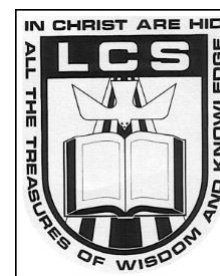


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17 September 2021
Term 3 Week 8



Dear Parents and Whānau

We are grateful to have made a very positive shift back to school under Alert Level 2. Whilst we do have some restrictions, we can manage these well and for the most part school is fairly normal for the children and staff.

It is less normal for you, our parents, as we are not able to welcome you to Friday assembly or other activities at this time. It is great to see you making the most of our spacious entrance area at 3pm to catch up for a short time whilst maintaining the Alert Level 2 physical distancing rules. You are able to catch up with your child's teacher either via email or popping in, ensuring you have scanned our QR code which is posted on the main entrance doors.

This newsletter contains important information on our LCS Athletics Day, Polyfest and our new parent app, and other news items. Thank you for upholding us in prayer as we move into the last two busy weeks of the term.

We are delighted to have welcomed three new students this term. Quennell to R6, Quinn and Euvin in R1. They have all adjusted very well in a slightly disrupted term!

*Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore*



LCS ATHLETICS DAY @ CALEDONIAN GROUND TUESDAY 21 SEPT

Students are to be dropped off at, and collected from, the Caledonian Ground (near Logan Park High School) for the school day. Drop off from 8.30am, pick up between 2.30-3.00pm.

We have been advised that Sport NZ have stipulated that parents cannot attend public venue sporting events run by schools during COVID-19 Alert Level 2. We are sorry about this but we will endeavour to take lots of photos and share these with you.

Students need to bring food, a filled water bottle, a good sun hat, sunscreen, and a warm layer of clothing. Clothing suitable for athletics needs to be worn, e.g. LCS sports shirt with blue or black shorts is preferred, with sports shoes. Students may have bare feet for events.

We will only postpone this event if the weather is very cold or it is raining. We will send an email via our SMS Edge by 8am on the day if we need to cancel the event.



The Caledonian Ground

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 part of the Otago Early Childhood and Schools' Māori & Pacific Island Festival (Polyfest) which is currently scheduled for Term 4 week 1. We have not participated in the Polyfest since 2013 and are excited to have the opportunity to enter this year.

Due to the covid-19 lockdown we now have a very tight time-frame to prepare for the Polyfest. The event will be held under Alert Level 2 as an online festival or in the usual way if we are in Level 1.



ABOVE: Our 2013 Polyfest performance on the stage at the Edgar Stadium.

Polyfest costumes: sports tee shirt and navy blue or black shorts. School will provide other costume items. We have a good supply of sports tee shirts for sale at the office if you would like to purchase one.

Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 29 September. Named clothing items can be brought to school for storage on Monday 27 September.

Sewing help needed! We need to make more headbands for Polyfest. We have the headband ribbon and elastic at school ready to go if you are able to help. Please see Fiona.

WINTER SPORTS UNIFORM

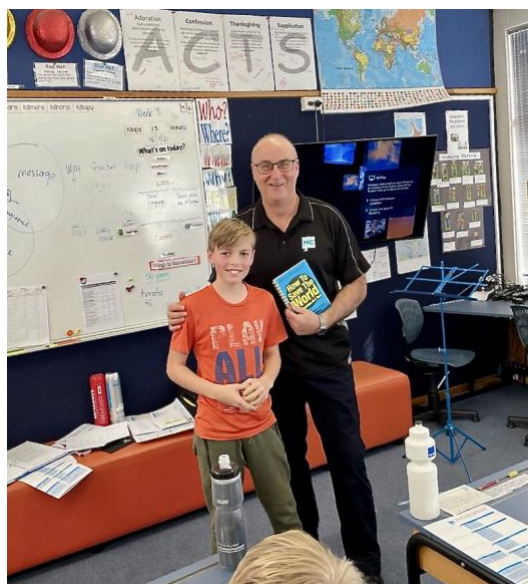
Please return all netball and basketball uniforms as soon as possible. Also if you happen to have one of our spare sports tee shirts we need these back too (for Polyfest).

ROOM 5 NEWS:

We had a visit from Craig McGregor who is a speech coach and Toastmasters expert. He had many great things to share about speeches and we'll be able to put these into practise as we prepare, practise and present speeches during the next few weeks. <https://www.craigmcgregor.co.nz/>

Eight Room 5 students caught a tennis ball which meant they got to talk to us all for one minute about a spontaneously assigned topic. They all did **really** well for a first time. Well done all of you! I'm really looking forward to the speeches!

Mrs Bennington



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 www.manaafterschoolcare.com/ to register.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com



EDGE STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

During lockdown we began using our new student management system (SMS). Every school has a SMS and it is where student and caregiver information is kept, as well as attendance and assessment data, alongside many other functions. During lockdown we emailed you via our SMS. Our new SMS is called Edge.

Edge has more functions than our previous SMS and one of these is a Parent App. We are ready to make this available to you, which among other applications will mean we can message you via the App with notices or reminders, and you can notify the school of a student absence from your phone. Further functionality will be made available in the future. Please see the instructions at the end of this newsletter to get connected. If you need to update your address or contact details, please let Karen know.

PRAYER POINTS:

Give thanks for: -

- each one of our students, families and staff members
- a smooth and settled transition back to school after lockdown
- the opportunity to teach our children more about honesty and truthfulness this term

Please pray for:-

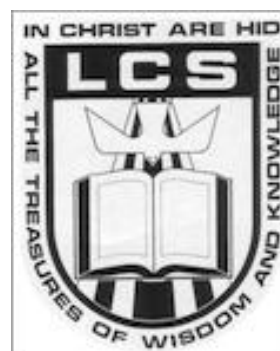
- families who face challenges, that they will find strength and hope in the Lord
- our students to demonstrate God's love through honesty and truthfulness
- our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

TERM 3 CALENDAR:

21 Sept	LCS Athletics Day at The Caledonian Ground Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
29 Sept	Polyfest dress rehearsal
30 Sept	LCS Athletics Day @ Caledonian Ground (new postponement date)
1 October	Last day of term 3

TERM 4 CALENDAR

18 Oct	First day of term 4
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





ABOVE: Room 5 Toast Masters speech making session

BELOW: Room 5 students at DNI technology this week.





We are all loving and appreciating the beautiful art work Mrs Jones created with our Room 4,5 and 6 students. This has transformed the new fenced area into a visual symphony!

Otago Cricket's **SUMMER OF CRICKET (2021 - 22)** Modified Cricket - Dunedin / Taieri



GIRLS SMASH

- 6-aside GIRLS ONLY cricket for school years 3-6!
- Soft-ball cricket - Entry level (no experience required)
- School teams - 45-min games
- Run at Dunedin Central & Taieri
- Term 4 2021 & Term 1 2022,



BOYS BLAST

- 6-aside BOYS ONLY cricket for school years 3-6!
- Soft-ball cricket - Entry level (no experience required)
- School teams - 45-min games
- Run at Dunedin Central & Taieri
- Term 4 2021 & Term 1 2022,



SUPERSTAR CRICKET

- Entry-level skills for school years 0-2!
- Soft-ball cricket skills & games
- Entry level (no experience required)
- 45-min sessions (10 x sessions total)
- Run at Dunedin Junior Clubs

For more information...

Please visit www.otagocricket.co.nz > Get Involved > Modified Programmes

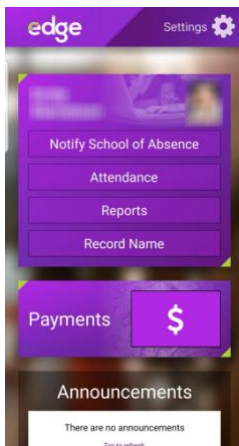
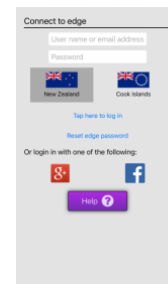
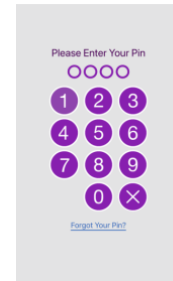




Installing and Initial Log In to MUSAC Edge App



1. Visit your phone App Store and search for "MUSAC Edge." MUSAC Edge app is available for Android and iOS phones.
2. Download and install the Edge app.
3. Open the Edge app – the first time you do this you will be asked to create a PIN number. This will ensure your child's data is secure.
4. Enter your email address – This is the email address that you registered at Liberton Christian School when you enrolled your child. It is also the address that you received this newsletter at.
5. Click the "Reset edge password" link/button. An email will be sent to you which will allow you to set your password.
6. Check your email and click the link. This will open your web browser and take you to the "Parent Portal" where you can create your password.
7. Return to the Edge App and enter your email and new password.



Notes

- Within the app, each child enrolled at LCS has their own panel.
- The Edge App (mobile devices) and the Parent Portal (desktop/laptop devices) share many of the same features.
- Initially, we will only be using Attendance and Notifications features. Features such as Payments, Reports, Pastoral, Health and Safety will be introduced in the future.
- Many whanau have individual email address for both parents in the family. Both parents can use their email address to login to Edge. In some cases, whanau have informed us of only one email for the primary caregiver. In these cases, there are two options:
 1. Use the single email address on both parent devices. You will share the same password.
 2. Let us know the second email address and, once recorded by us in Edge, you will be able to login to Edge individually.

