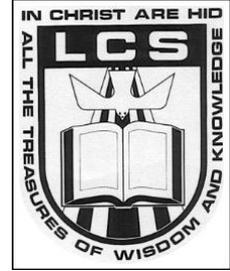


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 6
Friday 11 March 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau

This term is going by so quickly! Here we are at the halfway mark and we give thanks to God for the positive and stable time we have had in the RED setting so far. This solid foundation to the beginning of the first term is a tangible blessing and will support us when covid-19 becomes prevalent in our school community.

In September, the triennial Board of Trustees elections will take place. Our board of trustees is made up of elected parent representatives, two teaching staff members, and representatives from our proprietor the Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA). All the parent representative positions are elected every three years. If you are interested in finding out more about serving on the board and would consider putting yourself forward for nomination, please talk to a board of trustees member. Your current parent representatives are Nicole Klemetson, Craig Grounds, Kelby Smith-Han and Daryl Schwenke. The DCSA representatives are Jan Jopson, Paul Copland and Campbell Paton.

Kelby Smith-Han has recently been elected as our new Board of Trustees chair. Daryl Schwenke has served on the board in this role for the last three years. We are thankful for Daryl's service and ongoing commitment to Christian education and our school.

Another wonderful way to serve our school is by supporting our proprietor, the Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA). We would not be here as a school community if it were not for the vision God laid on the hearts of our founders who formed the DCSA. The DCSA continues to play a vital 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 upheld. The special character of our 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 our capital expenditure projects, paid for by attendance dues. 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.

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



Senior students enjoying the court as soon as the rain eased!

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 king. 1 Peter 2v17

BASKETBALL TERMS 2 AND 3: MANAGERS / COACHES / REFEREE TRAINING

We have received the initial information for the basketball season which gets underway from the 12 May. In the first instance we will need parent managers/coaches to support us to field teams in years 3-8. The manager role is to attend the game each week, support the team throughout the game and organise subs. The Edgar Stadium provides referees.

Please consider if you would be available. Basketball notices will be issued next week.

If you or a high school aged member of your family is interested in refereeing, there is a notice at the end of this newsletter on a referee course coming up.

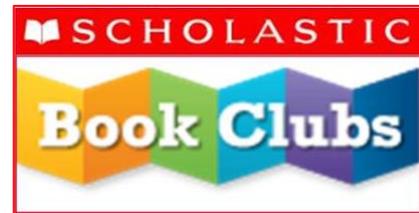
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A new book club issue has been sent home with students. Our school library receives free books valued at 20% on all purchases.

Thank you for your support, Jayne Schwenke, Parent Co-ordinator

Ordering is easy: due 18 March

- mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz. Click on 'order now' & enter school name.
- Or use the Scholastics Book Club Loop App
- Or return the order form to the office



VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

The Vision and Hearing technician plans to visit our school on Thursday 17 March. This visit is to test all Year 7 students for distance vision and a small number of new entrants for vision and hearing. *If you do not want your Y7 child to be screened please complete an opt-out slip available at the office.*

HONEY FUNDRAISER:

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

Please have your order in by 31 March to the office or email Karen.

Online payment to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11 8337 0088665 11



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.

- Staff Appraisals and Development
- Smoke and Drug Free
- Attendance

They will be discussed at the board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5 April.



RIGHT: Beyblades are very popular with the junior boys this term.

SICKNESS, ABSENCE AND COVID-19

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.

***From tonight, the self-isolation time has been reduced.** Confirmed COVID-19 cases and their household members must self-isolate for **seven** 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) **who were likely to be contagious at school** to help families be vigilant in watching for symptoms.*

When your family is required to self-isolate we will offer 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.

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, details to be confirmed. Members and friends of the school are encouraged to attend as we reflect on and celebrate together the previous year of work and achievement.

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
- How well our students are managing in the RED CPF

Please pray for:-

- Our students as they develop their understanding of Christ-centred Respect
- Families who are impacted by illness
- 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.

17 March	Hearing and Vision technician at school
21 March	Otago Anniversary Day observed
29 March	DCSA Annual Meeting
5 April	HPV vaccination first round
5 April	BoT meeting 7pm
14 April	Last day of term 1

NOTICES FROM
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SCHOOL

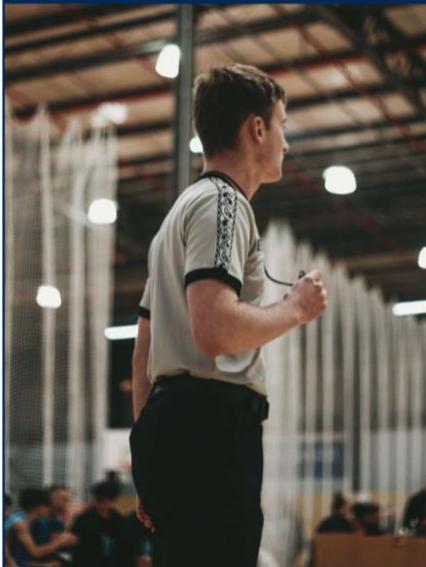


KIWI HOOPS REFEREE COURSE

WHERE? EDGAR CENTRE

WHEN? TUESDAY 22ND MARCH
2022, 4PM - 6PM //
SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2022,
10:30AM - 12:30PM

WHO? ANYONE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO START REFEREEING
IN 2022



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Ordinary people doing extraordinary things *Become a caregiver*

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Quality training and support
are provided

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