

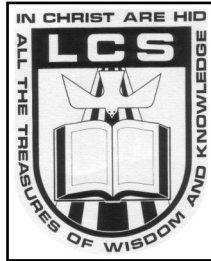
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Dear Parents/Caregivers

The last few weeks have included several off-site activities for our classes. It is a real blessing to be able to access activities away from school that enhance our learning programme. Often we need parents to help with supervision and we are grateful that so many of you are able to join in and support us.

In June, the triennial Board of Trustees elections will take place. Our Board of Trustees is made up of five elected parent representatives, two teaching staff members, and representatives from our proprietor the Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA). All the parent representative positions are elected every three years. Nominations will be called on May 10th. If you are interested in the school board elections or may consider putting yourself forward for nomination, the NZ School Trustees Association is holding an informal information session at the Edgar Centre on Tuesday 9 April at 6pm. Attendance is free, RSVP to ishelley@nzsta-org.nz

Another wonderful way to serve our school is by supporting our proprietor, the Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA). We would not be here as a school community if it were not for the vision God laid on the hearts of our founders who formed the DCSA. The Association continues to play a vital role in our school as the owner of our school property and are charged with ensuring the special character of the school is up-held. The special character of our 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 our capital expenditure projects, paid for by attendance dues. 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.

Serving Christ together

Ngā mihi nui

Fiona Sizemore (Principal)



A big welcome to Juha Kim who commenced school as a new entrant student in Room 1.



8 March 2019



The Orokonui Eco-Sanctuary was enjoyed by the Year 5 to 8 Students on Monday, 25 February 2019

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.



Our Year 3 and 4 students had fun trying out new skills during the 'Have a Go' Day at the Edgar Sports Centre on Monday 25 February

RESPONSIBILITY

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

GIVE Thanks
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD:
HIS love ENDURES
FOREVER!

Psalms 137:2

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





Attitude Presenter; Tamatea Wihongi, visited with the senior class on Monday 4 March. The students appreciated his entertaining presentation.

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.

Library

Each class visits the school library on Friday mornings. Students are able to withdraw two books at a time to enjoy at home. Books can be returned anytime into the class returns box so new books can be selected the following Friday. Mrs Van der Woude is our wonderful volunteer librarian who works faithfully to keep our library in excellent order for our students.



Parent Library Resources

We have a small parent library of books that parents are welcome to borrow from the office. There are books on parenting and Christian education. This resource has grown in response to the last parent survey on our health curriculum.

School Diary

Term 1 2019 Calendar

14 March Football session R2,3 1.30pm
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

Term 2 2019 Calendar

29 April First day of term 2
2 May Swimming session #1
9 May Swimming session #2
10 May Elegregoe 1.30pm (Pine Hill School joining us)
14 May Board of Trustees meeting
16 May Swimming session #3
23 May Swimming session #4
30 May Swimming session #5
31 May NYLD in Town Hall 9.30-2.30pm Y8's
3 June Queen's Birthday
25 June Board of Trustees meeting
27 June Parent/Teacher conferences
2 July Parent/Teacher conferences
5 July Last day of term 2



Board of Trustees Policy Review Cycle

This term the board of trustees is 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.

- Staff Appraisals and Development
- Smoke and Drug Free
- Attendance

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

Islington Preschool

There are spaces coming up for Term 2 at Islington Early Childhood Centre in North East Valley for children 2 – 5 years old. Islington is a Community-based Early Childhood Centre with a maximum of 20 children each session.

Sessions run from 8.30am to 1.00pm Monday to Friday. Families can choose how many sessions each week they come, subject to availability. 20 hours free applies. Please contact Shirley on 473-7490 for more information.

Year 1 to 4 students enjoyed a trip to the Aviary at the Dunedin Botanical Gardens on Thursday 28 February



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: -

- each one of our students and our dedicated teachers
- education outside the classroom opportunities
- the many Christian schools in NZ

Please pray for:-

- 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
- the work of the DCSA as they finalise planning for our new classroom