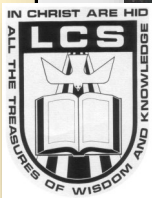


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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We have enjoyed the opportunity to meet more formally during the meet the teacher conferences over the last two weeks and trust that in partnership with you, 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-eight 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, and academic and sporting talents. We hope you see it too when you talk to your child about their day.



With a much more positive weather forecast, we look forward to our BYO picnic this evening from 5pm. Bring your own family meal and picnic rug, and school will provide ice blocks for the children. It would be great to see you there!

Serving Christ together  
 Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards

Fiona Sizemore  
 Principal

**GOD HAS PUT PEOPLE  
 IN YOUR LIFE ON PURPOSE**

so you can be a blessing to them.  
**DON'T LIVE TO GET, LIVE TO GIVE.**



**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.

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



**Dunedin Christian Schools Association Annual Meeting**

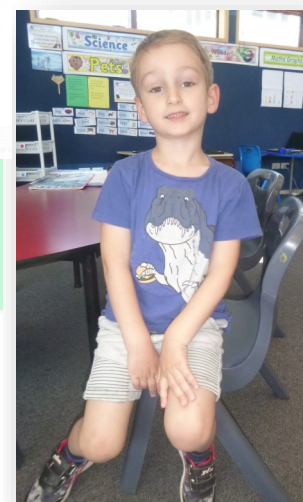
The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) is holding its annual meeting on **Tuesday 24 March at 7.30pm** in the school staffroom. Members and friends of the school are encouraged to attend as we reflect on and celebrate together the previous year. The DCSA plays a crucial role in our school as 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.

**Attitude Intermediate Programme: Tackling Technology**

Our year 7&8 students will enjoy a workshop from the Attitude Team on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The Attitude Team is part of The Parenting Place group, and provides energetic programmes to encourage, inspire and equip youth. This term we have chosen the ‘Tackling Technology’ topic, to support our students as they develop their skills and discernment as they navigate their digital world. Content includes text bullying, online safety, communication, building character, and balance.

**WELCOME  
 TO SCHOOL**

A Big Welcome to Samuel Keast who commenced on Tuesday 18 February in the Junior Class as a new entrant student





## Board of Trustees Policy Review Cycle

This term the board of trustees is reviewing four 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.

- Financial Management
- Curriculum Delivery
- Treaty of Waitangi
- Enrolment



They will be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 31st March.

## Board of Trustees' News: MOE Donations Scheme

As previously announced, the Board of Trustees has opted-in to the Ministry of Education Donations Scheme. This means our school is not asking parents for an activity donation to support the board in providing a number of the activities we undertake across the school year. In addition, the board prioritised a \$10 subsidy per item for our school sports shirt and hoodie, and netball, basketball and badminton team fees will be reduced this year.

## Absences and Regular Lateness

If your child needs to be absent from school please notify the school office by phone or email by 9am on the morning of the absence, sending a note with a sibling or leaving a message on the answer phone. We are required to report absences (and reasons for absence) to the MOE when a student is absent for more than five days accumulated over the term. For planned absence (e.g. travel) please supply a note or email to the class teacher or office.

**Regular lateness:** Children who regularly arrive late to class are often disadvantaged by missing important whole class information and find it harder to settle into their school day. Please strive to have your children ready to start school by the first bell at 8.55am.

## 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



**Honey is for Sale again.** Please fill in the order form at the office! If you are looking for a place to serve our school community, we need a person to organize the honey orders going forward. Please reach out to me if you may be interested. Thank you,

Ginger Lynn (mobile 0278118408)

## School Diary

### Term 1 2020 Calendar

28 Feb	Dental clinics resume
28 Feb	BYO School Picnic 5pm
1 March	Weetbix Triathlon
2 March	Y7&8 Attitude session 1.30pm
	DCC Dog Safety session Y1&2 2pm
11 March	Primary and Intermediate Schools Y5-8 Triathlon
12 March	Y7&8 Thinking Matters talk with Jason 1.30pm
<b>23 March</b>	<b>Otago Anniversary Day</b>
24 March	DCSA Annual Meeting 7.30pm
31 March	BoT meeting 7pm
2 April	HPV
9 April	Last day of term 1

### 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, families and staff members
- The easy access we have to dental services
- The MOE Donations Scheme funding

Please pray for:-

- Our students as they develop their understanding of Christ-centred Respect
- 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

## 2020 LCS School Band and Choir / Mah Music

Our band and choir are led by professional music teacher Miss Amelia Mah.

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.



## School Sports Shirts and Hoodies

We have just placed a new order for sports shirts and the school hoodie which will arrive in two weeks. Sports shirts are now \$25 and Hoodies \$45 each.

## 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