



# 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



Last Saturday Miss Madden presented at the Southland Numeracy Symposium, to a room full of teachers and principals, and by all accounts, did an excellent job. This 'beyond the call' work prompted me to reflect on the dedication, skills and attributes of the people I work with. This does not just include the staff, but also parents, the board, and community members who all want the best for the children.

On a typical day, I might see teachers supporting another teacher with a challenge they're facing, or discussing ways to help a child because what's happening just isn't working; A support staff member with a 'do anything to help' approach when teachers are in a pressure situation; people coming into school to help children with gardening or reading or swimming; an email from a board member quietly going about a 'between-meeting' task; parents coaching sport after school; teachers talking about learning break-throughs with genuine excitement - Just a few examples of the collaborative culture which characterises our place.

In the same vein, we're fortunate to have the local emergency services – Fire, Police, St John Ambulance, helping us out with our Emergency Preparedness Day next Tuesday. In the morning we're doing a mock lock down exercise. Constable Dave Leach has also arranged Police Dog Handlers to visit and do a demonstration. In the afternoon, there will be an earthquake drill, followed by post-event exercises - Search and Rescue, First Aid, Evacuee Welfare. We're also being supported by Constable Marty Lohrey (Police Education). So don't be "alarmed" if you hear a lot of noise coming from the school that afternoon (see what I did there? ☺).



Next Wednesday, aside from it being her birthday, Miss Mackay is off to visit Tapanui School which runs an excellent play-based learning programme with their Juniors.

At the time of writing this, I'm about to head off to Te Anau to meet up with my Principals' Support Group. We're quite an eclectic bunch, coming from schools ranging from 25 to 425 children, but it's always very valuable learning from each other's experiences, and bringing new ideas back to school (I also hope to bring a fish back this time too, if I can find one in the Waiau on Friday evening!).



I would like to acknowledge the great work Deb Cowie has done in her fixed term roles as Deputy Principal Release Teacher and Beginning Teacher release teacher. Deb is finishing these roles at the end of this term, and we will miss the regularity of her time at school with her bright presence and excellent inputs, but are pleased that she will still be available for casual relieving. Meanwhile we welcome back Tracey Watson who has been appointed to a 0.3 fixed term teaching role to cover D.P. Release and Acting Principal Release. This will involve 3 days a fortnight in Room 5 to release Mrs Hailes.

Here's a good quote I read recently: "Good opportunities are often disguised as hard labour. That's why so few people recognise them". Have a good weekend (but without too much hard labour I hope ☺).

Regards

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Animal Dress-Up Day!	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 Start of Term 2	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 Self Defence Course - Yr 3/4 girls	9	10	11

### **Police Vetting Urgent Reminder**

Please return Police Vetting Consent Forms to school for all parents interested in supporting with school events, e.g. camps, trips. We would like to get this process underway as soon as possible to ensure this is tidied up well before camps, etc. **Also, we have been advised that as from 1 July 2017 a fee of \$8.50 +GST will be implemented by the NZ Police for each vetting.** Thanks to those parents who have returned all their information as well as provided their required ID. If you need another copy of forms sent home please contact the office.

### **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 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:

- 1/2 April                      Gunawardhana Family
- 8/9 April                        Healy Family
- 15/16 April                      Henry/Maglaras 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.

## Spare Change of Clothes

If anyone has spare shorts/tights/underwear for our 'emergency' cupboard please send along to school. Our supplies seem to be running low – if your child has come home with a change of clothes from school please return these washed. Thanks.

## If I was the Easter Bunny...

### **By Room One**

- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would give Easter Eggs to people. I like chocolate. – Wenzel
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would like the Easter Bunny. I will be the Easter Bunny. It is cool. – Lithula
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I will hide the eggs. – Heath
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would hide the eggs in a pillow. – Kahn
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would hide the Easter Eggs and put them under beds. If I was the Easter Bunny I would put Easter Eggs under the pillow. It would be fun. – Saige
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would hide eggs. I would give eggs to the Easter Bunny. I would hide them. – Hunter
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would hide them in the sandpit. They will have to find them. I will make a treasure hunt. They will like it. – Xanthe
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would hide them underground. I will hide them. – Cooper
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I will dig a big hole to put in the Easter Eggs. It will be fun. I will be a cheeky Easter Bunny and hide them in the pots with no dirt. – Tayla
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would make Easter hunts for the kids so them they can hunt for the eggs and I would give them clues to find them in the trees. – Ellie
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would do something for them. I will make maps to get the Easter Eggs. I would do it because people will be kind to the Easter Bunny. – Bella
- ❖ If I was the Easter Bunny I would give Easter Eggs to kids because they will be happy. I will put some in the trees. Sometimes I would hide some in the sandpit. If they had a broken leg I would hide the eggs low. - Oscar

## House Swimming Relay



Mrs Hailes urging on Kakariki in the house swimming relay last week. Whero were the victors!

## 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.

## 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.

## Football

LAST OPPORTUNITY for 8 & 9 year old girls and boys to register for football this season. Phone Cindy on 027 602 7432.

**"Bumperball"** is coming to Lumsden on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Northern Southland Community Pool Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported the pool this season. The heating is being turned off today, with the pool officially closing for the season at 8.30 pm Sunday. This was the first season we have charged \$20 bonds on our pool tags. Season holders have 2 options: 1. Retain your tag and your bond carries over to next season OR 2. Return your tag to the Lumsden 4 Square within 2 weeks and Paulette will be in contact to refund your bond.







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### 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