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Welcome Back Newsletter – 1st February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to 2018 from the staff at Lochiel School. I am sure everyone had a lovely holiday with our fantastic Southland weather! It is great to sit in my office and see the rain that our community so badly needs. We welcome all new students back for 2018. We have 9 new students that have started which makes our roll around 80. We will be having a welcoming assembly at Lochiel Hall this Friday at 2.30pm - it would be great if our new families could come as we have a presentation to you all.

Again this year we will have a full school newsletter every second week and have an information newsletter on the other week. We will try to have dates for events set well in advance to help you plan your activities and work around your children. All our dates for this term so far are listed below.

This term we have decided to have camps in term 1 in the last week of March. Years 6-8 will be going to Deep Cove in the Fiordland National Park from 26-29 March. Our year 3-6 students will be travelling to Camp Columba in Pukerau, near Gore from the 28-29 March. We will have forms out soon asking for parent helpers. The cost three years ago for these camps was \$90 for Camp Columba and \$245 for students and \$295 for adults for Deep Cove. This did include some fundraising. Fundraising in the past included sausage sizzles and various food items being sold. If you have fundraising ideas and are keen to organise or help with something, please let your class teacher know. When we have finalised the costs we will let you know and ask that all payments be made before the children go to camp. If you would like to pay in instalments could you please contact Juliet in the office.

In the next week a letter will go home to our year 7/8 students about buying hoodies that they will be able to wear to school. These will cost between \$50-\$60. We also have goal setting interviews next week and a letter has already gone out about this.

We look forward to having a great year at Lochiel School.

Yours faithfully

Geoff Folster
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Term 1 dates	EVENT
7 TH Feb	Goal Setting Interviews (3.15-8.30pm)
21 st Feb	Central Southland World Cup Football Competition (Yr 1-4) 12.00-2.30pm Winton
23 rd Feb	Lochiel School Athletics (10.30-3pm)
8 th March	Eastern Zone Athletics (Seniors all Day) (Juniors till 12.30pm and will need picked up) CSC (Winton)
12-14 th March	Education Review Office Visit to school (ERO)
23 rd March	Central Zone Athletics (Senior Students who qualify) CSC (Winton)
26-27 th March	Life Education Bus at Lochiel School (Yr6-8 to miss due to camp).
26-29 th March	Deep Cove (Yr 6-8)
28-29 th March	Camp Columba (Yr 3-5)
4 th April	End of Term Treat
9-12 th April	Year 7/8 Technology @Winton

Term 2 dates	EVENT
18 th May	School Cross Country
23 rd May	Eastern Zone Cross Country @Browns all children