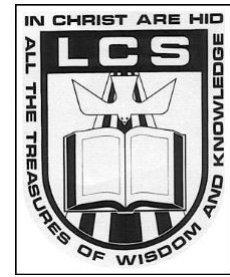


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12 March 2021
Term 1 Week 6



Dear Parents and Whānau

This week we have learnt of the passing to glory of Mr Tony Tromop, a founding member of the Dunedin Christian Schools Association and faithful friend of our school. Back in the day, prior to integration, when our school relied heavily on the practical support of the community, Mr and Mrs Tromop both gave very generously of their time and skills. Tony was called upon to do a wide variety of work on the building and grounds, and was involved in the construction of our third classroom (room 6 today) in the late 1980's. Our prayers are with Mrs Jean Tromop and her family.

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-nine 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 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.

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



ABOVE: Our new classrooms are coming along on schedule!

TERM 1 VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

EMAIL / PAPER NEWSLETTERS AND NOTICES

We have decided it is time to move to email as our primary way of circulating our newsletter and notices. We are very happy to provide a paper copy as well that can be sent home with your child as has been our practice. If you would like a paper copy please email or contact the office so we can ensure this is arranged. We will also have paper copies of the newsletter available at the office.

THE DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING – from the Chair Jan Jopson



As Fiona has noted in the previous newsletter, the DCSA AGM is coming up 30 March, 7.30pm. We would value the attendance of any and all parents and friends of the school as we reflect on the previous year, but also think about the way forward as an association. Below is an excerpt from my Annual Report to the AGM:

As we look ahead beyond 2021 we are aware that we need direction from the wider DCSA as to our plans for our future. During 2020 the Council did explore the purchase of a property adjacent to the school which became available. While we did put in two offers, we were not able to agree to a price that we were comfortable taking to the wider DCSA, and the property was subsequently sold. We wonder if we should be more ready to purchase if an adjoining property were to become available in the future? Should the DCSA be looking to extend the school to the pre-school or high school ages? Should we expand to a second site elsewhere in the city and live up to our name of the Dunedin Christian Schools Association? How do we further develop the site that we have? How can we support our BOT and staff to continue to provide education which is truly 'special character'? These are all questions that the wider DCSA need to help the Council answer. The school grew out of the vision of a group of parents and others nearly two generations ago who were concerned about the education of children from a Christian perspective. The perceived need for that seems to be growing in the wider Christian community. By God's grace we have been able to provide a school where Christ's name is honoured and acknowledged as the true source of our wisdom. How do we continue to meet that need in the future?

Please consider joining the DCSA if you are not already a member. And we hope to see you at the AGM!

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

The Vision and Hearing technician plans to visit our school on Monday 29 March at 9.30am. This visit is to test all Year 7 students for distance vision. *If you do not want your child to be screened please complete an opt-out slip available at the office.*

ST MARKS EASTER SERVICE

We will be walking up the road to join Pine Hill School at St Mark's church for an Easter service on Wednesday 31 March at 11am. You are welcome to join us.



ROAD SAFETY AT OUR GATE

Please do not pick up or drop off immediately in front of our school gate or on the yellow lines, as this could endanger a child who needs to cross the road.

HEAD LICE

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 nit comb available for loan at the office.

CUTLERY FOR STUDENTS

If your child needs cutlery to eat their lunch, please endeavour to provide it from home.

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.

- Allocation of Management Units
- Entertainment, Gifts and Travel
- Internal Financial Control

They will be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for Wednesday 7th April.

DCSA TREASURER CONTACT DETAILS

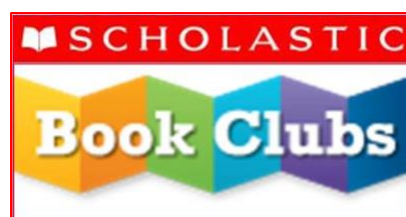
For those who have queries about attendance dues, please contact the DCSA treasurer:

DCSAtreasurer@libertonchristian.school.nz

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A new book club issue (#2) has been sent home with students today. Issue 2 has more great deals on your kids' favourites. Support their growing love for reading and the school library receives free books valued at 20% on all purchases.

Thank you for your support, Jayne Schwenke, **Parent Co-ordinator**



Ordering is easy:

- mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Click on 'order now' & enter school name.
- Or use the Scholastics Book Club Loop App
- Or return the order form to the office
(Cheques made out to Scholastic New Zealand please)

PRAYER POINTS:

Please pray for us! 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
- God's faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The positive progress being made on the building project

Please pray for:-

- Our students as they develop their understanding of Christ-centred Responsibility
- The DCSA and BoT as final decisions are made for the building project
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

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.

18 March	Girls Multisport Festival Y7&8
22 March	Otago Anniversary Day
30 March	DCSA annual meeting 7.30pm
31 March	St Mark's Easter service (with Pine Hill School)
2 April	Good Friday
5 April	Easter Monday
6 April	Easter Tuesday
7 April	BoT meeting 7pm
8 April	HPV 11am
16 April	Last day of term

PHOTO GALLERY



Levi and Benjamin at DNI in the fabrics class



The new classrooms and deck are coming along nicely!



Year 5&6 and Year 7&8 Rippa Teams