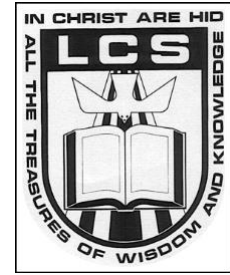


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



12 February 2021

Dear Parents and Whānau

Welcome back to Liberton Christian School for 2021! I hope you have had a refreshing summer break and feel ready to embark on a new year. We have enjoyed a positive start to the school year and look forward to a term of wonderful learning opportunities and experiences.

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.

This week our teaching staff enjoyed connecting with you through the Meet the Teacher conferences. The focus of these first parent/teacher meetings 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 knowledgeably as possible. The importance and influence of parents and caregivers 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 at the school BYO picnic on Friday 19 February from 5pm at school to welcome everyone to the new school year. It will be a good opportunity to connect again and enjoy a time of informal fellowship together. Ice blocks will be provided for the children.

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



ABOVE: Our new Year 1 students are Patrick, Jedidiah, Hananiah, Elliot, Sofie, Eden, Mira and Willow.



RIGHT: Our new students in Years 4-8 are Lizzy, Chris, Emmaleigh, Grace, Hannah and Judah

Admin news

Karen Boyes, our wonderful school secretary, is taking a period of leave so you will notice some changes to our administration organisation over the next few weeks. This simplified newsletter is one of the changes!

Term 1 Value: RESPONSIBILITY

Love expressed through **Responsibility** –A willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own conduct and behaviour.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is the just God, the law giver and the one who will judge the law. It is to Him we are ultimately responsible.
- We know that there is nothing hidden from our Just Heavenly Father and that He will call us to account for even our thoughts and attitudes.
- As we live before God and men we can take responsibility by being accountable for our own conduct.
- We can seek to be more trustworthy
- We can seek to be more self-controlled

Biblical illustrations around Responsibility:

Joseph, Moses, David, Paul, Esther, Jesus is our ultimate example.

I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Food Allergy Awareness

We are a nut free school. This includes peanuts and all tree nuts and related products, eg: peanut butter.

We have children with a range of other food allergies or low tolerances that we manage within the school.

Honey Fundraiser

Orders are being taken at the office for the popular **Pure Taieri Honey** once again. Please have your order in by 1 March.

Online payment can be made to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11 8337 0088665 11

Weetbix TRYathlon

If you would like to register as part of our school group follow this link.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40598&G=118302>

Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon

This triathlon is for experienced students in running, biking and swimming. If your son or daughter would like to enter please see the additional information on the foyer notice board and talk to Fiona. Entries close Friday 26 February.

School Hours

School commences at 9am and finishes at 3pm. Please endeavour to have your child/ren at school in good time for a prompt start, as this really does help them to have a great day at school. Children are welcome to arrive from 8.30am, which allows plenty of time to prepare for the day and have the often-important play and social time too.

For children who are dropped off earlier than 8.30am (by arrangement), our expectation is that these children will play independently either in the hall or outside on fine days and wait until 8.30am to enter their classrooms, so the teaching staff are able to focus on preparing for the day ahead. Our teaching staff gather to pray at 8.20am every morning, so supervision is minimal prior to 8.30am.

HPV Immunisation Year 8 Students

Students have been given the permission form which must be returned to the office next week indicating **yes** or **no** to the vaccination. The vaccination is offered at school on two dates (April and November).

LCS Sun Hat Procedure term 1

During the summer terms 1 and 4, we require all students to wear a sun hat during morning tea and lunch breaks and for extended outdoor class activities to ensure students are safe from sun burn.

Internet Banking details

Occasionally there is some confusion around school payments as we have two bank accounts for different purposes, and the Liberton Fundraisers have their own account.

Attendance dues are paid to the Dunedin Christian Schools Association bank number 02 0908 0114307 00

All other school payments (activity donations, camp fees, sports fees, stationery etc) are made to the Board of Trustees account number 02 0908 0263142 00

Liberton Fundraisers (fundraising purchases, eg: honey) account number 11 8337 0088665 11

Term 4 Ripa Rugby Season

The ripa competition will commence at the Edgar Stadium on Monday 15 February. We have three teams entered across years 3-8. The ripa draws are available at www.edgarcentre.co.nz and will be added to the foyer notice board.

All students who applied to join a team are entered.

For our Year 3&4 team and Year 7&8 team there is a roster to cycle team members off each week due to the high number of team members. The roster is on the notice board. If you need to change the roster off date, please arrange your own swap.

Islington Preschool

Islington Early Childhood Centre in North East Valley currently has vacancies for 2 - 5 year olds at the morning sessions. Phone 473-7490

PRAYER POINTS:

Please pray for us! We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Give thanks for: -

- Our returning and new students and families
- God's faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community

Please pray for:-

- Our 2020 Year 8 students and other leavers as they transition into new schools
- Our new students and families to settle well into our school community
- The DCSA and BoT as they manage the building project and property decisions
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

Band and Choir/Mah Music

Miss Amelia Mah will be teaching our band and choir members on Friday mornings. Audition times for new members will be notified to students in years 5-8.

If you are interested in private lessons with Amelia, please go to her Mah Music website, <https://www.mahmusicnz.com/> and find the details there.

Term 1 Calendar <http://www.libertonchristian.school.nz/calendar/>

When you click on the event in the online calendar more information may be available in the notes.

16 Feb	BoT meeting 7pm
19 Feb	Beach Education Y5-8 (see separate notice from class teachers) No Friday assembly BYO School Picnic 5pm
1 March	PAL training Y8 Dental clinic resumes (parents will receive an appointment from the clinic)
5 March	NZ Symphony Orchestra (whole school attending, more information soon) No Friday assembly
7 March	Weetbix Triathlon
18 March	Girls Multisport Festival Y7&8
22 March	Otago Anniversary Day
23 March	DCSA annual meeting 7.30pm
30 March	BoT meeting 7pm
2 April	Good Friday
5 April	Easter Monday
6 April	Easter Tuesday
8 April	HPV
16 April	Last day of term
