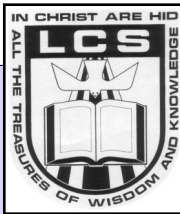


Newsletter

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Rippa Rugby Teams are enjoying a competitive and exciting season this term.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Congratulations to our seventeen students who attended the North Zone Athletics event yesterday. It was a good experience for all and it looks like six have qualified to attend the Otago Champs in week 6. We will confirm this once we have the official results.

Term four brings us the anticipation of warmer weather, Christmas celebrations, holidays, special events and a sense of change coming for all our students as they anticipate going up a year level and possibly changing classroom, teacher, school or graduation. Most of these things are exciting for our students, which is lovely to see. Our teachers are also in the midst of preparing the end of year school report for each of their students, which does require a higher level of focus on assessment for everyone. We know that many of our students take this in their stride, and you may not have even heard about it! For other students, it is a little stressful.

Please remember our 'open door policy' and keep in good contact with your child's teacher if you have a question or concern about any aspect of their learning or development. 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.

Serving Christ together
Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore
(Principal)

Philippians 2:16 Holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.



North Zone Athletics Day

Thinking About Christian Education

Parents are primarily responsible for the education of children. That doesn't mean that they are the ones who have to do the actual teaching, but they are the ones who are commissioned by God to make certain that children receive an education that is God-centered and God honouring. This was true during the Old Testament era (see Deut 6:1-9 and Ps 78:1-8). This was also true in the early church. The apostle Paul tells fathers in particular to bring up their children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph 6:4 KJV). This nurture includes instruction and correction, and both must be "of the Lord". The state is never mentioned in the Bible as being responsible for education. Even the church's role in education is secondary to that of the parents. Consequently, one of the most important choices that parents must make is that of a school for their children.

Engaging the Culture: Christians at work in education, by Jack Fennema.

Parent Forum – Transition to High School

1.30pm Friday 29 November, in the staffroom: An opportunity to join an open conversation about the changes, opportunities and challenges the transition to high school brings for you as a parent and for your child. Hear from parents who have navigated the transition already. Please feel free to attend whether you have a child going to high school soon, have already been there, or it's a reality you are preparing for in the future.



A big welcome to Simon Mangai who commenced at LCS as a new entrant student in the junior class on Monday 4 November



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 consultation. Please contact Fiona or a board of trustees' member if you would like to discuss a policy further.

NAG 1.B Special Educational Needs

NAG 5.C Harassment

NAG 5.H EOTC

They will be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3 December.

Liberton Sports Shirt and Hoodies

A good size range of sports shirts and hoodies is available at the office. Shirts are \$35 each. Hoodies are available at \$55.

Term 4 Rippa Rugby Season

The Rippa competition finishes on Monday 2nd December. There is a \$2.50 entry fee per player at the Edgar Centre each week.



2020 Term dates:

First day of term 1: Monday 3 February.
Last day of term 4: Friday 13 December.

LCS Sun Hat Procedure term 4

During the summer 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.*

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
- The warmer weather so we can enjoy the outdoors more
- Our dedicated teachers, support staff and volunteers

Please pray for:-

- Our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders
- Our students as they experience the end of year academic assessment over the coming weeks
- Our board of trustees and proprietor as they plan staffing and facilities for 2020



Food Allergy Awareness

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

Currently we also have children enrolled who are dairy 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.

Term 4 Value Focus: Consideration and Concern for Others

Love expressed through consideration and concern for Others -

A willingness to be kind, thoughtful and consider the interest of others before self.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philemon 2:3-4



One thing I do

forgetting what is behind

and straining forward to what lies ahead

*I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call in Christ Jesus*

Philippians 3:13-14

School Diary

Term 4 Calendar

19 Nov	Otago Athletics Champs @ Caledonian Ground
22 Nov	Have a Go Day Y1-3 11.30-12.30 @ FBS
26 Nov	LaunchPad Christmas Show
27 Nov	Opoho Community Advent Service 2pm Band and Choir
29 Nov	Parent Forum: Transition to High School
29 Nov	No MAH Music
2 Dec	C9 TV Studio Band & Choir for recording
3 Dec	LPHS Christmas Show 9.30am
3 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
5 Dec	St Marks Christmas Service 11am
6 Dec	Thank you assembly 1.30pm
9 Dec	Band and Choir / school sing practise / MAH Music 9am
9 Dec	Special evening event to farewell Alan 7-9pm
10 Dec	Student shared lunch / last DNI tech class
11 Dec	Y9's return day
12 Dec	Band and Choir / school sing practise 9am
12 Dec	Graduation Assembly 1.30pm + afternoon tea
13 Dec	Last day of term 4 (clean-up day/gifts to neighbours)