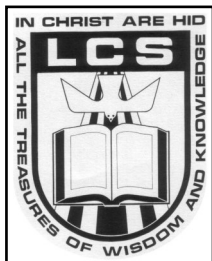


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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Liberton Christian School for 2020! 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 continue to settle in well.

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

On Wednesday morning, the surprise visit of Andrew Stroud, a NZ internationally acclaimed champion motorcycle racer and the Britten v1000 motorcycle caused a huge amount of excitement for many of our students and also a few dads! Even more powerful than the motorcycle was the story of John Britten (1950-1995) and his Christian testimony. Andrew Stroud also shared his remarkable Christian testimony with our Room 3 class.

Yesterday our 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 much as possible. The importance and influence of parents 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.

We would love you to join us on Friday 21 February for 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 | Warm regards

Fiona Sizemore
Principal



Welcome to Mr Grant Peacock (deputy principal), teaching in Room 2. Welcome back Mrs Jenny Stowell, teaching in Room 1.



14 February 2020

LCS students enjoyed an exciting morning on Wednesday with a surprise visit from Andrew Stroud and the Britten v1000

Our Parent Handbook will be emailed out next week. If you prefer a paper copy, these will be available from the brochure stand in the entrance foyer.



2020 Term dates:

- Term 1: Monday 3 February to Thursday 9 April
- Term 2: Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July
- Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
- Term 4: Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December



WELCOME
to all New students!

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

Room 5:
Ethan van Heerdan (Year 2)

Room 4:
Naomi Pushenko (Year 3)
Euna Lee (Year 3)

Room 2:
Austin Prasath (Year 5)
Euni Lee (Year 6)

Room 3:
Adrian Prasath (Year 7)
Matthew Mclroy (Year 7)
Sarah Pushenko (Year 8)

Welcome back to
Emily Lokman
(Year 7)

Honey is for Sale again.
Please fill in the order form at the office!



Mr Peacock

Term 1 Value Focus: Respect

Love expressed through Respect – A willingness to treat with courtesy, to hold in high regard; to honour, to care about yourself and others, and the environment.

A brief overview of what we teach:

God is the Creator. The maker of all things.

God made people to be His image bearers.

Each person bears God's image and is thus worthy of respect.

There is a particular respect we are to show to those who are placed in authority over us.

As image bearers of God we are called to PUT OFF all disrespect and to be conformed more to the image of our creator as we PUT ON gentleness and respect.

We are even to be respectful in how we share the 'good news' about Jesus with others.

Another aspect of respect is the call to respect or care for all that God has made. Not just his image bearers but all that he made and called 'good'.

When we do this we honour God in the way we live out our role as an image bearer.

Biblical Illustrations:

Esther (to Xerxes, to Mordecai) in Esther 1-2; 5-8

Daniel in Daniel 1-6

10 commandments (God's name, parents, others) Exodus 20

Moses Exodus 33

Jesus (render to Caesar, to rulers, to his mother Mary) our ULTIMATE example

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor. 1 Peter 2v17



School of Dentistry Dental Therapy Clinic

Clinics will resume on Friday 28 Feb with students being taken to the dental hub. Dental appointments are arranged directly with parents. If you have not been contacted to arrange an appointment within the last year 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.*



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 (stationery, camp fees, sports fees) are made to the Board of Trustees account number: 02 0908 0263142 00

School Diary

Term 1 2020 Calendar

17 Feb	Rippa commences
18 Feb	Meet the Teacher 3.15-5pm BoT meeting 7pm
20 Feb	HPV health nurse talk 2.35pm Y8's
21 Feb	PAL training 9.30-12.30 Y8 group @ Edgar
21 Feb	BYO School Picnic 5pm
26-27 Feb	Ashburton Christian School camping @ LCS
28 Feb	Dental clinics resume
2 March	Y7&8 Attitude session 1.30pm DCC Dog Safety session Y1&2 2pm
11 March	Y5-8 Triathlon
12 March	Y7&8 Thinking Matters talk with Jason 1.30pm
23 March	Otago Anniversary Day
24 March	DCSA Annual Meeting 7.30pm
31 March	BoT meeting 7pm
2 April	HPV
9 April	Last day of term 1



2020 LCS School Band and Choir / Mah Music

Our band and choir are led by professional music teacher Miss Amelia Mah. Auditions for new members are now underway. Students in years 5-8 are able to audition.

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

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.

DCSA (Dunedin Christian Schools Association)

1. Christine Smith-Han has taken over the day-to-day finances role (Celia Nicoll will continue as official Treasurer).
2. Our AGM is set for 7.30pm Tuesday 24th March at the school. Nomination forms for Council positions will be sent to all members, and will also be available from the school office.
3. 2020 attendance dues invoices have been issued. If parents want to discuss their invoice or apply for a scholarship, they can contact Christine Smith-Han.

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

On Thursday 20th February, the Public Health Nurse associated with our 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. Parents are invited to attend.

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.

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent. For any further information please phone the Public Health Nurse, or look up www.health.govt.nz/hpv

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 very 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 2019 graduates as they settle into high school
 - Our board of trustees and proprietor as they develop new facilities for 2020
 - Our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders