



Limehills School Newsletter

6 December 2017



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It was fantastic to be a part of the Room 6 tramp to Luxmore Hut yesterday. We really challenged the kids to put them out of their comfort zone and, as always, they responded brilliantly. We just love the can do attitude! And we look forward to more of the same when we take our Year 7s and 8s sailing and surfing on Friday.

Outdoor Education is becoming a really important part of our curriculum. We are blessed with some outstanding environments - mountains, lakes, rivers and coasts - all within easy reach from Limehills. We want to make even more use of them in 2018.

Early next year we will be seeking your feedback around our strategic goals for Limehills School. Outdoor education will feature amongst these as we look to rationalise our programmes, including class camps. We will look to establish clear progressions through the school with increasing levels of challenge and experiences in a range of environments. Our aim will be to equip students with the skills and attitudes they need to safely enjoy everything our unique environments have to offer.

We look forward to discussing our ideas with you, but for now, enjoy the end of the year and have a very merry Christmas.

What's On Diary

December

- 7 Y7-8 Surfing & Sailing
- 7 Y7/8 SMAG Art
- 7 Library Book Bus
- 8 Y7 Surfing & Sailing
- 11 BOT Meeting
- 13 Final Assembly 2.15pm
- 14 Last day of term (Yr 0-7)
- 14 School Prizegiving 6pm
- 14 Kirsty's Farewell 8pm
- 15 Last day of term (Year 8)



February 2018

- 7 First day of term
- 16 Tri-athlon

March 2018

- 2 Top Bike Competition
- 14 Rm 3 & 4 Museum Trip
- 21 Rm 1 & 2 Museum Trip

Kirsty's Farewell Celebrations

Please make sure you come along to celebrate Kirsty's many years of commitment next Thursday, 14th December at 8pm at the Top Pub in Winton. We know she has had a significant impact on many children and families in the community and we'd love to send her off in true Limehills style! Please RSVP with an indication of numbers and please forward all your stories, comments, photos or videos to crazyteacher@limehills.school.nz so we can incorporate them into the evening.



You are invited
 POETS' Corner
 8th December 1:00pm
 to 2:00pm. You can
 come for lunch at 12:35pm.
 Or if you don't want
 to you just come at
 1:00pm. Can you stand
 these amazing poems for
 an hour? I think it will
 be an amazing and fun
 entertainment afternoon.
 Kind regards
 Nicholas Hammond

Camp Kepler

Well done to Room 6 who all persevered to get to the summit! Thanks to all the parents who came along.



BOT Mid-Term Election

Thank you to everyone who voted.

Votes will be counted tomorrow and a result announced accordingly.



Important alerts

- 2018 provisional class lists are attached to this newsletter. As always, this is not an exact science. Whilst we very carefully consider the needs of each and every student, there is also a numbers game to play. We are incredibly fortunate to have outstanding teacher aides, who will continue to be used to provide support where it is most needed. Please feel free to contact Jim if there are any questions about class placements for 2018.
- If anyone is able to transport the food for Ronald McDonald Family Room this Friday, 8th December, please contact the office.
- Last assembly is 2.15pm, Wednesday 13th December.
- Last day for Year 0-7 is Thursday 14th December.
- Prize giving is 6pm, Thursday 14th December.
- Kirsty's Farewell Celebration is 8pm, Thursday 14th December at the Top Pub in Winton.
- Last day for Year 8 is Friday 15th December.
- Deep Cove camp for Year 8 students will be later in the year next year (15-19th October TBC).
- Please return all library and class reading books as soon as possible. It's always a good time to check under the bed and behind the sofa for lost books.



Touch - The last game of touch for this year is this Friday 8th December.



As the beginning of the year is an extremely busy time we would like to gather interest and permission for children who would like to play touch in Term 1 2018. It will begin early February (possibly week 2) and we estimate the cost to be \$14 per player.

We're trying out a new tool on-line and would really appreciate it if you could help us by going to the link below and completing one form per child, <https://goo.gl/forms/QSi6BFV9HZEfZhkr1>

Alternatively, please e-mail the office with your childrens names, year and if you are able to help as manager.

Ronald McDonald - We are thinking ahead to the Christmas holidays which are fast approaching. The Ronald McDonald Family Room has had a freezer donated so is now able to store a quantity of food. If you have any spare time and would like to whip up a batch of mousetraps, cheese rolls or make a bacon and egg pie, mac n' cheese, lasagne or any other food that freezes well, we will forward it to the Family Room on your behalf.

Christmas time is a very busy time at the Children's Ward so the more food we can supply now the easier it will be on parents and families. Food can be dropped off to the office anytime between now and the end of term.

Why not buy your family a key for the Limehills pool as a Christmas present?

Email limehillspool@gmail.com or better still, call into the Limehills School office and drop off the paperwork, make the payment and get a new key straight away. Only a few weeks left of school so better get onto it!

Lost - 2 watches

1. One red and black Casio watch.
2. Baby G, black.

Please contact the office if you have seen these watches.

Mobile book bus The book bus will be at school on Thursday 7th December and this will be the last time before Christmas so can we please get all outstanding books back that day. If students get books out on the 7th they will need to return them to our local library.

\$30 PER CHILD
FOR AGES 7-11

REGISTER ONLINE
LENDS AVAILABLE ON
TOUCH SOUTHLAND'S
WEBSITE & FACEBOOK
PAGE

Touch Southland
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
JANUARY 2018

Queenstown- Thurs 11th
Cromwell- Thurs 18th
Te Anau- Tues 23rd
Gore- Wed 24th
Invercargill- Fri 26th

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DONT HESITATE TO EMAIL scott@touchsouthland.co.nz
www.touchsouthland.co.nz - PHONE 03 211 2255 - @Touch Southland

Southland Summer Reading Challenge - The Great Escape - Wild About Reading 2017

School age children, and their families, can register now at Southland District Libraries for the Southland Summer Reading Challenge - The Great Escape: Wild About Reading, which rewards reading between 1 December 2017 and 31st January 2018.

The challenge is to read 12 books over this time and once done, Southland District Libraries will give you a \$15 Paper Plus voucher - only one per registered person, and family entries share one voucher. You will need to drop in to the library to have your reading chart stamped along the way. Books can be borrowed from Southland District Libraries, be personal books, or school books, or books from other libraries. *Books need to be relevant to your reading level.* The exception being a parent reading to the family in the Family category. For every 4 books you read you can enter a craft challenge. There are 3 in total and the entry judged first in each category wins a \$25 Paper Plus voucher. Photograph and email your entries to library@southlanddc.govt.nz if you cannot bring it in to show us. You do not have to enter craft activities to gain the Paper Plus voucher for 12 books read. Craft activities will not be judged if the reading has not been completed for that line, 4 books at a time.