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Dear Parents

In two weeks' time, our proprietor the Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) will be holding their annual meeting. We would not be here as a school community if it were not for the vision God laid on the hearts of the founders who formed the DCSA. The DCSA continues to play a vital 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 our school is determined by the Christian world and life view of the DCSA as outlined in Articles three and four of the Constitution, which is available on our brochure stand and website. 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.

The DCSA's big and exciting project right now is the development of the flats into new classrooms. The plans for consent are now with the Dunedin City Council. Please uphold these matters in prayer as all the details of finance, building, contractors and health and safety are worked through.

Serving Christ together

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

Ngā mihi nui
Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore
Principal

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 students in Rooms 1 and 5 enjoyed a visit from the DCC Dog Safety representative on Monday 2 March 2020



Congratulations to Ryan Ure who placed second in the Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools' Triathlon on Wednesday 11 March.



15 Students took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon. They had a great time and were awarded a \$300 cheque for having a great school student ratio representation at the event. Well done everyone!

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



POP in and PRAY (Request)

We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer. The regular meeting at school on a Tuesday morning has been suffering from very low attendance so we are reviewing this and considering if there is a better time for people to gather or a different way we can encourage specific prayer for our school. If you have any suggestions, please contact Melissa Gray or Fiona.



Head Lice

There have been reports of head lice in Room 4. Please check for head lice regularly, treat when found, and help us keep them out of our school! Please ensure girls have long hair tied up as this does help prevent the spreading of lice. We have an electronic Zaptec comb available for loan at the office.

Pandemic Planning

We are in the Pre-Pandemic Response and Action stage - preparing for a possible pandemic of COVID-19 in NZ. Actions we have taken at school are:

- Regularly reminding children to wash and dry their hands thoroughly
- We have utilised our extra hand washing facilities to reduce the waiting time in the bathrooms
- Have tissues in every space
- Placed hand sanitizer in each classroom for incidental use

Made sure all staff have easy access to antibacterial wipes/disinfectant products We have also updated our Emergency Management Plan and are as ready as possible for the next level of action, if it is required. We will continue to update you if we are given instructions or information from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health.

Library



We are looking for volunteer help running our school library. We would like help with preparing books to be entered into our new library system, covering and repairing books and keeping our shelves in order. If this sounds like you, please talk to Karen or Fiona.

School Sports Shirts and Hoodies

A new order for sports shirts and the school hoodie has arrived. Sports shirts are now \$25 and Hoodies \$45 each.



Honey orders have been made and honey will be ready for collection at the school office



on Friday 5 March. A new form is at the office for you to make an order which will be processed early April. Thank you to Bex Fraser

who is looking to organise the honey fundraiser going forward. A big thank you to Ginger Lynn who has done a wonderful job with this popular fundraiser to bring local honey to our community.

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.



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.

School Diary

Term 1 Calendar

- 23 March Otago Anniversary Day
- 24 March DCSA Annual Meeting 7.30pm
- 31 March BoT meeting 7pm
- 2 April HPV
- 9 April St Marks Easter Service 11am
- 9 April Last day of term 1

Term 2 Calendar

- 28 April First day of term 2
- 30 April Swimming #1
- 4 May World Vision Leaders' Day
- 7 May No swimming
- 8 May Elgregoe show
- 12 May Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
- 14 May Swimming #2
- 21 May Swimming #3
- 28 May Swimming #4
- 29 May NYLD
- 4 June EPro8 challenge events
- 4 June Swimming #5
- 23 June Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
- 3 July Last day of term 2

Prayer Points

Give thanks for: -

- Each one of our students, families and staff members
- The work of the DCSA as they develop our buildings and property
- The joyful expression of God's love in our students as they interact with one another

Please pray for:-

- Our students as they develop their understanding of Christ-centred Respect
- The health and safety of our students and families
- The planning process for our new junior classes, now at the DCC for planning consent
- Our school to glorify God in **all** ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders