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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

We are moving through the season of Advent and there is excitement building amongst our students as we move closer to celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Saviour.

The last three weeks have been extraordinarily full at school! Filming for our production movie, our school band and choir also presented two Christmas carols at the Opoho Presbyterian Church Advent service, and recorded three carols at the Channel 39 TV studio. They played and sang beautifully and were a credit to the school and the teaching of Miss Mah. And of course our year 6-8 students enjoyed a week of camp at Berwick.

This week our room 1 students presented their Nativity play 'On that Christmas Night' at the St Marks Christmas service. We were joined by Pine Hill School and a group of parents. Our young students were delightful and performed very well, to the appreciation of everyone present.

Our production movie premiere, Straw and Order, was wonderful and very well received by our community last night! It has been a new adventure for us and we are particularly grateful to Mrs Jones and Mr Beyer who made it happen with their creative and technical expertise. There has been a large team of support from our whole school staff, the Jones family, churches and schools who lent us costumes, Dunedin City Baptist Church and many others who helped in the detail.

Our special graduation assembly is being held Tuesday 15 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 Logan Park High School, Kings High School, Queens High School, Otago Girls High School, Otago Boys High

School, Bayfield 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.

This year has been different for us all. Amongst the challenges we can also see the blessings. We are thankful for God's faithfulness that does not change and his amazing grace towards us. We are thankful for the school activities that have been able to go on as normal and the new opportunities that we have adapted to. We continue to be grateful for the community that surrounds us of parents and friends of the school who support us with prayer, transport, supervision, coaching, camp, weekly washing, fundraising and many other things.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude 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 refreshing summer holiday break, and look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

Blessings in Christ,  
Ngā mihi nui |Warm regards  
Fiona Sizemore (Principal)



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14





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### Library and class books

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

**End of Year School Reports—** will be available for you to collect from the office after graduation assembly on Tuesday 15 December.

**2021 Class Arrangements** (we are re-numbering our classrooms in preparation for our new Room 1 and Room 2 classrooms opening in term 2)

- Room 3: Year 1 Miss Neill / Mrs Stowell
- Room 3A: Years 1-3 Mrs Copland
- Room 6: Years 3-4 Mrs Fleming
- Room 4: Years 5-6 Mr Peacock
- Room 5: Years 7-8 Mrs Bennington



Mrs Jones: specialist visual art teacher/release support.  
Miss Mah: band and choir

From term 2, our two new classrooms (Room 1 and Room 2) will open for year 0-1 students. Room 3A will return to being our library.



### School Diary

### Year 9 Return Day

2019 Year 8 graduates are invited to return on Monday 11 December. The morning session will include a meeting with Fiona, helping in junior classes, and sharing their high school transition experiences with our 2020 graduates. They will have free time to hang out together in the afternoon.



### Term 4 Calendar

<http://www.libertonchristian.school.nz/calendar/>

- 14 Dec Y9 Returners Day
- 15 Dec Graduation assembly + afternoon tea 1.30pm
- 16 Dec Last day of term 4 (clean-up day/gifts to neighbours)

### 2021 School Term Start Dates:

Monday Feb 1: *New students orientation visit (all levels) 10-11.30am. This opportunity is to facilitate new students to meet their teacher and see their classroom before commencing on Tuesday.*

- Term 1: Tuesday 2 February
- Term 2: Monday 3 May
- Term 3: Monday 26 July
- Term 4: Monday 18 October – Wednesday 15 December

### PRAYER POINTS:



We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Give thanks for: -

- God's faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community leading up to Christmas



Please pray for:-

- Our Year 8 students and other leavers as they prepare for the transition to new schools
- A blessed and refreshing break for our staff, families and students over the summer break
- The DCSA board as they manage the building project and property decisions



### Graduation Assembly

Graduation assembly will commence at 1.30pm on Tuesday 15 December. Our Year 8 graduates will share their farewell speeches and Room 1 will present the Nativity play. Afternoon tea will follow.



Shared Lunch on Thursday 10 December





# Congratulations Class of 2020

