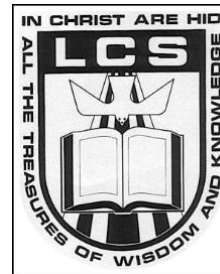


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 4
Friday 25 February 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau

We have enjoyed a busy and positive time at school this week. We continue to be so impressed with how well our students are managing with the restrictions we have in place to 'minimise the mixing' across the school.

The move to Phase 3 of the COVID-19 RED Setting simplifies the rules around self-isolation and close contacts. From today, only confirmed COVID-19 cases and their household members need to self-isolate for ten days. Other close contacts do not need to isolate.

If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19. We will send notifications out to the school community when we have students with COVID-19 in a class (no names) to help families across our school be vigilant to watch for symptoms.

When your family is required to self-isolate we will provide home-learning support for the children. It may take a day or two for home-learning support to be organised for the junior classes (years 1-4) as packs are made up individually. Children in years 5-8 will be able to borrow a chrome book to continue their class learning online.

Thank you for tuning in to our initial Meet the Teacher Information meetings held online via zoom last week. We appreciate all the support and encouragement we are receiving from our parents as we manage under the RED CPF setting.

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

2022 YEAR 8 STUDENT LEADERS

We are pleased to introduce our Year 8 Student Leaders for 2022. They have recently completed PAL training (Physical Activity Leadership) at the Edgar Stadium and we have other leadership events planned for them including NYLD and the World Vision conference. We look forward to seeing them develop and bring their own interests to leadership this year.



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.

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



Hi Parents,
My name is Sam Coleman. I am a Masters student at the University of Otago College of Education, training to be a primary teacher.
I am currently teaching with Bronwyn in room 5. I am a friendly fellow who loves to be outside, play music and be involved with church.
I attend Equippers Church Dunedin and I am involved with the young adult community there.
I am really excited to be here at Liberton Christian School. If you ever see me around feel free to introduce yourself and say hi.

Mr Coleman is in room 5 every Wednesday throughout term 1 and full-time during weeks 1-6 in term 2.

SICKNESS AND ABSENCE

We anticipate a higher level of absence with Omicron in the general community.

- In the RED CPF setting, any sign of a runny nose or illness means a child must stay home from school.
- The most common early symptoms of the Omicron variant are a sore or scratchy throat, and a runny nose. The Ministry of Health is asking us to send children with any signs of illness home as quickly as possible.
- The Ministry of Health requests anyone who has Omicron symptoms to get a covid test.

THE DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) is holding its annual meeting on Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm via Zoom. Members and friends of the school are encouraged to attend as we reflect on and celebrate together the previous year of work and achievement. The DCSA plays a crucial role in our school as it is the owner of our school property and is charged with ensuring the special character of the school is up-held. The special character of the school is determined by the Christian world and life view of the DCSA as outlined in Articles three and four of the

Constitution. The DCSA also identifies property needs and funds the capital expenditure projects, e.g., our new classrooms. DCSA members are able to be nominated by the governing council as proprietor representatives on the school board of trustees.

Parents who are in agreement with the Association's constitution are encouraged to become members. Membership application forms are available at the school office.

DCSA ATTENDANCE DUES CONTACT DETAILS

If you have a question about your attendance dues or invoice, please contact the DCSA treasurer via email: DCSAtreasurer@libertonchristian.school.nz

HONEY FUNDRAISER:

Orders are being taken at the office for the popular **Pure Taieri Honey** once again.

Please have your order in by 7 March to the office or email Karen.

Online payment to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11 8337 0088665 11



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS:

If you would like a one to one meeting with a teacher, please contact the teacher directly via email or after school to arrange a time. We are happy to do these face to face (public health measures in place) or via online video call.

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.

LUNCH UTENSILS AND HEATING

Please endeavour to provide the utensils your child needs to eat their lunch. Please do not send food items that need heating or hot water added as we do not have staff available to facilitate this.

MANA KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Mana Kids is operating after school care based at Pine Hill School. At this stage it is exclusively for children from Liberton Christian School and Pine Hill School only. If you would like to know more please go to www.manaafterschoolcare.com/ to register.

Contact Johanna Newman (manager/director) by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com

ATTITUDE INTERMEDIATE PROGRAMME: Personalities, resilience and choices

Our year 7&8 students will enjoy a workshop from the Attitude Team on Wednesday 2nd March. The Attitude Team is part of The Parenting Place group, and provides energetic programmes to encourage, inspire and equip youth.

This session is about how making positive decisions now will help teenagers develop into someone they can be proud of. Content includes identity, self-esteem, the power of choices, and keys to a fulfilling life.

PRAYER POINTS:

Please pray for us! We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Give thanks for: -

- God's continuing faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community
- Our caring and supportive parent community

Please pray for:-

- Our students as they develop their understanding of Christ-centred Respect
- Our 2021 Year 8 students as they continue to transition into high school
- 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.

2 March	Attitude session Year 7&8
11 March	Y5-8 girls basketball sessions
21 March	Otago Anniversary Day observed
29 March	DCSA Annual Meeting (online)
5 April	HPV vaccination first round
5 April	BoT meeting 7pm (online)
14 April	Last day of term 1

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.

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

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 from which you receive school emails.



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

2021 END OF YEAR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: all students in years 1-8

READING	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVED	ABOVE
	9%	59%	32%
WRITING	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVED	ABOVE
	13%	68%	19%
MATHEMATICS	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVED	ABOVE
	11%	62%	27%

This end of year data on reading, writing and mathematics shows our positive level of student achievement.



'Twosday' on Tuesday 2 February (22/2/22) resulted in some fun via Mrs Jones as she found tutus for most of the staff!

22/2/22 is a palindrome date, meaning it reads the same forward and backward. It has nothing at all to do with tutus apart from a play on words!



Room 3 children enjoying a large ball skills session this week.



Room 6 children enjoying a PE session this week.

NOTICES FROM OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

THE PARENTING PLACE

The Parenting Place online has lots of resources to support parenting right through all the ages and stages.

<https://parentingplace.nz/>

NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering

The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**

PARENTING COURSE



- *Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child*
- *Do you feel you have lost touch with your child*
- *Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result*

TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME



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