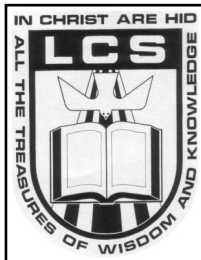


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**School Newsletter**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Earlier this week we had two Education Review Office representatives on site conducting a thorough review of our school. At the initial findings meeting the board of trustees and I were encouraged to hear the very positive feedback about our school, which we look forward to sharing with the school community once the report is finalised and published. Thank you to everyone who upheld the school and staff in prayer during this time, it was greatly appreciated.

*Serving Christ together*

Ngā mihi nui

Fiona Sizemore (Principal)

**Board of Trustees Policy Review**

At the board of trustees meeting held on Tuesday 13 March two draft policies were discussed, a Behaviour Management Policy that will replace our previous Discipline Policy, and a new Physical Restraint Policy. The Physical Restraint Policy is a new requirement under the Education Act. More information is available at [www.education.govt.nz/news/new-rules-for-using-physical-restraint-in-schools/](http://www.education.govt.nz/news/new-rules-for-using-physical-restraint-in-schools/)

These policies have been circulated via email and they are posted on the information board in the entrance foyer. If you would like to comment on these policies, please contact Fiona or a member of the board of trustees.

**Dunedin Christian Schools Association Annual Meeting**

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) is holding its annual meeting on Tuesday 27 March at 7.45pm in the school library.

Members and friends of the school are encouraged to attend as we reflect on and celebrate together the previous year. The DCSA plays a crucial role in our school as it is the owner of our school property and is charged with ensuring the special character of the school is up-held. The special character of the school is determined by the Christian world and life view of the DCSA as outlined in Articles three and four of the Constitution. The DCSA also identifies property needs and funds the capital expenditure projects. DCSA members who are elected to the governing council are able to be nominated as proprietor representatives on the school board of trustees. Parents who are in agreement with the Association's constitution are encouraged to become members. Membership application forms are available at the school office.



Room 3 enjoyed a great day visiting a Farm at Deep Stream on Thursday 15 March 2018.

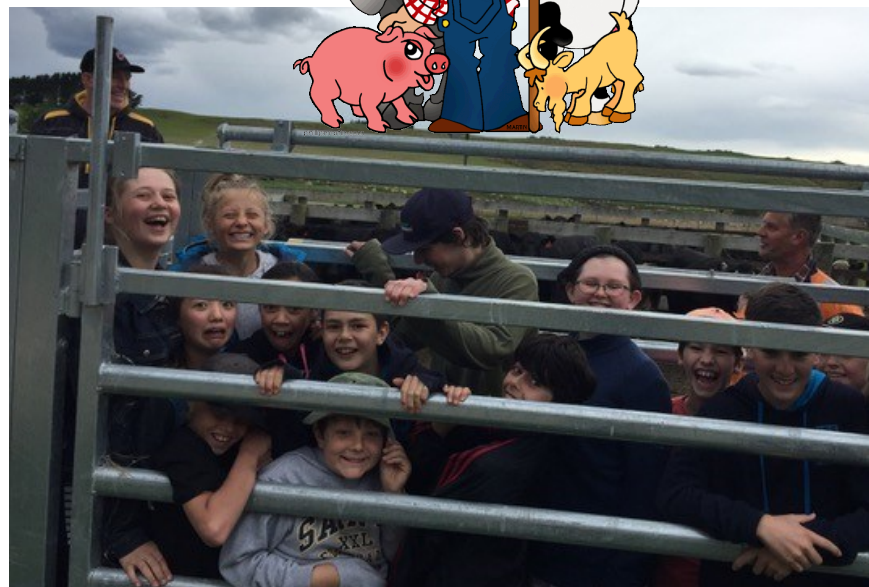


Last Thursday our class had the privilege to go to a farm to see how farmers get the best meat possible from their animals. We learned that they weighed the animals inside a huge metal box with scales. Just two cows together were heavier than everybody in the class!!

We also learned that sheep need to be drenched to kill the bugs inside their bodies. All the animals have ear tags to show how old they are and the sheep have special earmark to show who owns the sheep if it gets lost. Another thing we got to see was how well sheepdogs can be trained to chase sheep by a type of whistle.



By Connor Gray  
 Year 7, Room 3





### Rippa Team feature: Liberton Lightning Year 7&8

The Liberton Lightning play in pool A, and are managed by Mrs Schwenke. They have had a great season of competition with an equal number of wins and losses.



### Winter sports

We are currently gauging support for netball and basketball winter sports for terms two and three. Please return the

registration form as soon as possible, if your child is interested to play.



### Entertainment Books 2018/2019

We are selling Entertainment Books again this year. To order your Book or your Digital membership online visit [www.entbook.co.nz/260d519](http://www.entbook.co.nz/260d519). 20% of each book sold through the school will be used to purchase new library books from Manna Christian Bookstore. Last year we raised and spent \$300. Books will be available to pick up from the office from 9 April 2018. Thank you.



### Toothbrush and toothpaste tube recycling

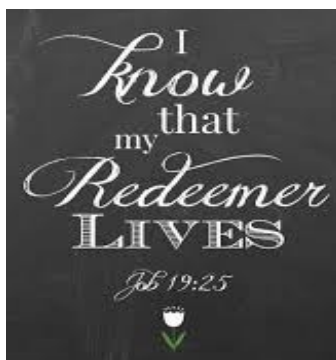
Just a reminder that the Liberton Fundraisers collect used toothbrushes and empty toothpaste tubes for recycling. The fundraisers receive a small refund for the recycling but perhaps more important is the opportunity to keep a little bit of plastic out of the landfill and hopefully out of our water ways!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

### Food Allergy Awareness

*We are a nut free school. This includes peanuts and all tree nuts.*

Currently we also have children enrolled who are dairy and/or gluten free. In addition, we have children who have a range of other food allergies or sensitivities.

Please remind children regularly not to share their daily morning tea and lunch food at school.



### 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*

### Easter Public Holidays

Please note the school is closed on Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April and Tuesday 3 April.

## School Diary

### Term 1 2018 Calendar

26 March	Otago Anniversary Day
27 March	DCSA annual meeting 7.45pm
29 March	St Marks Easter service 11am
30 Mar	Good Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
3 April	Easter Tuesday (school closed)
4 April	World Vision Intermediate Scholarship event
11-13 April	NZACS leaders conference in Rotorua (Fiona, Alan)
13 April	Last day of term 1

### Term 2 Calendar

30 April	First day of term 2
3 May	Swimming session #1
10 May	Swimming session #2
15 May	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm
17 May	Swimming session #3
24 May	Swimming session #4
28 May	NYLD @ Town Hall Year 8's
31 May	Swimming session #5
4 June	Queen's Birthday
14 June	Asthma show 2pm
18 June	Elegregoe Show 1.40pm
25/26 June	Life Education Trust programme
26 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm
6 July	Last day of term 2

### Prayer

#### 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: -

- each one of our students and families
- education outside the classroom opportunities
- a positive ERO experience

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 as they make important decisions for the schools future

