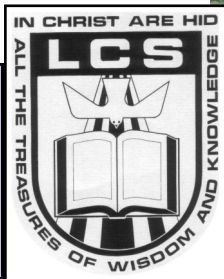


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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to the many parents who have helped us with transport and supervision across the week during one of the busiest weeks this year, we really appreciate your support.

A highlight was our school band and choir presenting three Christmas carols at the Opoho Presbyterian Church Advent service. They played and sang beautifully and were a credit to the school and the leadership of Miss Wiseman. The congregation of mostly senior citizens from local churches and rest homes really appreciated our contribution, and we enjoyed a fantastic afternoon tea together afterwards.

Congratulations to our Otago Athletics competitors. Peter, Georgia, Wilhelm, Phillip, Chris, Lizzy, Lisa and Jeremiah all competed and supported each other very well. Peter, Georgia and Phillip all made it to finals in their sprint events.

The board of trustees is pleased to welcome Mrs Jenny Stowell to the teaching team next year. Jenny will be taking up my role in Room 1 which will release me fully to the task of principal. Jenny has been a junior teacher in two other South Island Christian schools and brings a wealth of experience and expertise in junior literacy to our school.

Serving Christ together

Ngā mihi nui

*Fiona Sizemore
 Principal*



Otago Athletics Championships Day

LPHS Junior Production EOTC

On Friday 1 December, we are taking (by bus) the whole school to Logan Park High School to watch their junior school production. It is a timely opportunity for us to experience the enjoyment of being the audience before we present our own production on the same stage the following week! The buses will be leaving school at 9.15am and return at 10.40am.

End of Year School Assemblies

Our 'thank you' assembly will commence at 2.30pm on Friday 8 December.
 Graduation assembly will commence at 1.30pm on Wednesday 13 December.

Student shared Christmas lunch

On Tuesday 12 December please send students to school with a festive plate of finger food to share at our student lunch. Please name all plates that you would like back, they will be on the kitchen bench for collection at the end of school. *Please remember we are a nut free school.*

Mystery Christmas Gift Exchange

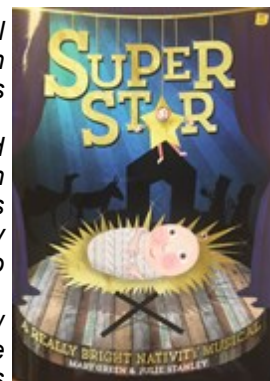
This popular Liberton tradition is when each student draws the name of another student (in their approximate age group) to organise a small Christmas gift for as a surprise. *There will be a separate notice with more details next week.* Gifts can be bought (not to exceed \$5) or home-made.

Board of Trustees Parent Survey

The board of trustees is very grateful for the outstanding number of responses to the recent online parent survey. The response is largely very positive and the board will be spending time analysing the comments and statistics more closely at the December meeting. There was significant interest in the question around extending the school to years 9&10. The board plans to hold a meeting for parents in term 1 to further discuss the questions this topic generated. More feedback and information will follow.

LCS Production 'Super Star'

This year we are pleased to present our school production in support of the Otago Christian Education Commission (CEC) Champions Christmas Show. CEC (more commonly referred to as Bible in Schools) aim to equip and inspire kiwi kids through values-based Christian religious education. The Otago Champions Christmas show is presented at a LCS Friday assembly as a practise run before it is taken into state schools during the Christmas season. For many children in NZ it is one of the very few opportunities they may get to hear the true meaning of Christmas. This year the show is travelling to a wider audience in North and South Otago. CEC have been hugely under-funded this year and will very much appreciate any support we can give. Donations will be accepted at the door.



Year 5-8 enjoyed a visit to Olveston Historic Home on Tuesday 21 November

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – thinking about Drama

With our school production coming up it is timely to reflect and think about what we do and believe about the Arts at LCS. For our annual school-wide production we generally follow a pattern of balancing imaginative fairytales with Biblical narratives alternate years. Whether we are enjoying the imaginative and creative gifts or retelling a Bible story, we aim to give thanks and praise to God through the experience. We hope you will enjoy the gift the children present to you through the musical drama Super Star during week 8.

Beliefs About Teaching The Arts:

The arts are powerful forms of expression, given by God. Through Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Art, students at Liberton Christian School are encouraged to use the arts to communicate to God and their neighbours. Art is an important part of life and culture, and students are taught to appreciate the power of expression in shaping people and their values. Through the arts children are to be encouraged and given opportunities to communicate through creative action and response; their senses, imagination, thinking, feelings and talents in an environment where they can confidently create, notice, enjoy, evaluate, and respond to all aspects of God’s creation.

The ARTS at LCS will provide students with opportunities and experiences to develop the knowledge and skills that will enable them to (at an appropriate level of interest and understanding):

Stimulate creative action

- Respond by engaging and connecting - thinking, imagination, senses and feelings
- Express and interpret ideas within creative, aesthetic, and technological frameworks
- Work both independently and collaboratively to construct meanings and produce works
- Respond to and value others’ contributions
- Develop art literacies as creators, presenters, viewers and listeners
- Participate in, interpret, value and enjoy the arts now, and throughout their lives

Peanut and Tree Nut Free School - We are a completely nut free school. This is to ensure all of our students are safe from potentially severe allergic reaction. This means **no peanuts or tree nuts (or products including nut based spreads ie. Nutella) can be included in school lunch boxes or treats brought to school.**

Head Lice

Unfortunately, we are getting some reports of head lice. Please check for head lice regularly, treat when found, and help keep them out of our school! Please ensure girls have long hair tied up.

We have an electronic head lice comb that can be borrowed from the office to treat head lice without the use of chemicals. The battery operated Zaptec electronic comb detects and kills head lice. Please ask at the office if you need it. (Could the family who last borrowed it, please return it!)

Room 1 Nativity Play

The room 1 Nativity play *Jesus’ Christmas Party* will be presented at the St Marks Christmas service (with Pine Hill School) and our graduation assembly.

Liberton Sports Shirt and Hoodies

A good size range of sports shirts and hoodies is available at the office. We now have smaller sizes. Shirts are \$35 each. Hoodies are available at \$55.



The School Band and Choir performed at the Opoho Presbyterian Church Advent Service on Wednesday 22 November.

Library and class books

Please return all library and class reading books by Friday 8 December.



POP in and PRAY Tuesday mornings 9.00am – 9.20am in the staffroom

Whether you can give ten or twenty minutes, come and join us as we pray for our school as it seeks to live out its vision in our community and for the kids, families and staff that are part of it. We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Prayer Points

Give thanks for: -

- The enthusiasm and effort going into the production practises
- the freedom we have to choose Christian education
- the blessing of a full roll now and for next year

Please pray for:-

- our hard-working teachers as they write school reports
- CEC Champions Christmas Show preparations, and their impact in state schools
- Our year 8 graduates as they prepare for their transition to high school
- our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

End of Year School Reports

It is our preference to give you the school report for your child/ren personally rather than sending it home via the students and risk it being left in the bottom of a school bag over summer! Reports will be ready at the office on Wednesday after graduation. Please notify the office if you would prefer the report/s to be sent home with the eldest child (attending LCS) in your family, or posted. Activity donation receipts for 2017 will also be in the envelope.

Term 4 Calendar

- 1 Dec 9.30-10.30am LPHS junior production
- 5 Dec LCS Production practise @ LPHS auditorium (11-3)
- 5 Dec BoT meeting 7.30pm
- 6 Dec 1.30pm LCS Production Matinee Show @ LPHS auditorium (11-3)
- 7 Dec 7pm LCS Production Evening Show @ LPHS auditorium
- 8 Dec Thank you assembly
- 12 Dec Mystery gift exchange, student lunch
Christmas gifts to neighbours
- 13 Dec 1.30pm Graduation assembly and afternoon tea
- 14 Dec Last day of term 4 / clean-up day
- 15 Dec Staff and BoT lunch

Term 1 2018 Calendar

- 29 Jan First day of Term 1
- 6 Feb Waitangi Day
- 26 Mar Otago Anniversary Day
- 30 Mar Good Friday
- 2-3 April Easter holidays
- 13 April Last day of Term 1

