Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Over the last two weeks we have gradually introduced most of our normal activities back into school. We have been blessed with good weather so our students have been able to spend time outdoors being active and playing together again. We are looking forward to shifting to COVID-19 Alert Level 1 so we can welcome our parents back to Friday assembly to share in our learning each week. Under level 1 our main focus will be on maintaining the good habits of personal hygiene with handwashing, which we hope will mean fewer coughs and colds through the winter months.

Our decision to reduce the rubbish we collect at school via lunch box wrappers and food waste has been very successful from this end. The vast majority of our students are being very diligent in managing their lunch box waste and we have had very little in the playground. In time more formal learning about waste and recycling will come up in our curriculum programme.

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







Our five Year 5-8 student teams have begun their practise sessions with our EPro8 kit and they are loving it! The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem solving race. Every year over 10,000 students from 900 schools from throughout New Zealand take part.

8 June 2020

Certificates received by students during Friday

school assembly over the previous two weeks.

Teams compete to:

- · build large sized structures
- solve practical problems
- engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles
- invent machines that can complete simple tasks
- undertake unusual and fun experiments.
- construct basic electronic circuits.
- solve interesting problems using practical maths

World Vision 40 Famine

Our World Vision Leadership Team are participating in a workshop next Wednesday 10 June with Jess, a 2020 World Vision Youth Ambassador. They will learn more about the Famine work to support children in Malawi who are suffering from both famine and floods that wipe out family crops. They will also learn more about leadership and social justice. Jess will help our team plan Famine events over the next few weeks at school. Students and friends of LCS can sign up online to join the Liberton Christian School Team at https://my.worldvision.org.nz/ss/cOLoAB/liberton-christian-school Then it is easy to ask friends and family to sponsor the student online. Our Famine will run right through June this year.



Board of Trustees Policy Review Cycle

This term the board of trustees is reviewing four policies as part of our threeyear 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.

- Māori Achievement
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Handling of Concerns and Issues
- Physical Restraint Policy

They will be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23 June.

Winter Sports

Please see the separate notices for term 3 netball and basketball options. These competitions are running a term 3 season only. Please do not pay the \$10 team fee until we have confirmed we have registered a team for your child. Team numbers are limited.



Frost or Snow Days

It's the time of year when heavy frost or snow may occasionally make travel to school difficult. We will send an email message to you via our Student Management System as soon as the call to close or make a late start due to weather is confirmed. Local radio stations continue to broadcast cancellations and any calls that are for all primary and intermediate schools relate to us. The most important point is not to attempt travel if you feel unsafe on the road due to frost or snow.



Term 2 Value Focus:

Honey: Honey has been ordered and I

will let you know when it arrives at the

have a new form at the office for you to

please contact Bex Fraser (0274615064)

place your next order. Any questions

office. Thank you for your support. We

TERM 2 VALUE FOCUS: COMPASSION

Love expressed through Compassion – A willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer; forgiveness.

The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. Psalm 116:5

School Sports Shirts and Hoodies

We have a good supply at the office. Sports shirts are now \$25 and Hoodies \$45 each.



DCSA

A note from the Proprietors: We are aware that many of our families will have been affected by the current COVID-19 situation. If your family finances have been significantly impacted, please do get in touch with us. If required, we can adjust your attendance dues invoice to reflect any changes to your income. We also have scholarship funds available. Contact Christine Smith-Han (christ_inhan@yahoo.co.nz) or Celia Nicoll (celiamnicoll@gmail.com).

School Diary

Term 2 Calendar

10 June	World Vision Leadership workshop
11 June	HPV
19 June	Dental clinic resumes
23 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm @ school
26 June	School reports out
30 June	Parent/Teacher conferences
2 July	Parent/Teacher conferences
3 July	Last day of term 2

Lost Property

We already have quite a pile of lost property. Please name clothing (especially the LCS hoodies!) and continue to encourage the children to take responsibility for their possessions.

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 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.

PRAYER POINTS:

We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer. 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 Compassion
- Our students to see Christ as they learn about his world
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders