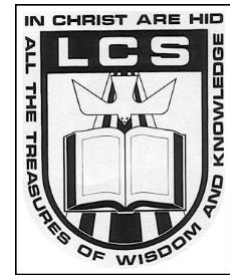


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



26 March 2021
Term 1 Week 8

Dear Parents and Whānau

We are in the last stage of our new junior classroom building project and it is getting exciting to see the final details coming together. We are very grateful that we can add this wonderful building to our school and pray that God will bless the children and families it will serve for many years to come.

This week we have internal painting underway and the deck is nearly complete. It is a huge deck; twenty eight metres long by five metres wide, with a big veranda that will provide an amazing outdoor covered space.

Next week we are expecting a digger to finish work along the bank by the junior playground and at the back of the school.

Alongside all of the excitement of our new building, our classes are as busy as usual learning, creating, and playing together as we learn more about God's world and his purpose for us each week.

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

TERM 1 VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY

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

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. **Galatians 5:22-23**



DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) is holding its annual meeting on the on Tuesday 30 March, 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. Please see the last newsletter for more information.

HONEY FUNDRAISER

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

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

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

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



peanut butter, Nutella,

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

DENTAL CLINIC CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any concerns about your child's dental health, please contact:

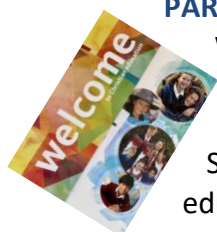
Donna van der Hurk, Administrator Clinics, Faculty of Dentistry

Phone: 479 7189 or email donna.vanderhurk@otago.ac.nz

LIBRARY

Each class visits our school library on Friday mornings. Students are able to withdraw two books at a time to enjoy at home. Books can be returned anytime into the class returns box so new books can be selected the following Friday.

We are delighted to announce Mrs Yolanda Storm is our new volunteer librarian. She is supporting us to keep our library in excellent order for our students. We are looking forward to returning to our purpose built library (currently room 3) when our new classrooms open next term!



PARENT LIBRARY RESOURCES

We have a small parent library of books that parents are welcome to borrow from the office. There are books on parenting and Christian education.

We also have a new brochure produced by the NZ Association for Christian Schools that can be given to family and friends considering Christian education.

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.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW CYCLE

This term the board of trustees is reviewing three 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.

The home, the church and the school ideally form an educational tripod standing firm on the base of the Word of God and the flame of Christ's Spirit. All three need to work together to prepare children for the Christian life. If the school 'leg' of the tripod rests on a different base, children will have difficulty staying in balance as they respond as Christians to the secular world around them. At the same time, the school can neither replace the family nor the church. The home in particular provides an essential base for the school's more formal education task.

(Walking with God in the Classroom: Christian Approaches to Learning and Teaching, Harro Van Brummelem, p6, 1998)

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.



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
- Our parents who coach and manage our sports teams

Please pray for:-

- Our students as they develop their understanding of Christ-centred Responsibility
- That we will find the right teacher to join our junior teaching team
- The DCSA annual meeting next week, for future planning and vision
- 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.

29 March	Vision and Hearing technician
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	New entrant visit morning HPV 11am
13 April	New entrant visit morning
16 April	Last day of term

TERM 2 CALENDAR

3 May	First day of term 2
6 May	Swimming session #1
7 May	World Vision Youth Conference
13 May	No swimming
14 May	Elgregoe (Pine Hill School joining us)
18 May	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
20 May	Swimming session #2
27 May	Swimming session #3
31 May	National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) Year 8's
3 June	Swimming #4
7 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday
10 June	Swimming #5
25 June	World Vision famine weekend
29 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
9 July	Last day of term 2



Juniors playing hopscotch

PHOTO GALLERY



Year 7&8 girls at the Girls Sports Day



Room 3: learning about the letter R, and how and why a spider makes a web



Rooms 1 & 2: The deck from the office end and inside painting progress.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Please check the notice board in the entrance foyer for more notices.

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PUBLIC NEURODIVERSITY WORKSHOP DUNEDIN

Sensory Over Responder

Sensory over responders may be hypersensitive to touch and sound, be on high alert, and become easily distressed and struggle to calm down. Often labeled as autistic, OCD, anxiety disorder and others.

Sensory Seeker & Oppositional Behaviours

Sensory seekers are highly energetic individuals who often appear oppositional, sassy, and overly confident - but they too get overwhelmed and experience high anxiety.

Mind Over Manner uses the power of filmed theatre to unpack difficult situations, offering new ways of responding to these often confusing or hostile events. Our workshops cover:

- Observing & understanding divergent thinking and behaviour
- Recognising sensory overload & Deconstructing conflict cycles
- De-escalating destructive self-preservation and defence behaviours
- Developing new techniques and strategies for connection

Our Workshops are relevant to all people who live and work with young people who have behavioural, sensory, and learning differences.



DETAILS

Dunedin Sunday March 28th
Level 1 Auditorium, Dunedin Public
Art Gallery 4.00pm - 6.00pm

\$10 - \$40 **Sliding Scale** for
Community & support workers,
parents and whanau

\$60 Professionals

Register via [Eventbrite](#).

WWW.MINDOVERMANNER.CO.NZ

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NEURODIVERSITY

PART 2

DYSCALCULIA

A Keynote by Sarah
Sharpe

*An informative session for
whānau on neurodiversity
and how dyscalculia
might affect your child's
math capabilities*

MAY 20, 2021 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**GEORGE STREET
NORMAL SCHOOL**

RSVP via the link: bit.ly/2PnbCkc

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If you would like a paper copy of our newsletter please email or contact the office so we can ensure this is arranged. Paper copies of the newsletter are available at the office.