

Newsletter

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The band and choir travelled to Channel 39 for a Christmas carol recording on Monday 2 December. Christmas carols will be broadcast on Dunedin TV during the Christmas season.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Christmas season is here and there is a great deal of excitement building amongst our students as we move closer to celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Saviour.

Last week our school band and choir presented two Christmas carols at the Opoho Presbyterian Church Advent service. They played and sang beautifully and were a credit to the school and the teaching of Miss Mah. The congregation of mostly senior citizens from local churches and rest homes really appreciated our contribution, and we enjoyed an amazing afternoon tea together afterwards.

This week our room 1 students presented their Nativity play, *Jesus' Christmas Party*, at the St Marks Christmas service. We were joined by Pine Hill School and members of the Pine Hill community. Our young students were delightful and performed very well, to the appreciation of the full congregation.

Our special graduation assembly is being held Thursday 12 December at 1.30pm. This is an important moment for our school community as we farewell our Year 8 students. There are mixed feelings as we see our Year 8 students leave, but we are confident they are well equipped for their new adventures ahead. Next year Bayfield High School, Kings High School, St Hilda's Collegiate, Otago Girls High School and Home-schooling will continue the education of our graduating students. We will continue to pray for our past and present graduates that they would grow steadfastly in their Christian faith and be a blessing to their high schools. After the graduation assembly, afternoon tea will be served for parents and friends of the school from the hall kitchen. Ice blocks will be served for our students and pre-schoolers on the front deck, weather permitting.

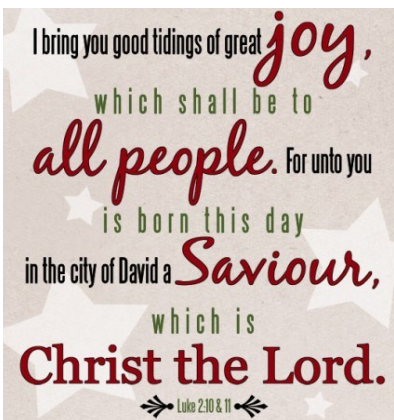
We give thanks to the Lord for many wonderful school activities and the positive development in the children over the year. Thank you very much to all our parents and friends of the school who have prayed for us, provided transport, volunteered in classes, attended ski camp,

supervised at the pool or on class trips, helped at sport events, coached sports teams, done weekly washing, supported fundraising events, and many other things.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our faithful and very hard-working staff, the Board of Trustees and the Dunedin Christian Schools Association. Together we strive to uphold the vision laid down by our founders; *"Our children, as part of the Christian community, learning with enthusiasm, growing in knowledge, developing their abilities, and desiring to serve God."*

We pray you will have a blessed Christmas followed by a restful summer holiday break, and look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

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



2020 Class Arrangements

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|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Room 1: | Year 1    | Miss Neill / Mrs Stowell |
| Room 5: | Year 2    | Miss Wilden              |
| Room 4: | Years 3-4 | Mrs Fleming              |
| Room 2: | Years 4-6 | To be confirmed week 9   |
| Room 3: | Years 7-8 | Mrs Bennington           |

Mrs Jones will continue her role as specialist visual art teacher and providing additional teaching support in mathematics and literacy.



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Farewell Evening for Mr Robertson: Change of Venue

Monday 9 December 7-9pm at Elim Church, 67 Harrow Street.

Please RSVP (if you haven't already) for this event and join us to celebrate the blessing that Mr R has been to our school over the last 15 years.







The Room 1 students performed a nativity play at St Marks Christmas Service Thursday 11am. They will repeat the performance at the Graduation Assembly next Friday.

# farewell

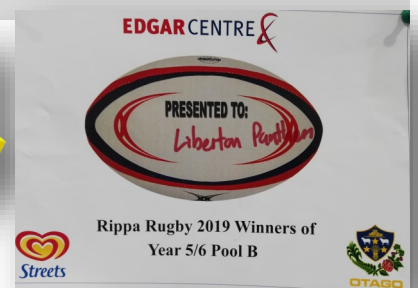
A big Farewell to Erin Corry (Room 1 Teacher) and to Christina List (Teacher Aide). We will miss you both very much. The school has been blessed to have you as an integral part of the life of the school. May God continue to bless you as you begin a new chapter in your lives.



Well done to all our Rippa Rugby teams for a great season. A special congratulations to the Liberton Panthers who came first in the competition in their grade.



*Let your eyes look straight ahead;  
fix your gaze directly before you.  
Give careful thought to the paths  
for your feet and be steadfast in  
all your ways. Proverbs 4:25-26*





## 2020 LCS School Band and Choir / Mah Music

Next year our band and choir will continue to be led by professional music teacher Miss Amelia Mah. Auditions for new members will take place at the beginning of term 1. Students in years 5-8 are able to audition.

Private music lessons will be available for students by arrangement. To organise private lessons please go to <https://www.mahmusicnz.com/> to find out the details.



THE ANGEL  
said unto them,  
Fear not: for,

**BEHOLD,**  
*I bring you*  
**GOOD TIDINGS**  
*of great joy,*  
*which shall be to all people*  
**LUKE**  
**2:10**

### End of Year School Reports

It is our preference to give you the school report for your child/ren personally rather than sending it home via the students and risk it being left in the bottom of a school bag over summer! Reports will be ready at the office on Thursday after graduation. Please notify the office if you would prefer the report/s to be sent home with the eldest child (attending LCS) in your family, or posted. Activity donation receipts for 2019 will also be in the envelope.

### Library and class books

Please return all library and class reading books as soon as is possible.

### School Diary

### Student shared Christmas lunch

On Tuesday 10 December please send students to school with a festive plate of finger food to share at our student lunch. Please name all plates that you would like back, they will be on the kitchen bench for collection at the end of school. *Please remember we are a nut free school.*

We will have a separate area for gluten and dairy free options. If your child needs to bring their own food due to allergy concerns, please note this exempts you from bringing food to share.



### Term 4 Calendar

9 Dec	Year 8 Fun Afternoon Tabloid Sports
9 Dec	Special evening event to farewell Alan 7-9pm
10 Dec	Student shared lunch / last DNI tech class
11 Dec	Year 9 return day / Skip / Year 8 baking for neighbours
12 Dec	Graduation Assembly 1.30pm + afternoon tea
13 Dec	Last day of term 4 (clean-up day/gifts to neighbours)

### 2020 Term dates:

First day of term 1: Monday 3 February.

Last day of term 4: Wednesday, 16 December



### 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, especially the contribution and leadership of our Year 8's over the year
  - The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community leading up to Christmas
  - Our dedicated teachers, support staff and volunteers
  - The faithful service to our school from Mr Robertson, Miss Cory and Mrs List
- Please pray for:-
- Our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders
  - Our Year 8 students and other leavers as they prepare for the transition to new schools
  - Our board of trustees and proprietor as they plan staffing and facilities for 2020
- A blessed and refreshing break for our staff, families and students over the summer break



### Frozen 2 link

Here is a link to support Christian worldview conversation with a child after seeing the movie Frozen 2.

<https://foundationworldview.com/five-conversations-to-have-with-your-kids-after-seeing-frozen-ii/>

### Graduation Assembly

Graduation assembly will commence at 1.30pm on Thursday 12 December. Our Year 8 graduates will share their farewell speeches and Room 1 will present the Nativity play. Afternoon tea will follow.

### Year 9 Return Day

2018 Year 8 graduates are invited to return on Wednesday 11 December. The morning session will include helping fill a skip, hanging out and catching up, and helping in junior classes. During the afternoon session, we will ask them to share their high school transition experiences with our 2019 graduates.

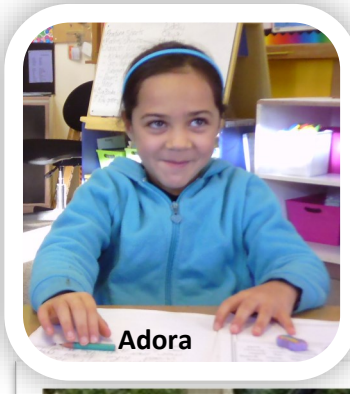


### Board of Trustees' News: Summary of LCS Parent Survey 2019

We would like to thank everyone for taking the time to respond to our Parent Survey this year. The responses were very positive in terms of the school providing a safe and positive learning environment and the partnership between home and school life.

One specific area we looked at for 2019 was around fundraising. In particular, parents and caregivers feeling informed of fundraising opportunities, along with any difficulties that that school may be able to assist with to help with contribution to fundraising. The vast majority of respondents were aware of fundraising activities and felt invited to contribute (which was great to hear!). However, what came through was the difficulty of being involved with fundraising because of work and family commitments which is quite understandable. However, if your circumstances change and you feel you may be able to assist the school in this important area please contact: Esme Grounds via the office.





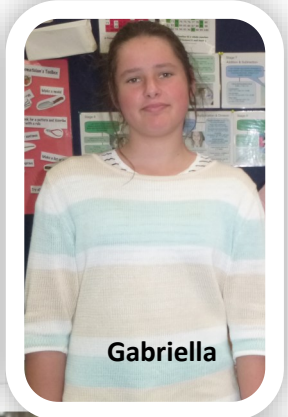
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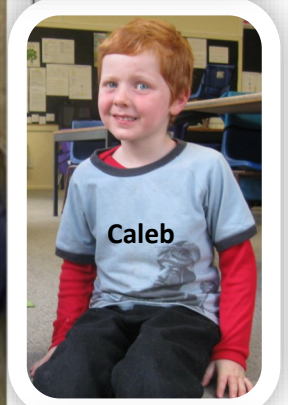
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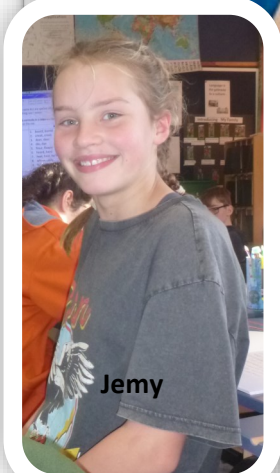
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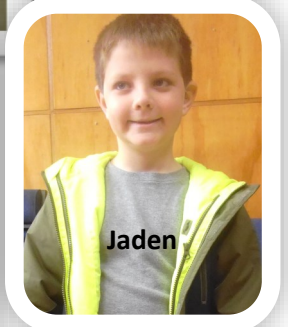
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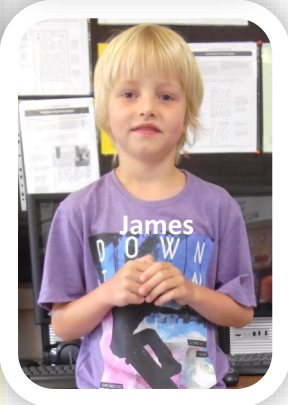
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Sarah



Jaden



James

For we are his  
**WORKMANSHIP**  
 created in  
**CHRIST JESUS**  
 for EPH 2:10  
*Good* works  
 which  
**GOD PREPARED**  
 before that we would  
**WALK** in them  
EPHESIANS 2:10



CONGRATULATIONS  
**CLASS OF**  
*Graduate*  
**2019**

