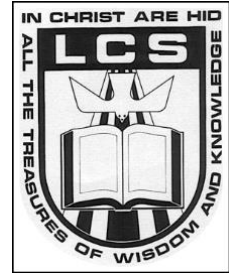


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 10  
Friday 8 April 2022

Dear Parents and Whānau

It is hard to believe how fast this term is going by! We have really appreciated your support, prayers, and encouraging words as we have navigated the Covid-19 pandemic RED CPF setting this term. We hope next term will have fewer restrictions and we can do more of the activities and events we are missing. In it all we see God's faithfulness to us. He has been our refuge and strength at all times.

Next Thursday, for the last day of term, our Year 8 Leaders have announced a dress up day to finish the term with some extra fun. The theme is to dress up in one colour (mostly). So it could be a book or movie character, a fruit or object. Really anything will work!

Our Year 8 students will attend the World Vision Youth Conference being held in Dunedin on Thursday 5 May. We hope they will be inspired to create change and have a passion for justice as they learn more about global inequality. They will hear from inspiring speakers and participate in thought-provoking interactive sessions. A separate notice with more information will be sent to Year 8 families.

We are booked into Moana Pool for swimming sessions next term. A google form will be circulated early next term with more information and a request for parent help.

We hope you have a blessed Easter and refreshing term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 2 May.

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



Room 2 is pleased to welcome Hector as a new entrant to the class. Hector is pictured in the centre alongside classmates Amos and Sophie.



## Food Bank

### Donations

One can of food can make a huge difference

Lend a helping hand



Drop of to Liberton Christian School foyer week 10 (4-8 April)

\* Soap bars and cans of vegetables are greatly appreciated.

## Term 2 Value Focus: Compassion

Love expressed through Compassion – A willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer; forgiveness.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God reveals himself as compassionate
- When we fail to be compassionate toward others it is often because we are so focussed on ourselves.
- In God's word, He calls us to clothe ourselves with compassion as we relate to others.

Biblical Illustrations:

Cities of Refuge Numbers 35; Deuteronomy 19:1-4

Care of widows James 1; 1 Timothy 5

Joseph with brothers Genesis 37, 42-46

Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

Prodigal Son Luke 15:11

Jesus our ULTIMATE example

The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. Psalm 116:5

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. 2 Corinthians 1:3*



Ruma Ono has been learning about ANZAC Day. They have created this beautiful Anzac poster. Each student had an A4 page to colour, then Mrs Copland put them all together. They have also made some Poppy art work.

## WINTER SPORTS: NETBALL AND BASKETBALL

We have enough interest to enter three basketball teams (Years 3-8) and one Year 7&8 netball team. We are confirming team managers and will be in touch with families soon.

## PRINCIPAL SABBATICAL:

Next term I have been granted a sabbatical and our school will be in the excellent care of Mr Peacock as acting principal and our dedicated staff team. Mrs Jones will release Mr Peacock from his class most mornings. Miss Rochelle Wiseman will work with Miss Neill in Room 2 during my absence. Mrs Bennington will be acting deputy principal.

If you need to contact me directly during term 2 please use [fionas@libertonchristian.school.nz](mailto:fionas@libertonchristian.school.nz)

The [principal@libertonchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@libertonchristian.school.nz) email will be answered by Mr Peacock alongside his own [grantp@libertonchristian.school.nz](mailto:grantp@libertonchristian.school.nz)

## SCHOOL APP:

We the school App called Edge. We will send out occasional short notice reminders and cancelations 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.

## FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS:

We are a nut free school. This includes peanuts and all tree nuts and related products, eg: peanut butter, Nutella, nut snack bars.

We have children with a range of other food allergies or low tolerances that we manage within the school.

## HONEY FUNDRAISER:

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

Please have your order in by 24 May to the office, or email Karen.

Online payment to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11 8337 0088665 11



## DENTAL CLINIC CONTACT DETAILS:

If you have any concerns about your child's dental health, please contact:

Donna van der Hurk, Administrator Clinics, Faculty of Dentistry

Phone: 479 7189 or email [donna.vanderhurk@otago.ac.nz](mailto:donna.vanderhurk@otago.ac.nz)

Please let Karen know at the office if you are taking your child/ren to the dentist as the Dental School are not notifying us as we do not have the bus service in the RED CPF setting.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS:

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday 5 April. Kelby Smith-Han was welcomed as our new Presiding Member (new term for Chairperson). It was noted that the board of trustees elections have been postponed to September due to the covid-19 pandemic.

Two curriculum reports were presented in the areas of mathematics and science. The reports showed the high quality of teaching and learning happening in these areas and the positive achievement of our students.

A separate email has been circulated on behalf of the Board of Trustees regarding the filling of a casual vacancy on the board.



**LEFT:** Villie, Acacia and Euni travelled to the supermarket this week as part of the Room 5 class Bible learning on Lent. They completed a mathematics task to meet a set budget.

The class has been learning about Lent and how this often involves 'giving up' or 'taking up' something to help focus our minds as we approach Easter. The class decided to do a food bank drive as it is well known that food banks continue to experience very high demand during the pandemic. The class has also delivered the Hope Project Easter booklets around the school area.

Next week our Year 8 leaders will distribute an Easter card and small gift to our school neighbours.



Ruma rima with the food bank items collected so far. Non-perishable items can be delivered to school up until Monday morning next week.

#### **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
- God's protection and care over those who are sick
- The Board of Trustees and their work to govern the school

Please pray for:-

- Our faithful school staff to have a refreshing term break
- Families who are impacted by illness and self-isolation for covid
- Food banks as they struggle to meet the growing need in the 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.

14 April Dress up day  
Last day of term 1

## TERM 2 2022 CALENDAR

2 May First day of term 2  
5 May World Vision Youth Conference (Year 8's to attend)  
19 May Bob Bickerton (musician) presentation  
17 May Board of Trustees meet  
20 May Elgregoe  
26 May Swimming #1 @ Moana Pool  
31 May NYLD (Year 8's to attend)  
2 June Swimming #2 @ Moana Pool  
6 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
9 June Swimming #3 @ Moana Pool  
16 June Swimming #4 @ Moana Pool  
21 June EPro8 Year 5&6 competition  
22 June EPro8 Year 7&8 competition  
23 June Swimming #5 @ Moana Pool  
24 June Matariki Public Holiday  
28 June Board of Trustees meet  
1 July World Vision Famine weekend  
8 July Last day of term 2

## SICKNESS, ABSENCE AND COVID-19

We continue to have a small number of families in self isolation due to covid. Our thoughts and prayers are with them each day.

- 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.

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 Wild Dunedin Festival has over 100 events celebrating nature during the April school holidays including deals on albatross and penguin tours, boat trips, surfing lessons and the Resistance Climbing Gym. Many events are for children and most are free.

Here's a link to the Festival programme where you can find out what's on and make bookings.

[Programme](#)

A poster for 'The Secret Path' art scavenger hunt. The left side shows a colorful, hand-drawn sign with the words 'The Secret Path' in a stylized font, attached to a tree. The right side is a yellow box with black text: 'An interactive art scavenger hunt by Tini Whetū ki te Rangi Find the secret passphrase to unlock your reward! Saturday 16 April to Saturday 30 April dunedindreambrokerage.nz/the-secret-path'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'THE PLATFORM PROJECT ART THAT REIMAGINES YOUR RETAIL PRECINCT', 'dunedin dream brokerage', and 'Totally Georgious DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL | Southern Aotearoa | Otepoti'.

### Are you ready to bring more awesome to the world?

We have a long and successful history of teaching girls' skills like confidence and resilience, while they make new friends.

We have space for Pippins (5-6yrs), Brownies (7-9.5yrs), and Guides (9-12.5yrs) to join us in Term 2 - come meet your team today, with groups in **Opoho, Waverly, Halfway Bush, Mosgiel, Palmerston** and **Port Chalmers** there is a new group of friends waiting to meet you.

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>

A collage of images promoting Girl Guiding NZ. It features several photos of girls in various activities: kayaking, climbing, and socializing. Text overlays include 'JOIN US', 'RESILIENCE', 'FUN', 'ADVENTURE', 'FRIENDSHIP', 'CONFIDENCE', 'TEAMWORK', and 'REGISTER YOUR DAUGHTER TODAY!'. The Girl Guiding NZ logo is in the top left, and the website 'GIRLGUIDINGNZ.ORG.NZ' is in the bottom right.