



LUMSDEN SCHOOL

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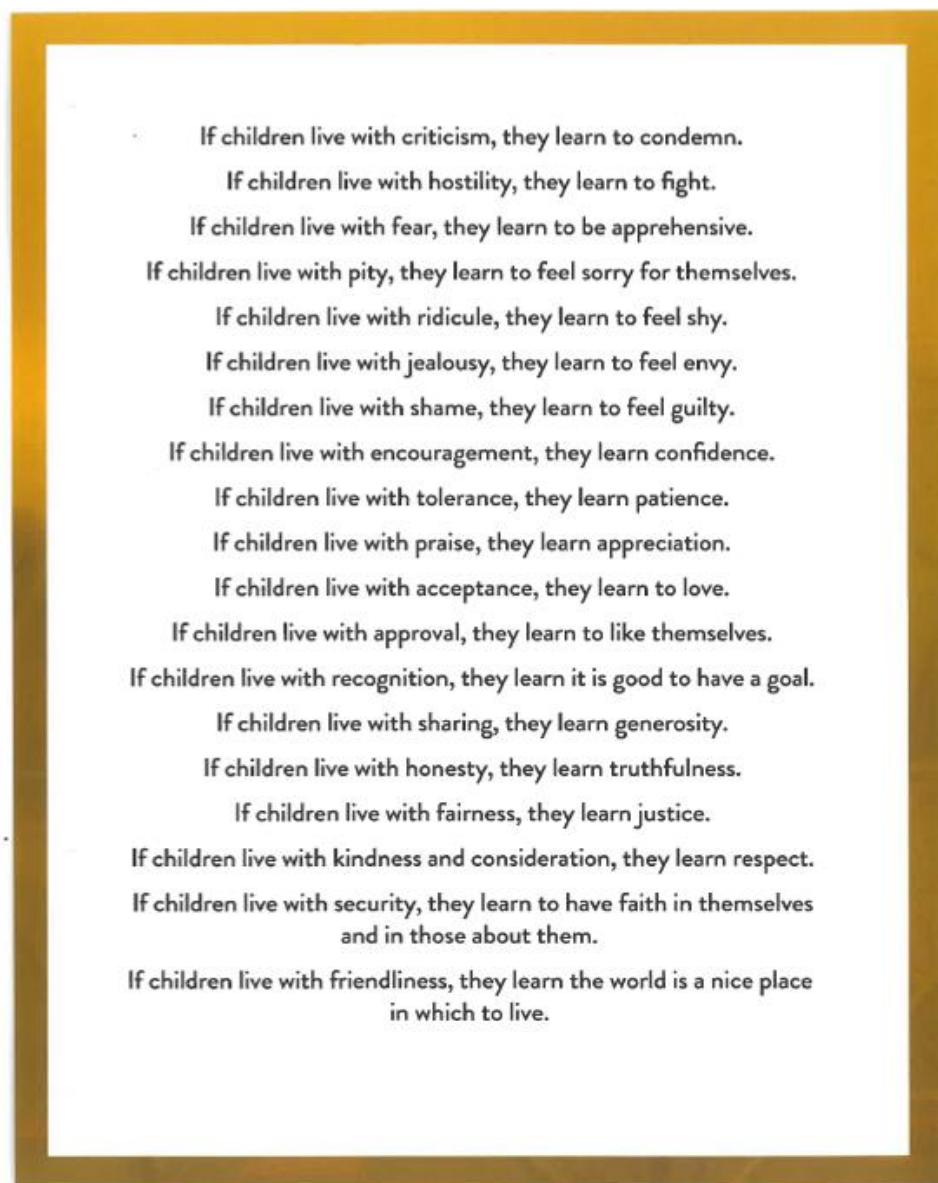


Reminder: text follow lumsdenschool to 8987 so that you will receive immediate text notification of alerts and reminders via our twitter account (e.g. snow days, cancellations).

Dear School Friends and Families

Hope the holidays went well at your place and you had good family time. It's been a good first week back, the first week for Ryan Hansen (Year 4), Tara Stuart (Year 3) and Myah Gerken (New Entrant) joining us. Great to have them with us.

I read this in a School Trustees Association magazine recently, and thought it was worth sharing:



Have a good weekend....

A duck shooter had just got a dog which, amazingly, could walk on water. The duck shooter took a friend shooting with him and the dog duly walked on water all day retrieving ducks. "Did you notice anything about my new dog?" he asked his friend. "Sure did," was the reply. "It can't swim."

Ka kite ano,

Andrew Watson
Principal

Looking Ahead 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8	9	10	11 FoLS AGM 7.30 pm	12	13	14
15 Year 6 to Riversdale for Storytelling	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
12 Elgrego Show 1.40 pm	13	14 St John in Schools	15	16	16	18
19	20 BOT Meeting	21	22	23	24	25

Welcome to School

This week we have welcomed Myah Gerken, Tara Stuart and Ryan Hansen to school. Myah is in Room 1, and Tara and Ryan have joined Room 5.



Community of Learning Principal Release

Andrew's new Community of Learning co-leadership position commitments will involve two days out-of-school per fortnight. This release will be taken on Wednesdays and Thursdays every second week (odd-numbered weeks). Mrs Hailes will be on classroom release to carry out Acting Principal responsibilities on those days.

Lawnmowing Roster

The roster for the next few weeks is:

- 6/7 May Herrick Family
- 20/21 May Hill 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.

Police Vetting Urgent Reminder for All Parents

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.

NB: If parents wish to be considered for attending school camp this year in Dunedin it will be essential to have been vetted. The same will soon apply for school day trips and volunteer helpers. A reminder that consent forms can be accessed on the school website under each weeks newsletter. Thank you for your support with this.

Staff Professional Development

We're very pleased to have Averil Lee from the College of Education supporting us with a staff professional development programme this term, to improve consistency and sustainability in accelerating achievement in maths. Averil will be working alongside teachers in classrooms as well as leading workshops in staff meetings.

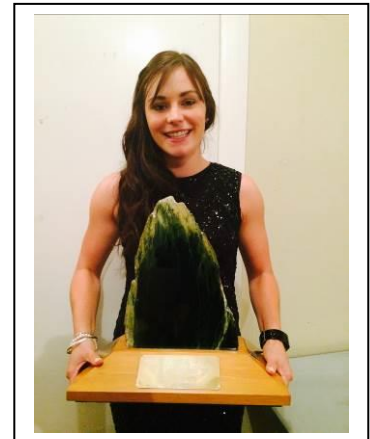
ANZAC Early Risers

It was great to see a large group of Lumsden School children up before the sparrows to attend the very special ANZAC dawn ceremony.



Congratulations Miss Mackay!

Congratulations to Miss Mackay who has recently become engaged to Vaughan Stevens and also was the winner of the Southern Alps Country Music competition in Timaru in the holidays.



New Zealand Speech Board Tuition Opportunity

There is an opportunity for children to have speech lessons through Speech New Zealand from Term 3 onwards. This involves tuition and NZ Speech Board exams. The Syllabus areas to develop children's ability to express themselves with clarity, confidence and courtesy in personal, social and public situations. Tuition fees will be covered by parents, ranging from \$15 to \$20 per session (depending on group size).

Please let us know within the next few weeks if you'd be interested in your child participating.

If there is sufficient interest from parents, we would run sessions during school time, otherwise there may still be the opportunity for parents to arrange sessions privately with the tutor (Annette Dalziel) here after school on a Thursday.

Give me a call if you'd like more information about this.

Whānau Group Technology Challenge

Children have been displaying great team work as they worked on their technology challenges together this week. Here's Jack and Aayush with their balloon-powered drag car!



End of Term 1 happenings:



Animal dress-up

Thanks for supporting the Animal Dress-up day arranged by Isabelle and Jamal to support the SPCA. The children raised \$85.90.

Seniors Afternoon

Children sharing some of their learning with local senior citizens during the last week of term. We enjoyed the opportunity of having about a dozen senior citizens visit us to chat with children and have afternoon tea with us.

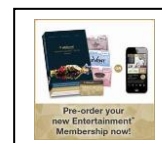


Mother's day coming up.....entertainment membership a fabulous idea to treat her throughout the year

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

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



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.

Football Results:

9th Grade: A massive win. 11-0 against Winton. Well done team. POD Charlie Chen.

10th Grade: A win 3-2 against Old Boy Falcons. POD Grace Naylor.

Rippa Rugby Results

The Player of the Day results for the last three games:

8 th April	Flynn Bryan
13 th April	Bella Clark
4 th May	Cooper Healy

Masters Medal

Congratulations to Gary Hoffman (Arleea's Dad) who won a silver medal at the World Masters Games in Auckland in Claybird Shooting recently.



4wd Fundraiser 19 May: Help Please

The Northern Southland Community Pool Trust is providing 10 4wd vehicles on Friday 19th May for 1 hour from 3.30pm to transport 4 persons each across farm tracks on the Baird property between Mulhollands gully and the Jollies, as part of a Perendale Association tour. We have 5 volunteer people/vehicles already and seek another 5 enthusiastic people who might find this trip interesting anyway... so be in quick! Ph or text Jules Adams 021523267.

EDUCATOR/SESSION SUPPORT PERSON - Lumsden Playcentre

The position is for 2 sessions per week – Monday and Tuesday mornings. Successful applicant needs to hold a relevant Early Childhood or Playcentre Qualification, **Minimum Course 3**. Current First Aid certificate preferred and Police Vetting required before commencement. For full details contact administrator@playcentresouthland.co.nz Applications Close: Friday 2nd June 2017.



Build a great family team and have fun on the way!



The Early Years

0-6 years These are the most important years in your child's development! Learn how to lay the building blocks for a great future.

The Early Years covers:

- Parent types
- Developmental stages
- Tools for engaging cooperation
- Discipline
- Making memories
- Being the parent your child needs

\$75 per person or \$110 per couple for each six week group.
Subsidies available

- Small group course with a trained facilitator
- Six sessions per course
- Tailored to your needs

Toolbox courses are free to foster carers, whānau caregivers, adopters, grandparents raising grandchildren, and Home for Life parents thanks to government funding. We are also able to offer free training for participants wishing to become Toolbox facilitators.

WHEN: THURSDAY EVENINGS 1st June to 6th July
7.30 - 9.30 pm

WHERE: Northern Southland Community Resource Centre
11 Hero Street, Lumsden

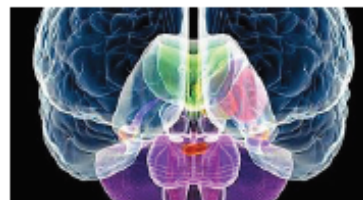
To REGISTER contact: Katrina Ritani - Southland Parenting Place coordinator
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PLEASE NOTE SUBSIDIES ARE AVAILABLE - PLEASE ENQUIRE!

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NATHAN WALLIS

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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
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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