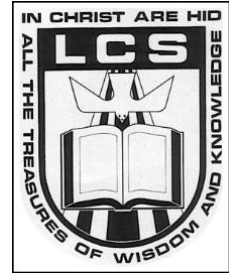


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 2  
Friday 11 February 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau

Welcome back to school for 2022! 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.

We are managing the RED setting of the Covid Protection Framework (CPF) very well. Whilst we look forward to the pandemic being behind us, we see the daily goodness of God as we continue to work through this time. The children in rooms 4&5 are coping very well with mask wearing, and all our students are following the procedures we have in place to minimise mixing respectfully. When a covid case is identified in our school community we will be guided by the local Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health advisors on how to proceed. Close contacts will be quickly identified and asked to self-isolate. We have strategies in place to confine close contacts to individual classes (and staff) in the hope we will be able to keep our school operational onsite, and provide offsite learning for those in isolation. In the meantime we are enjoying getting the term underway and getting on with the business of teaching and learning. We are particularly thankful when the rain falls outside of school hours so we can make the most of the outdoors. Thank you for praying for us.

We have decided to host our initial Meet the Teacher Information meetings online (via zoom) due to being in the RED CPF. Please see the section that outlines how to connect with us for these events on page 2.

The focus of these first parent/teacher information 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 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.

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



LEFT: Our new students years 1-2 are Sophie, Zoe, Abigail, Thomas, Toby, Thea and Amos



RIGHT: Our new students in years 3-8 are Bella, Leyla, Alžběta, Isabelle, Ruby, Noah, Immanuel, Davi and Jesse (absent: Titus)

**TERM 1 VALUE FOCUS: RESPECT**

Love expressed through Respect – A willingness to treat with courtesy, to hold in high regard; to honour, to care about yourself and others, and the environment.

**A brief overview of what we teach:**

- ★ God is the Creator. The maker of all things.
- ★ God made people to be His image bearers.
- ★ Each person bears God’s image and is thus worthy of respect.
- ★ There is a particular respect we are to show to those who are placed in authority over us.
- ★ As image bearers of God we are called to PUT OFF all disrespect and to be conformed more to the image of our creator as we PUT ON gentleness and respect.
- ★ We are even to be respectful in how we share the ‘good news’ about Jesus with others.
- ★ Another aspect of respect is the call to respect or care for all that God has made. Not just his image bearers but all that he made and called ‘good’.
- ★ When we do this we honour God in the way we live out our role as an image bearer.

**Biblical Illustrations:**

Esther (to Xerxes, to Mordecai) in Esther 1-2; 5-8

Daniel in Daniel 1-6

10 commandments (God’s name, parents, others) Exodus 20

Moses Exodus 33

Jesus (render to Caesar, to rulers, to his mother Mary) our ULTIMATE example

*Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor. 1 Peter 2v17*

Our Year 7&8 students on their way to DNI for technology classes this week. They are managing extremely well and demonstrating Christian character under the RED CPF.



**PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS:**

In the RED Covid Protection Framework setting we are conducting our Parent Information meetings online via Zoom. Use the links in the schedule below to join your child’s teacher meeting at the time indicated. Each class teacher will run a 20 minute group meeting for all parents of their class to attend together, to outline the general class programme and expectations for the year ahead.

Wednesday 16 Feb	Thursday 17 Feb
<a href="#">4:00pm Room 1 - Mrs Jenny Stowell</a> <a href="#">4:30pm Room 2 - Miss Frances Neill</a> <a href="#">Mrs Fiona Sizemore</a> <a href="#">5:00pm Room 4 - Mr Grant Peacock</a>	<a href="#">4:00pm Room 3 - Miss Erin Corry</a> <a href="#">4:30pm Room 6 - Mrs Olivia Copland</a> <a href="#">5:00pm Room 5 - Mrs Bronwyn Bennington</a>

These links are also available on our [school website calendar](#).

For parents who would like an additional (or prefer) a one to one meeting with a teacher, please contact the teacher directly via email or after school to arrange a time.

## 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.

Pick up by 3.15pm is appreciated in the RED CPF setting.

*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.*

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletters are published fortnightly via email. A paper copy is available at the office.

## SCHOOL APP

We are using our school App called Edge. We will send out occasional short notice reminders and cancellations on the App, alongside email. To download the Edge App, go to your App Store and search for MUSAC Edge and download. When creating your account, please use the same email address that you receive school emails from.



The Edge App is especially useful and easy for parents in notifying student absence.



### DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING: **save the date!**

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) is holding its annual meeting on the on Tuesday 29 March, 7.30pm. Members and friends of the school are encouraged to attend as we reflect on and celebrate together the previous year. The DCSA will be advising details of how the meeting will be conducted closer to the time.

## 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** (stationery, sports fees, 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

## 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 2021 Year 8 students and other leavers as they transition into new schools
- Our new students and families to settle well into our school community
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

## TERM 1 2022 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.

15 Feb	BoT meeting 7pm online
16 Feb	PAL's training Year 8's
16 Feb	Online Meet the Teacher information meetings Rooms 1,2,4
17 Feb	Online Meet the Teacher information meetings Rooms 3,6,5
2 March	Attitude programme Year 7&8
29 March	DCSA Annual Meeting
5 April	BoT meeting 7pm

## 2022 SCHOOL TERM DATES:

Term 1:	Tuesday 1 February – Thursday 14 April
Term 2:	Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July
Term 3:	Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September
Term 4:	Monday 17 October – Thursday 15 December

## SUNHATS, HYDRATION AND KEEPING WARM

During term 1 sunhats are required every day for all outside play and learning.

Please supply a named bottle of water. Teachers make opportunities for extra drinks on hotter days and/or allow a water bottle to be kept in class.

As are spending as much time outdoors under the RED CPF, a warm layer is needed.

## BAND AND CHOIR/MAH MUSIC

During the RED CPF period, our band members will be focusing on building instrument skills. We have suspended choir due to under the RED setting, singing is not able to occur indoors. Students from rooms 4&5 will practise alternate weeks to avoid students from two classes being in the same space at the same time.

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.

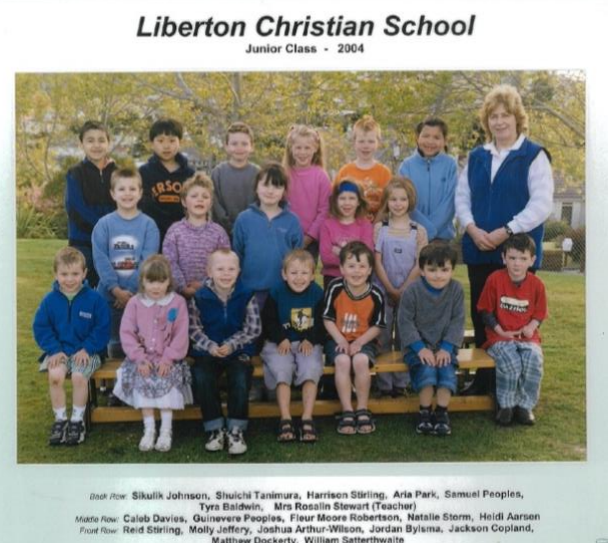
## WE REMEMBER MRS ROSALIN STEWART

We have recently heard of the passing to glory of Mrs Rosalin Stewart who was a much-loved teacher at LCS from 1990-2004.

Rosalin taught our year 1-3 children during her years at LCS. Our past principal Nel van't Wout remembers her very fondly, as a faithful colleague who was always calm and composed.

On a personal note (Fiona), Rosalin was a big support and influence on my own development as a junior class teacher, especially in the area of reading.

You may recognise some of the children from her last LCS class, one is now married to Mrs Copland!





SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES For Primary School Children ([www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com))

- A wide variety of instruments to choose from.
- Instruments available for affordable hire.
- Small group lessons.
- Orchestras and ensemble groups for 2<sup>nd</sup> year players to advanced level.
- A variety class especially designed for young children: "Let's Make Music".

CENTRES:

- George Street Normal School (Saturday morning).
- Bathgate Park School (Saturday morning).
- Elmgrove School (Wednesday after school)
- Mornington School (Tuesday after school. "Let's Make Music")
- Tainui School (Thursday after school. "Let's Make Music" and Guitar)

ENROLMENT DAY FOR 2022

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February at George Street Normal School main block, 9:30-11:00am
- Bathgate Park School Foyer, 9:30-10:30am
- Elmgrove School, Mosgiel, is Wednesday 16th Feb, 3:30-4:30pm

Vaccination passes will need to be viewed on entry.

Enrolment enquiries: email [stephanie@smmcotago.com](mailto:stephanie@smmcotago.com) (phone 03 4772296)  
or see website: [www.smmcotago.com](http://www.smmcotago.com) for contact details.

