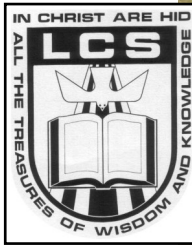


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Year 8 Students
2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers

We were blessed with a good evening last week to enjoy our BYO picnic. It was good to catch up and share time together with those who could make it along. We have also enjoyed the opportunity to meet more formally during the meet the teacher conferences over the last two weeks, and hope that together we are supporting each child in our school to reach their full potential.

As a school, we continue to strive to be faithful to the vision the Lord gave to our founders and to honour the history and faithfulness of our school community over the last thirty-six years. Our school vision statement is central to this, *“Our children, as part of the Christian community, learning with enthusiasm, growing in knowledge, developing their abilities, and desiring to serve God.”* We aim to live this out every day through our teaching and learning programme and the many extra-curricular activities that we participate in.

This vision will become evident as the students take ownership of the following statements;

- Enjoy being creative, energetic, and resourceful in using the gifts and talents that God has given them.
- Show thankfulness to God by making the most of the opportunities He has given.
- Honour God in the way they are faithful and obedient in sharing the love of Christ to others and towards God’s creation.
- Honour God by being active life-long learners in whatever way God calls them to serve Him.
- Unafraid to face the challenges of a God honouring life.
- Know that they are uniquely made in God’s image, and understand that Jesus Christ is the means to a right relationship with Him.

In our partnership with you, we strive to support our students to discover and adopt these statements through a Christian approach to education. We acknowledge that it is a life-long process in us all but we also see the evidence every day, from the simple delight of new learning, through prayer, beautiful visual arts, acts of kindness, praise, thankfulness, duty and academic and sporting talents. We hope you see it too when you talk to your child about their day.



Serving Christ together

Ngā mihi nui

Fiona Sizemore
Principal

Mathematics Matters Parent Forum at LCS Wednesday 7 March 7pm

You are invited to attend a parent forum where our teaching staff will give an informative presentation on the numeracy programme taught at LCS. You will find out more about the structure of our numeracy programme, how numeracy is taught and how you can help your child with numeracy learning at home. We would love to see you there!

Christian Education: thinking about mathematics (from the LCS Curriculum Delivery Plan)

Beliefs About Teaching Mathematics: Students at Liberton Christian School will be encouraged to develop the knowledge, skills, understandings and attitudes which results in them learning to recognise mathematics as an integral part of God’s creation. In their learning, they will be encouraged to recognise and appreciate the relevance and need for mathematical thinking in everyday life. In a range of meaningful contexts, they will be engaged in knowing, doing, and thinking mathematically and statistically. At Liberton this approach towards mathematics teaching is underpinned by the Christian Education writer Harro Van Brummelen who suggests, “children learn from talking about mathematics, discussing problems and contributing to solutions. The mathematics classroom is a forum for mathematical discussion,” [Walking with GOD in the Classroom, page 107].

Numeracy teaching:

Teachers will organise their students into instructional groups based on the strategy stages for each operational domain of the NZ Number Framework.

A typical Numeracy lesson may consist of the following:

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| 5 – 10 minutes whole class | Warm Up | Number Knowledge teaching related to knowledge hotspots / needs; |
| 15–20 minutes group rotations | Group Teaching | Specific Strategies / Knowledge teaching at group Stage / Level |
| 5 – 10 minutes whole class | Warm Down | May include class sharing, discussion of a key idea that has arisen, demonstration of independent activities, student reflection, journal writing. |

Group instructional teaching time will be followed by practise directly related to strategy teaching. It will generally be preceded by knowledge activities appropriate to the group’s knowledge needs.

Nzmaths family link

If you would like to know more about the numeracy programme and support your child’s learning further at home, log onto the nzmaths web site at www.nzmaths.co.nz/families where you will find practical games and activities for parents to do with children to promote numeracy skills.

Toothbrush and toothpaste tube recycling

Just a reminder that the Liberton Fundraisers collect used toothbrushes and empty toothpaste tubes for recycling. The fundraisers receive a small refund for the recycling but perhaps more important is the opportunity to keep a little bit of plastic out of the landfill and hopefully out of our water ways! A container for collection is at the back of the hall.



Dunedin Christian Schools Association News

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association will be holding their annual meeting on Tuesday 27 March in the staffroom.

New association members are always welcome and the membership form is available at the office.

Extra-curricular Music Lessons

Amelia Mah is available for music lessons during school hours on Thursday afternoons, or by arrangement after school off site. Amelia offers singing, piano, theory and ensembles (group lessons). The contract is between Amelia and parents directly; school just provides a venue.

To enquire, contact Amelia on 021 303 092 or go to her website: mahmusicnz.com

Vision and Hearing Screening Programme

The vision and hearing technician will be at school on Wednesday 28 February to do the year 7 and new entrants vision and hearing screening checks.

Head lice

We have been made aware of head lice in the school community. Please check for head lice regularly, treat when found and help us keep them out of our school. Please ensure girls have long hair tied up.

Term 1 Value Focus: Respect

Love expressed through Respect – A willingness to treat with courtesy, to hold in high regard; to honour, to care about yourself and others, and the environment. *'Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.'* 1 Peter 2v17

A reminder that you can have more than one email address listed to receive information from the school. Let Karen know at the office if you would like a second email address added.



Great start to the Rippa Rugby season

HPV Vaccination: Year 8's

The HPV vaccination is able to be delivered at school to year 8 girls and boys. A meeting with the year 8 students and parents (optional) is scheduled for Monday 12 March at 2.15pm. The Public Health Nurse will discuss the HPV vaccine and handout a consent/decline form. A separate letter will be sent home to all year 8 parents with more information.

Attitude Intermediate Programme: Tackling Technology

Our year 7&8 students will enjoy a presentation from the Attitude Team on Monday 5 March. The Attitude Team is part of The Parenting Place group, and provides energetic programmes to encourage, inspire and equip youth. This year we chose the 'Tackling Technology' topic, as young people need new skills and guidance as they navigate their digital world. Content includes text bullying, online safety, communication, building character, and balance.

LCS Term Dates 2018

- 1 Monday 31 January to Friday 13 April (11 weeks)
- 2 Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July (10 weeks)
- 3 Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September (10 weeks)
- 4 Monday 15 October to Thursday 13 December (9 weeks)

School Diary

Term 1 2018 Calendar

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| 28 Feb | Hearing and Vision checks: All year 7's and NE's |
| 28 Feb | Ashburton Christian School sleepover |
| 1 March | Ashburton Christian School sleepover |
| 5 March | R3 Attitude Programme 1.30pm |
| 7 March | Mathematics Matters Parent Forum 7pm |
| 8 March | R4 EOTC Have a Go Day @ Edgar 9.30am -12.30pm |
| 12 March | HPV health nurse talk for year 8's 2.15pm |
| 13 March | Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm |
| 15 March | R3 EOTC farm visit (full day out) |
| 19 March | ERO visit commences |
| 26 March | Otago Anniversary Day |
| 27 March | DCSA annual meeting 7.30pm |
| 29 March | St Marks Easter service 11am |
| 30 Mar | Good Friday |
| 2-3 April | Easter holidays |
| 11-13 April | NZACS leaders conference in Rotorua (Fiona, Alan) |
| 13 April | Last day of term 1 |



Prayer Points

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: -

- a positive start for the new school year
- each one of our students and families
- our dedicated teachers, support staff and volunteers

Please pray for:-

- the Ferguson family and supporters
- our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders
- the DCSA annual meeting and membership growth

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:12