

# 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



Happy to report that all broken bones, lacerations and bruises were all miraculously healed at 2:45pm on Tuesday, after earthquake 'victims' Miss Mackay, Hayley, and Harrison Maclean were safely un-trapped from the building by the Kakariki House Search and Rescue team (with the Lumsden Fire Crew) and attended to by the Kowhai House First Aid team (with the Lumsden Ambulance Crew). Meanwhile, Kikorangi House had set up an excellent make-shift welfare centre and provided emergency supplies of cookies and water, while the Whero House logistics team were keeping records of developments and lists of the missing and injured.

As a result, we are very confident now with our emergency preparedness, including our lock-down procedures which we practised in the morning. It was also very special to see the amazingly clever police dogs in action as they were put to work by handlers Adam and Tom. We're very grateful to them for making the trip out to Lumsden especially for us.



A huge thanks to the local emergency services – Constables Dave and Craig, along with Fire Crew and Ambulance Officers for spending much of their time at the school during the day to help us with this important Health and Safety programme which we gained so much from. Thanks also to families for supporting the great 'gold coin' initiative organised by Boston, Jacob and Benjamin (Room 2), raising \$87 to support the local emergency services.

Next Tuesday we look forward to hosting an afternoon for Senior Citizens at school (see ad. over). It will be great for the children to have the opportunity to chat with them about their learning, perform some songs and provide some afternoon tea. This is an open invitation to anyone who regards themselves as a Senior Citizen (I'm almost contemplating that myself ☺), so please pass on to anyone you think may be interested in joining us (e.g. Grandparents, neighbours etc.).

Best wishes to our children competing at the Southland primary Schools Athletics Champs on Saturday: Maisie Mitchell (High Jump and Shot Put); Luke Jamieson and Mitchell McLachlan (Discus); Arleea Hoffman (Long jump and sprints, relay); Gianna O'Donoghue (Sprints, relay); Benjamin Rodgers-Foran (relay); Digby Saunders (60m and relay). Great to have this relatively high representation from a small school.

"All action" on the back field over the last few lunchtimes as lots have children have been getting involved in the House T-Ball competition. It's always very heartening to see the way older children help and support the younger ones in events like these which is a positive indicator of the positive culture of the school.

Hopefully we have a good representation of children at the ANZAC service in Lumsden during the holidays (Tuesday April 25). Any Year 5 and 6 children attending will participate in the remembrance cross part of the ceremony, and we'll issue them with a Lumsden School Track Suit next week to wear for this event. We'll send home a notice with those children interested in attending, with a confirmation slip for parents to return to school.



We may resemble a zoo next Wednesday! Animal Dress-up day. This has been organised by Jamal and Isabelle as a project to help the SPCA. Gold coin donations or Pet Food donations much appreciated. The Year 5 and 6 children have done extremely well with their 'Good Citizen' ideas to help the community. See also Kadia's ad inside.

Have a good weekend. E haere rā,

Regards

Andrew Watson  
Principal

## Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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:

- 8/9 April                      Healy Family
- 15/16 April                    Henry/Maglaras Family
- 22/23 April                    Herrick 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.

## Support Lumsden School and our Entertainment Fundraiser

Pre-order an Entertainment membership for 2017/2018 and get early bird value, plus 20% of your order goes towards our fundraising efforts. The School Library is in need of new shelves to better display books.



Both the traditional books and digital memberships for your smartphone are available. Books will be available to pick from school reception soon and online ordering and payment is available at [www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26143w9](http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26143w9)

Contact Trish Gill for further information: [trishy.mike@gmail.com](mailto:trishy.mike@gmail.com) or 021 0243 2741. Thank you for your support!

## Speech New Zealand, New Zealand Speech Board

There may be an opportunity for children to receive Oral language tuition to sit Speech New Zealand Assessments.

Syllabuses NZ Speech Board offer to schools are written together with experts from the Ministry of Education and the NZ Speech Board, and cater for all levels.

Please let Andrew know if you are interested in such an opportunity for your child/ren or if you'd like to know more. The provision of the programme would be dependent on the level of interest.

## 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.

## Bible in Schools

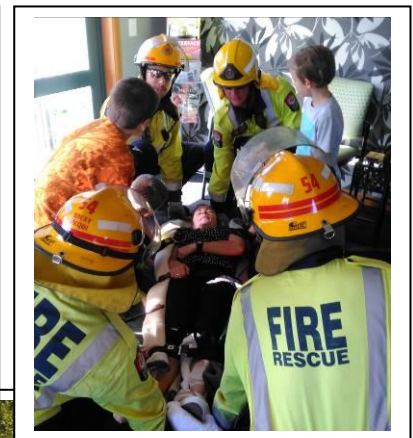
**Please note that school is officially closed during this time and parents are responsible for supervising any children not attending Bible in Schools with the exception of some bus children.**

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.

## Emergency Drama Happenings on Tuesday



## **Making Caterpillars – Room 4**

When you want to make a caterpillar you need some paint. Then get some paper. You turn your piece of paper around and then you paint your hands. You put your hands on the paper and press hard.

By Laurie

Mrs Watson and I made caterpillars with paint. It was fun to do that. I helped make the caterpillars out of paint. It was cool and we used our hands.

By Ryder

We made caterpillars with Mrs Watson by using paint and paper. The body was green. The legs were blue. The feelers were black. The face was red. We painted our hands so they were colourful.

By Parker

We painted caterpillars with Mrs Watson. It was fun. We made them so we could have one at school and at home. We can show the classroom. When she teaches us again we might make another one. They are cool. They are green, black and red. I will make one at home.

By Flynn

We made some caterpillars with Mrs Watson by using our hands. We made the body green and blue, and the head is red and black. Tomorrow we are making the faces. I like caterpillars.

By Cedric

We made little caterpillars with Mrs Watson. We shared them at Assembly with her. They were colourful. I got to hold mine up in Assembly. We used paint on our hands, and paper. The head was red and black. The body was blue and green. My favourite part was putting my hands on the paper.

By Amelia

Last week my class made caterpillars with Mrs Watson. We used paint. We used green paint and red and black paint and yellow paint. My friends had fun, so did I. I was proud of myself because I liked the colours on it.

By Lara

We made caterpillars with Mrs Watson last week. The head was red, the antennae were black. The legs were blue. The best part was the painting with our hands.

By Angus

We made caterpillars with Mrs Watson last week. We used pain. We painted with our hands. The colours were red, yellow, black and blue. The best part was when it was finished because it looked so cool.

By Levi

We made caterpillars with Mrs Watson. We needed to use paper, paint and our hands. The colours of paint that we used were red, green, black and yellow. It was very colourful. It was really fun to do!

By Riley

I painted a caterpillar with Mrs Watson. First we painted our hands and then we did the face. The colours were yellow, red, green and blue.

By Lachie

Last week we made caterpillars. They were green, blue and black. We made them with Mrs Watson because she was teaching us. We took turns. It was me first. I had to clean my hands because they were dirty.

By Lewis

One day I did caterpillars with Mrs Watson. They were blue, black, red and yellow. It was really fun because mine had green on it. First we painted our hands when Mrs Watson was teaching us. I was excited. We got to stand up in the Assembly and I also got a duffy book at the assembly so I took it home.

By Shreesti

I put paint on my hands. The caterpillars were colourful just like the real caterpillars. I liked my caterpillar and Mrs Watson liked my caterpillar like me too. It couldn't come home with me because we are displaying them.

By Luigi

I made some caterpillars with Mrs Watson because Mrs Watson was teaching us. The caterpillars were black, yellow and green. You can make a caterpillar too. You need to look at the picture to know how to make it.

By Hannah

We made caterpillars with Mrs Watson so we could show them at assembly. We made them with paint by painting our hands with red, blue, black and green paint. They look beautiful because they are pretty.

By Renae

We made caterpillars with paint with Mrs Watson to make them colourful. We made them colourful so they could be beautiful. First we did its body, then we did the legs. Next we did its eyes. Last we shared them at assembly.

By Olivia

We made colourful caterpillars with Mrs Watson. We got to share them at assembly. My mum came so I was very happy that she came. My favourite part was the face. They are so colourful. It was fun.

By Meg

## School Hours Reminder

A number of children have been arriving at school early in the morning – please note children are welcome at school from 8.30 am. We also have some children remaining at school at the end of the day unsupervised, please be aware this is a parental responsibility.

## Football Results:

- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> grade: Loss to Old Boys team.  
POD: Freddie Saunders
- ❖ 10<sup>th</sup> grade: 8-1 win against the Thistles.  
POD was James Armitage

## Kath Bee Show

The children were highly entertained by award-winning children's singer and song writer Kath Bee on Thursday. Some of her songs, such as 'Individuality' and 'Dad I wanna be a camel' are well known internationally.



**“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 NSCRCT office on 248 7885.

**Letting off S.T.E.A.M. in the LIBRARY** April School Holiday Program

Kids can experience a range of S.T.E.A.M. activities around their library with demonstrations at the times and places listed below.

**SCIENCE** **TECHNOLOGY** **ENGINEERING** **MATHEMATICS**  
games Shinky dinks Construction

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM @ YOUR LIBRARY

Winton Library Thursday, 20th, 9-12	Riverton Library Friday, 21st 10-12.30
To Anau Library Thursday, 27th, 9-12	Wyndham Library Phone Pauline
Otautau Library Thursday, 27th 9-12	Stewart Is Library Phone Kirsten
Lumsden Library Wed 19th 10-12.30	

**WHILE CAREGIVERS PUT THEIR FEET UP WITH A CUPPA\***

\*BYO cuppa or escape for a few hours

**NATHAN WALLIS**  
PRESENTING BRAIN DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS  
**EASTERN SOUTHLAND**

[www.reap.co.nz](http://www.reap.co.nz)

**ANXIETY & DEPRESSION IN TEENAGERS SEMINAR**  
Whatever the reasons, a large number of children and adolescents report struggling with anxiety and depression. The research points to exercise, diet and meta cognition as the effective approaches to reduce these. Nathan will break this down into easy to understand language and share the techniques being used to teach teenagers how to manage their own stress, anxiety and depression. This involves learning about the human stress response system, the way the brain works, and the changes taking place in the brain during the teenage years. *NB: Parents, you are welcome to bring your teenagers - free of charge.*

**Tuesday 9 MAY: 7pm - 9pm at James Cumming Wing, GORE \$20pp**

**0 - 3 YEARS CHILD BRAIN DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**  
The first three years of the development of the brain can be considered the most important time of a child's life for influencing their entire life span. Participants will explore with Nathan how this works and what it means for how we interact, nurture and educate our youngest children. You will explore the implications this has for early childhood/infancy and the type of environment that best facilitates the full development of the child's potential.

**Wednesday 10 MAY: 9.30am - 11.30am at Gore Kids Hub, GORE \$20pp**

**3 - 7 YEARS CHILD BRAIN DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**  
Explore the needs that relate to the development of social emotional skills, which as well as developing resilience, play a crucial role in the subsequent development of cognitive skills such as literacy. Explore the research that relates to this development and how this impacts on our practice, interactions and relationships with young children.

**Wednesday 10 MAY: 12.30pm - 2.30pm at Gore Kids Hub, GORE \$20pp**

**ONE FOR THE GUYS - MEN'S NIGHT**  
Parent education is often aimed at mums as they are the ones that turn up! So here is your chance to hear the latest neuroscience and child development with all the fluffy bits taken out and delivered in a punchy and fast paced style with humour and plain language. Work out if what you're doing is benefiting your child! Learn how your child's brain works, the stages and changes it goes through, and what you can do to help.

**Wednesday 10 MAY: 7pm - 9pm at Longford Tavern, GORE \$20pp**

**ENGAGING, GUIDING & SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN INTO ADULTHOOD**  
**'Training for Professionals'**  
This workshop is for Professionals working with children and youth. Gain a better understanding about how anxiety, depression and trauma impacts children and young people and their ability to engage effectively in learning (formal or informal). Explore what can be implemented to better support children and young people to engage.

**Friday 12 MAY: 12.30pm - 2.30pm at James Cumming Wing, GORE \$10pp**

For more information, or to enrol in any of these seminars please phone Southern REAP on **0800 111 117** (from a land-line only) or **03 236 6008**, or email [enquiries@reap.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@reap.co.nz)

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Making a difference in our Rural Communities  
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RURAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**SENIOR CITIZENS**  
You are invited to  
join us at

**Lumsden  
School** 

**For an afternoon of fun!**

**Where:** Lumsden School

**When:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017, starting  
at 1.30pm

**We hope to see then!**



WE ARE DONATING THINGS TO THE COMMUNITY STORAGE ROOM LIKE CLOTHES, TOYS AND SHOES THAT YOU DON'T OR HAVEN'T USED THAT YOU ARE HAPPY TO DONATE.

I AM DOING THIS SO WHEN PEOPLE COME TO LUMSDEN WITH NOTHING THEY CAN COME AND GET WHAT THEY NEED FOR FREE.

SOME GREAT IDEAS FOR DONATIONS ARE:  
WINTER CLOTHES, TOYS, SHOES, FURNITURE,  
OR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT.

TIME: ALL DAY

DAY: THURSDAY THE 13TH OF  
APRIL

WHERE: LUMSDEN SCHOOL



## ANIMAL DRESS-UP DAY!

WHEN : WEDNESDAY 12TH OF APRIL

WHY : TO SUPPORT THE GORE SPCA

WHO : LUMSDEN SCHOOL

BRING A GOLD COIN OR SOME PET FOOD FOR  
US TO DONATE



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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