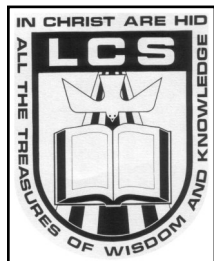


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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Liberton Christian School for 2019! I hope you had a refreshing summer break and feel ready to embark on a new year of learning.

A very warm welcome to our new students and families; we are delighted to have you join the Liberton community and we pray you will settle in quickly.

The new school term is underway and you have received initial information from class teachers regarding the programme for term 1 and stationery requirements. We look forward to a term of wonderful learning opportunities and experiences.

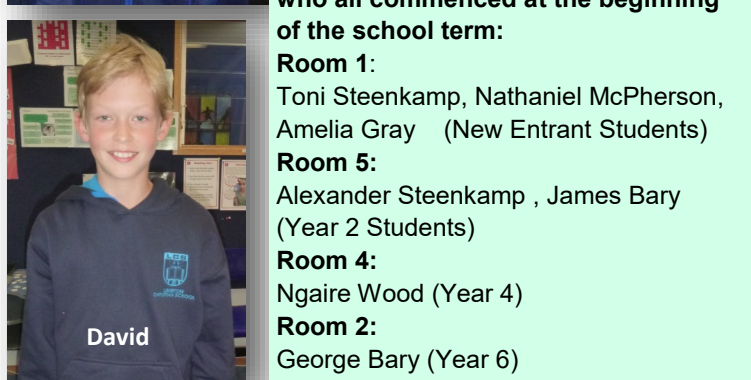
This week 'Meet the Teacher conferences' got underway. The focus of this first parent/teacher meeting is to establish a positive working relationship between home and school, promoting a shared understanding of the expectations and routines of the class programme. Whether a child is working at the expected level, or achieving above or below expectations, we want to help you support your child's learning as knowledgeably as possible. The importance and influence of parents and caregivers to a child's learning should not be underestimated. We value open and positive home and school relationships and I encourage you to keep regular contact with your child's teacher throughout the year to ensure the best success for their learning. Our main aim, in partnership with you, continues to be to provide high quality Christian education that seeks to honour God in all that we do.

On Friday 15 February, we are planning to have a BYO picnic/takeaway tea from 5pm at school to welcome everyone to the new school year. It will be a good opportunity to get to know some of our newer families and enjoy a time of informal fellowship together. Ice blocks will be provided for the children.

Serving Christ together
Ngā mihi nui
Fiona Sizemore (Principal)



WELCOME

to all New students!


A Big Welcome to our new students who all commenced at the beginning of the school term:

Room 1:

Toni Steenkamp, Nathaniel McPherson, Amelia Gray (New Entrant Students)

Room 5:

Alexander Steenkamp, James Bary (Year 2 Students)

Room 4:

Ngaire Wood (Year 4)

Room 2:

George Bary (Year 6)

Room 3:

Isabella Smith, David Cole (Year 7)
Gabiella Smith (Year 8)

Welcome New Teachers!

We are very Pleased to have Mrs Jody Fleming, teaching in Room 4 and Miss Olivia Wilden teaching in Room 5, and Miss Erin Corry teaching in Room 1.



Mrs Fleming



Miss Wilden



Miss Corry

Our Parent Handbook was recently sent to parents as an e-copy. If you would prefer a paper copy, these are available from the brochure stand in the entrance foyer.

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be offered to all year 8 students at school this year.

During early-mid February, the Public Health Nurses associated with each school will be doing education around the vaccinations to the year 8 students. They will be given a consent form to take home to their parents/caregivers. If you do not wish for your child to partake in the education please contact the school.

Please read the consent form carefully, fill it out in pen and return it to school ASAP, even if you do not consent for your child to be vaccinated at school.

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent.

The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor up to their 26th birthday.

For any further information please phone the Public Health Nurse for your school, or look up www.health.govt.nz/hpv

Junior Class Read Texts

We have a number of books that are missing from our guided reading resources. If you happen to have any hidden away at home, please return them.

Dunedin Christian Schools Association flat to let

The DCSA has a two bedroom flat coming available to rent.

Please contact Campbell Paton for more information.



RESPONSIBILITY

Love expressed through **Responsibility** –A willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own conduct and behaviour.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is the just God, the law giver and the one who will judge the law. It is to Him we are ultimately responsible.
- We know that there is nothing hidden from our Just Heavenly Father and that He will call us to account for even our thoughts and attitudes.
- As we live before God and men we can take responsibility by being accountable for our own conduct.
- We can seek to be more trustworthy
- We can seek to be more self-controlled

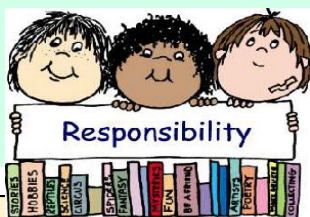
Biblical illustrations around Responsibility:

Joseph, Moses, David, Paul, Esther, Jesus is our ultimate example.

I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.

A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4



School Diary

Term 1 2019 Calendar

12 February	Y7&8 DNI tech commences
12 February	3.15-5pm Meet the Teacher conferences
12 February	7.30pm Board of Trustees meeting
14 February	Beach Education Y4-8 St Kilda
15 February	5pm School community BYO picnic
25 February	Room 4 Have a Go Day at Edgar Stadium
27 February	11.30am Road Safety R1,5
28 February	R1,5,4 visit to Aviary
4 March	1.30pm Attitude Programme Y7&8
25 March	Otago Anniversary Day (holiday)
26 March	DCSA annual Meeting 7.45pm @ school
12 April	Last day of term 1

LCS Term Dates 2019

- 1 Monday 29 January to Friday 12 April (11 weeks)
- 2 Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July (10 weeks)
- 3 Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (10 weeks)
- 4 Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December (9 weeks)

Food Allergy Awareness

We are a nut free school. This includes peanuts and all tree nuts and related products, eg: peanut butter.

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

Internet Banking details

Occasionally there is some confusion around school payments as we have two bank accounts for different purposes.

Attendance dues are paid to the Dunedin Christian Schools Association bank number 02 0908 0114307 00

All other payments (activity donations, camp fees, sports fees, stationery etc) are made to the Board of Trustees account number 02 0908 0263142 00

School Postal Address

The school and DCSA have a new postal address. PO Box 8144 Gardens, Dunedin 9041.

School of Dentistry Dental Therapy Clinic

Clinics will resume soon with students being taken to the dental hub on Friday mornings. Dental appointments are arranged directly with parents and we do not have records at school of who has been. If you have not been contacted to arrange an appointment within the last year or so please let Karen know in our office, or contact the clinic directly. If you have any additional concerns about your children's oral health please contact Donna on 4797189 to arrange an appointment.

Please also be vigilant in signing and dropping all dental clinic forms to the office prior to appointments.

LCS Sun Hat Procedure term 1 (and 4)

During terms 1 and 4 we require all students to wear a sun hat during morning tea and lunch breaks and for extended outdoor class activities to ensure students are safe from sun burn. Students without a hat will be required to play under the cover of the shed veranda on outside play days. *Please help your child enjoy outside play at school by checking they have a hat each day. Hats should be named and are able to be left at school each day.*

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.

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, families and staff members
- Our Board of Trustees faithful provision of extra staffing

Please pray for:-

- Our new students and families that have recently joined us
- Our 2018 graduates as they settle into high school
- Our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders