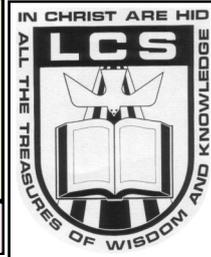


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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We were very blessed last Friday evening, as the warm sunny weather lasted long enough for us to enjoy our school 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-seven 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)



Beach Education Day was enjoyed by the Year 4 to 8 Students on Thursday 14 February.

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:

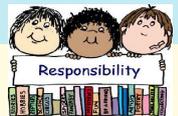
- God is the just God, the law giver and the one who will judge the law. It is to Him we are ultimately responsible.
- We know that there is nothing hidden from our Just Heavenly Father and that He will call us to account for even our thoughts and attitudes.
- As we live before God and men we can take 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



Fun, Fellowship and Food—We had a wonderful afternoon at the school community picnic last Friday.

Dunedin Christian Schools Association Annual Meeting

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) is holding its annual meeting on Tuesday 26 March at 7.45pm in the school staffroom. 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 are able to be nominated by the governing council 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.

HPV Year 8 student and parent information meeting

Our public health nurse Laurie Mahoney, will be at school on Wednesday 27th February at 1.30pm to provide information to the year 8 students (boys and girls) about the HPV vaccination. Parents are also invited to attend.

Students will be given the permission form which must be returned indicating **yes** or **no** to the vaccination. The vaccination is offered at school on two dates (May and November).

Please let the office know if you would prefer your child did not attend the information session. We will make sure you still get the form to be able to indicate yes or no to the vaccination.

Junior Class Read Texts

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

Attitude Intermediate Programme: Who Am I?

Our year 7&8 students will enjoy a presentation from the Attitude Team on Monday 4 March. The Attitude Team is part of The Parenting Place group, and provides four energetic programmes to encourage, inspire and equip youth. The 'Who Am I?' programme includes content on personality types, Am I normal? happy habits and peer pressure.

E-waste Recycling collection

An opportunity for some e-waste equipment to be collected and recycled at no or minimal charge. Computer boxes and laptops will be collected for free. LCD monitors are \$3 and CRT monitors are \$30 (CRT are big old monitors) and \$5 for small printers. No TVs sorry.

If you bring items that have a fee, please pay in cash at the office when dropping items at school. Items can be dropped at school next week and will be stored in the shed until collected.



Students enjoyed a visit from Life FM DJs Charlie and Sherryn on Friday, 15 February at 8.00am.

School Diary

Term 1 2019 Calendar

- 25 February R4 Have a Go Day at Edgar Stadium
- 25 February R3&R2 visit to Orokonui Eco-Sanctuary
- 27 February R1&R5 11.30am Road Safety
- 27 February Y8 HPV student/parent talk 1.30pm
- 28 February R1,5,4 visit to the Aviary
- 4 March Attitude Programme Y7&8: Who Am I?
- 6 March Football session R1,5,4
- 7 March Football session R2&3
- 14 March Football session R2,3
- 19 March 7pm Board of Trustees meeting
- 25 March Otago Anniversary Day
- 26 March 7.45pm DCSA annual meeting
- 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.



Weetbix Kids TRYathlon

The Dunedin event is being held on 10 March. If you would like to join the group participating in the event from our school, go to:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31845&G=80234>

Or you can register and select our school group at main website: www.try.weetbix.co.nz

Public Health Nurse

Our new public health nurse is Laurie Mahoney. Laurie is available to families for a wide range of support. Her contact details are on the foyer noticeboard.

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.*



Our Sports teams are off to a great start for the season. Photographed here are the Year 7 and 8 Rippa team, Liberton Lightning.

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: -

- Opportunities for learning programmes outside of school
- Each one of our students, families and staff members
- Our Board of Trustees faithful provision of extra staffing

Please pray for:-

- Our new students to continue settling in well
- Our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders