45 – 4.45pm C1

Year 3 & 4s 4.45 – 5.45pm C1

Cost: \$15 (to be paid on **4 May & registration form to be filled in**, parental help would be appreciated)

Last cut off day for registrations, **Friday 7 April** (no registrations taken after this date.) Please contact Vicki-Lynne Hubber by emailing sv.hubber@rivernet.co.nz to register your child, please include child's name, school year & contact phone no.

We are fortunate to also be able to offer satellite programmes for the ANZ futureFERNs programmes in the following areas. Please contact the people below to register & for more information. Cost \$15

Tuatapere: Karen Mackie 03 225 4777 021 270 3381 minty.mackie@gmail.com

Takitimu: Jenna Shepherd 022 158 4166 jenna.shepherd@sit.ac.nz

Otautau: Donna Symons 027 6325 025 donna@symonscontracting.co.nz

Riverton: Ashley Barker 027 3800976 akennedy818@gmail.com

Te Anau: Linda Pawsey 03 249 7877 027 449 2128 bill.linda@xtra.co.nz

“Bumperball” is coming to Lumsden on Wednesday the 19th of April from 1.30-3.30pm. This fun special event is for school aged children and is completely FREE!! To register your child's name please contact Kim or Adele at the NSCRCCT office on 248 7885.



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03 248 7474
office@lumsden.school.nz

Police Vetting Volunteers

Dear Parents

The Vulnerable Children's Act now imposes new responsibilities to the Board of Trustees with ensuring the safety of our children at school. To ensure we are complying with the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act and to ensure the safety of our children the Board is **requesting permission** to Police Vet any person working or volunteering at Lumsden School or with Lumsden School children in any capacity e.g. parent helper, coach, overnight camps, day outings, clubs, driving children to events or any other activity where those volunteers are likely to have (or could have) unsupervised contact with students.

We **request** that any parent/caregiver/volunteer who may wish to help as parent helper, coach, on overnight camps, day outings, clubs, driving children to events or any other activity as part of Lumsden School's programs completes and returns page 2, signs the applicant authorization on page 3 of the attached document then returns these to school. Also please provide 2 forms of ID e.g. passport, birth certificate, firearms licence, driver's licence; one of these must be photographic. The ID can be shown to Sharon or I. This will allow us to be prepared before specific events. These are valid for 3 years. We will keep a record of all parents/caregivers/volunteers who have been police checked and this will be updated as required.

Police Vetting is a responsibility of the Board of Trustees and is undertaken through the New Zealand Police Licensing and Vetting Service Centre.

All information received will be confidential to the Lumsden School Board of Trustees.

Only the requestor – the Principal – will open the returned information.

Please read the attached application carefully, complete page 2 then sign and date the "consent to disclosure" on page 3, then return this to the school office with the documents required.

Please note these steps are being taken as advised as being good practice as per the *Vulnerable Children's Act 2014* with the safety of our children as the main priority.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Andrew and Lumsden School Board of Trustees

Name of Approved Agency submitting vetting request:

Lumsden School

Section 2: Applicant to complete and return to Approved Agency

**Denotes a mandatory field*

Personal Information

Details (note: the name you are most commonly known by is your primary name)

*Family name (Primary):

Given name(s):

*Gender:

(M) (F) (Other)

*Date of birth:
(dd/mm/yyyy)

*Place of birth:
(Town/state/country)

NZ Driver Licence number:

Previous names: If applicable, please include other alias or alternate names; married name if not your primary name; previous/maiden/name changed by deed poll or statutory declaration.

Family name	First name	Middle names

Permanent Residential Address

*Number/Street:

Suburb:

Post Code:

*City/Town/
Rural District:

Section 3: Applicant to complete and return to Approved Agency

Consent to release information

1. The New Zealand Police may release **any** information they hold if relevant to the purpose of this vetting request. This includes:
 - Conviction histories and infringement/demerit reports
 - Active charges and warrants to arrest
 - Charges that did not result in a conviction including those that were acquitted, discharged without conviction, diverted or withdrawn
 - **Any** interaction I have had with New Zealand Police, including family violence incidents, and investigations that did not result in prosecution
 - Information subject to name suppression where that information is necessary to the purpose of the vet.
2. If I am eligible under the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004, my conviction history will not be released unless:
 - a. Section 19(3) of the Clean Slate Act applies to this request (exceptions to the clean slate regime)
 - b. Section 31(3) of the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 applies to this request (safety checks of core children's workers).Please see the [guide](#) for more information regarding the Clean Slate legislation.
3. The Police Vetting Service may disclose new relevant information to the Approved Agency after the completion of the Police Vet in the following circumstances:
 - The vetting request was submitted as part of a children's worker safety check under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014; and
 - The Police vet was completed within the past three years; and
 - The release of new information is considered justified under the Privacy Act 1993The Vetting Service will endeavour to notify you prior to the disclosure.
4. Information provided in this consent form may be used to update New Zealand Police records.
5. I am entitled to a copy of the vetting result released to the Approved Agency (to be provided by the agency) and can seek a correction by contacting the Vetting Service.
6. The Approved Agency will securely dispose of this consent form, copies of identification documents and the vetting result within 12 months of receiving the result unless a longer retention period is required by legislation.
7. I may withdraw this consent, prior to Police's disclosure of the vetting result, by notifying the Approved Agency. For further information, please see the [Guide to Completing the Consent Form](#).

Applicant's Authorisation:

- ✓ I confirm that the information I have provided in this form relates to me and is correct.
- ✓ I have read and understood the information above.
- ✓ I authorise New Zealand Police to disclose any personal information it considers relevant to my application (as described above) to the Approved Agency making this request for the purpose of assessing my suitability.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Electronic
Signature