

The Year 5 and 6 netball team pictured here with three Silver Fern players.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The recent announcement by the DCSA (our school proprietor) of the purchase of the two flats at 3 Hillary Street is cause for celebration and thanksgiving. One of the flats will be transformed into a classroom as soon as it is possible to get through the design and construction process, while the other will remain as a rental property until it is needed in the future. We are very grateful for the prayerful vision for our school's growth, and the development of our property by the DCSA.

This week we have received our Education Review Office (ERO) external evaluation report. ERO reviewers visited our school last term and alongside the many positive observations noted evidence of our Christian character across the school, reporting, "The shared faith and values that underpin all aspects of the school learning community are effective in creating a positive and caring environment." Thank you to all those who upheld the staff and school in prayer during the ERO visit and what was a very full and at times challenging term 1.

Serving Christ together

Ngā mihi nui

Fiona Sizemore
(Principal)



Year 3&4 Kiwihoops Team

Coached by Greg Nicoll and Richard Kupenga. Featured here playing a great game for the second week of the season..

Term 2 Value Focus: Compassion

Love expressed through Compassion – A willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer; forgiveness.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God reveals himself as compassionate
- When we fail to be compassionate toward others it is often because we are so focussed on ourselves.
- In God's word, He calls us to clothe ourselves with compassion as we relate to others.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **compassion** and the God of all comfort. **2 Corinthians 1:3**

School Swimming @ Moana Pool

We are pleased to be back in the pool for our term 2 swimming lessons, each Thursday afternoon during weeks 1-5. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher in the first instance. Mr Robertson is the teacher in charge. If you need to change your pick-up arrangements, please notify Karen in the office as early as possible.

Sport Team Feature: Year 5&6 Netball

Liberton Blue is our Year 5&6 netball team, coached by Mrs Jane Schwenke and Miss Wiseman. They are already playing well together and this week were in a Section C grading round, putting them in the top half of the field.

World Vision Famine 8-10 June 2018



This year World Vision are focussed on the needs of children who have fled for their lives from South Sudan into Uganda, becoming refugees. South Sudan is suffering famine, drought and civil conflict. The children have often travelled a long distance, many without parents or families. The things they have seen and experienced are hard for us to imagine and even harder for them to forget. World Vision is using the money raised to provide essential resources as well as child-friendly spaces to help the children process and cope with the horrors they have experienced. Our student famine leadership team are planning a sleepover event for children doing the famine in years 4-8 on Friday 8 June. There will also be a fun day planned for the whole school to enjoy.



Board of Trustees Policy Review Cycle

This term we are reviewing three policies as part of our three-year cycle. The policies are posted on the notice board in the office foyer for parent comment. Please contact Fiona or a board of trustees' member if you would like to discuss a policy further.

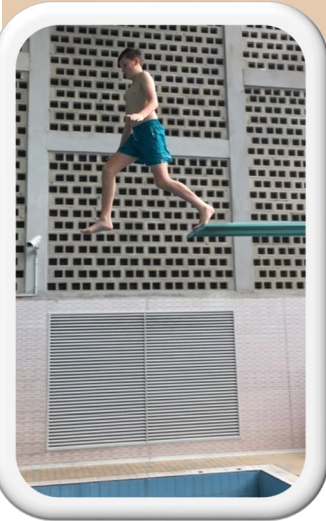
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Property and Asset Management
- Privacy of Information

They will be discussed at the board meeting on Tuesday 26 June.



Absences and Regular Lateness

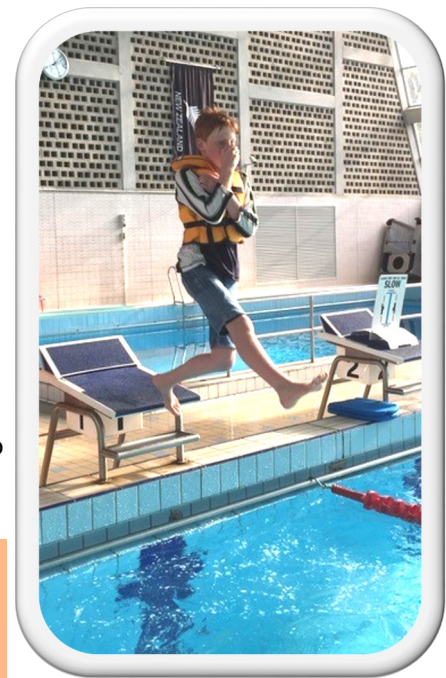
If your child needs to be absent from school please notify the school office by phone or email by 9am on the morning of the absence, sending a note with a sibling or leaving a message on the answer phone. We are required to report absences (and reasons for absence) to the MOE when a student is absent for more than five days accumulated over the term. For planned absence (e.g. travel) please supply a note or email to the class teacher or office.



Regular lateness is currently an issue in our school. Children who regularly arrive late to class are often disadvantaged by missing important whole class information, and can cause a disruption to the programme. Please strive to have your children ready to start school by the first bell at 8.55am.

School Assemblies

Most Fridays at 2.30pm we hold a school assembly for parents and friends of the school to see and share in a little of what we have been learning about during the week.



Entertainment Books 2018/2019

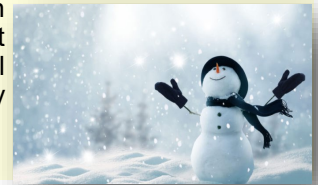
To order your Book or your Digital membership online visit: www.entbook.co.nz/260d519. 20% of each book sold through the school will be used to purchase new library books from Manna Christian Bookstore. Last year we raised and spent \$300. Entertainment Books are available to pick up from the school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



Frost or Snow Days

It's the time of year when heavy frost or snow may occasionally make travel to school difficult. We will send a text message to you as soon as the call to cancel or make a late start due to weather is confirmed. Local radio stations continue to broadcast cancellations and any calls that are for all primary and intermediate schools relate to us. The most important point is not to attempt travel if you feel unsafe on the road due to frost or snow.

School closure text messages – these are sent from a private phone number as our best method to notify (at often quite short notice) of a late start or snow day. Please do not reply or leave school messages on this number as it could easily get missed. Please use the school phone to report absences or notify other messages for students.



School Diary

Term 2 Calendar

28 May	NYLD @ Town Hall Year 8's
29 May	World Vision student assembly 9am
31 May	Swimming session #5
4 June	Queen's Birthday
8 June	Fun Day and Famine sleepover
14 June	Seasons programme starts in room 3
14 June	Asthma show 2pm
18 June	Elegregoe Show 1.40pm
22 June	School written reports circulated
25/26 June	Life Education Trust programme
26 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7.30pm
28 June	Parent/Teacher conferences 3.15-7pm
3 July	Parent/Teacher conferences 3.15-5pm
6 July	Leadership assembly
6 July	Last day of term 2

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.

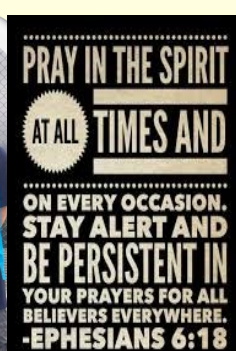
Prayer Points

Give thanks for: -

- each one of our students and families
- our dedicated teachers, support staff and volunteers
- the DCSA's work to provide a dedicated fifth classroom

Please pray for:-

- our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders
- our famine sleepover as we support the refugee children of South Sudan
- our Year 8 leaders attending National Young Leaders Day (NYLD)



Sport Team Feature: Year 7&8 Netball

Liberton Gold is our Year 7&8 netball team, coached by Mrs Kim Park. Most of the team have played netball together for several years and have enjoyed a lot of success. This year they are in Section A.