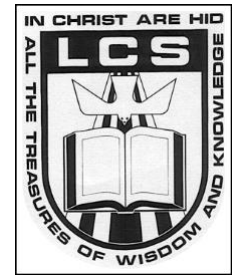


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 3 September 2021
Term 3 Week 6



Dear Parents and Whānau

The sudden plunge into Alert Level 4 lockdown two and a half weeks ago was a reminder of the fact we are living in a time of global uncertainty. How comforting it is that God does not change and continues to reign over everything, no matter what is happening around us. We hope our time in Alert Level 3 will be short and we will all be able to return to school soon.

We have a very small LCS student bubble operating at school, with the vast majority of our students continuing to learn from home. Thank you for welcoming our teaching staff into your home via the video classrooms. We understand this can be a particularly challenging time for families as you juggle parenting, schooling, work and other life realities. If your family could do with some extra support, there are a number of agencies available to help, in addition to the church networks that many of us are well connected to. Examples of these are; The Salvation Army, ReThink, Presbyterian Support.

I am sure we can all name many things we are grateful for during this season. Regarding school, I am so grateful that we are able to adapt quickly to home-based learning due to the dedication and skill of our wonderful teaching staff. I am also grateful we have the technology that facilitates the opportunity for our students to be connected in their class groups. I know many of the children really enjoy seeing their friends online. I am also grateful the landscaping project was completed, and we were able to enjoy our intermediate ski camp just two weeks before this Covid outbreak!

There are several events that are cancelled or postponed this term due to the lockdown. Polyfest has been postponed until term 4 at this stage and we are unlikely to get any swimming sessions this term. We will hold our leadership assembly as soon as the alert level allows, and both netball and basketball are considering how they may finish the season if possible. We will keep you posted as updates come to hand.

Blessings to you all as you continue to work and serve from your family bubble during this time.

*Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore*

YEAR 5&6 NORTH ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

This was held on Tuesday 17 August, right before lockdown. We had a group of eight students attend the cross country, Jonah, Austin P, Rosie, Judah, Meatuai, Asher, Ivie, and Hannah. All our students completed the run and demonstrated determination and grit throughout. Congratulations to Rosie who came 4th, Judah 12th and Hannah (Y4) who placed 14th.



TERM 3 VALUE: HONESTY AND TRUTHFULNESS

Love expressed through Honesty and Truthfulness – A willingness not to steal, cheat, lie, or be unfair

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; ⁵ *guide me in your truth* and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. **Psalm 25:4-5**

POLYFEST

We are pleased to be entering the Otago Early Childhood and Schools' Māori & Pacific Island Festival (Polyfest) which is now scheduled for term 4. We have not participated in the Polyfest since 2013 and are excited to have the opportunity to enter this year. Our whole school will be performing three items; two Māori waiata – E Te Ariki and Whakarongo, and a Samoan Sasa that tells the story of Jesus life and resurrection.

MANA KIDS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE OPTION:

Mana Kids is planning to start before and after school care based at Pine Hill School. At this stage it will be exclusively for children from Liberton Christian School and Pine Hill School only. The service is scheduled to start in term 4. If you would like to know more please go to <https://www.manaafterschoolcare.com/> to register or enquire.

PRAYER POINTS:

Give thanks for: -

- each one of our students, families and staff members
- being able to stay connected during lockdown
- the opportunity to teach our children more about honesty and truthfulness this term

Please pray for:-

- families who face challenges, that they will find strength and hope in the Lord
- our students to demonstrate God's love through honesty and truthfulness
- our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

TERM 3 CALENDAR: subject to Alert Level changes

9 Sept	Swimming session #3
13 Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
16 Sept	Swimming session #4
21 Sept	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
23 Sept	NZ Symphony Orchestra EOTC
30 Sept	Swimming session #5
1 October	Last day of term 3

TERM 4 CALENDAR

18 Oct	First day of term 4
	LCS Athletics Day @ Caledonian Ground
28 Oct	NZ ShakeOut Drill
2 Nov	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
8/9 Nov	KingsView Christian School camp @ LCS
7 Dec	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
14 Dec	Graduation Assembly
15 Dec	Last day of term 4





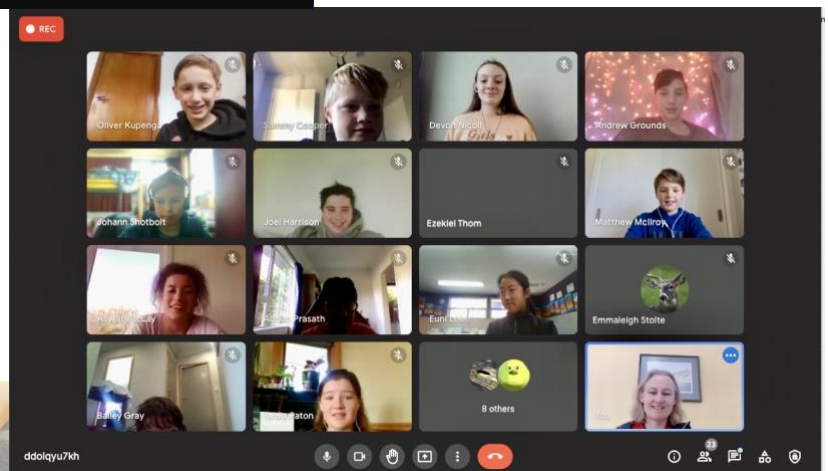
Online staff meeting

Below: home-learning packs and devices ready for contactless pick up



Left: Room 3's wacky hair/hat zoom.

Right:
Room 5's Google Classroom



Left: LCS onsite bubble learning

More from the North Zone Cross Country

