LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4 Friday 11 November 2022



Dear Parents and Whānau,

November brings a sense of imminent change for many of our students as they anticipate moving up a year level soon and possibly changing classroom, teacher or school. Most of these things are exciting for our students, which is lovely to see. Our teaching staff are also in the midst of preparing the end of year school report for each student, which does require a higher level of focus on assessment for everyone. We know that many of our students take this in their stride, and you may not have even heard about it! For some students, it is a little stressful. Please remember our 'open door policy' and keep in good contact with your child's teacher if you have a question or concern about any aspect of their learning or development. 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.

Last week we had an Education Review Office (ERO) review officer working in our school for two days. The review process has changed significantly since our last review in 2018. These days ERO has a new approach called Te Ara Huarau, an improvement evaluation approach used in most State and State Integrated Schools. ERO works alongside a school to develop a profile report that includes the strategic priorities for the next three years. ERO then supports the school as much or as little as is needed to implement the strategic and annual plan. A final report is produced after a three year period. The first part of this process has gone very well and we expect to have our profile report signed off and on the ERO website soon. Thank you to everyone who upheld us in prayer throughout this time.

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

Finally, we had the chance to enjoy ice blocks for everyone today. This was to celebrate the success of our school production 'Saved by the Book' at the end of last term.

The Year 8 Leaders enjoyed handing them out as a surprise.





TERM 4 VALUE: DUTY

Love expressed through Duty – a willingness to do what is right, what you ought to do.

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:13

2023 NEW ENTRANT VISITS TO ROOM 2

New entrants who commence at school on Tuesday 31 January, the first day of Term 1 2023, are scheduled to visit Room 2 on Tuesday 6 December and Thursday 8 December between 8.45am and 1.00pm. We look forward to welcoming our new students.

PARENT FORUM – TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

1.30pm Friday 25 November, in the staffroom: An opportunity to join an open conversation about the changes, opportunities and challenges the transition to high school may bring for you as a parent and for your child. You are welcome to attend if you have a child going to high school soon, or if you have been through this transition as a parent, please come and share your experience and wisdom.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

Thank you for helping keep all students safe at the school gate at 3pm, by not parking on the yellow lines or over the main gate area. The Dunedin City Council have scheduled major safety improvements to the Hillary Street and Pine Hill Road intersection, which will improve the road safety when they are finally completed.

We continue to remind our junior children (Years 1-4) that they must not leave the school grounds without an adult or older sibling alongside them.

SAVED BY THE BOOK VIDEO LINK https://youtu.be/39TsfPopdJY

You are welcome to share the link with family and friends but we do ask that it is not shared on social media or public platforms to respect the privacy of all involved.

NORTH ZONE ATHLETICS DAY @ THE CALEDONIAN GROUND

Congratulations to our competitors who attended the recent North Zone Athletics Day. Ruby, Isabelle, Ava, Jude and Judah have qualified to attend the Otago Athletics competition next week.

RIPPA RUGBY



LEFT: LCS Liberton Panthers Year 5&6 team. They are enjoying their weekly game at the Edgar Stadium.

BASKETBALL SHIRTS MISSING

We are missing two LCS basketball shirts. #8 small and #10 medium. We would love to get these back if possible.

LOGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL (LPHS) JUNIOR PRODUCTION

We have booked to take the whole school to the Logan Park High School Junior Production on 29 November. We hope to see some of our past students on the stage! We will travel via bus, leaving at 9.10am to LPHS, returning back to school for morning tea after the show.

LCS FRIDAY COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Parents and whānau are all very welcome to attend our Friday assemblies. It is a great way to see what is happening at school! Each week three classes share from their recent learning and one class selects the assembly leaders. We are led in song by our band and choir made up of year 5-8 students. We would love to see you there!

Special events coming up in assembly:

Week 7: Thank you assembly
Week 8: No assembly due to camp

Week 9: Graduation assembly (Wednesday 14 December)

Includes the Room 2 Nativity play

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

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 4 November to the office, or email Karen. Online payment to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11 8337 0088665 11



TOILET PAPER FUNDRAISER:



\$20 per pack of 45 rolls. Cash at the office or online payment to: 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 consultation. Please contact Fiona or a board of trustees' member if you would like to make suggests or discuss a policy further.

- ✓ Special Educational Needs
- ✓ Harassment
- ✓ EOTC

They will be discussed at the next board meeting.

SCHOOL APP

We are using our 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 from which you receive school emails.

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
- A positive ERO review where the heart of the school was recognised
- Our faithful teaching and support staff

Please pray for:-

- Our students to grow in their understanding of what it means to be dutiful before God
- Our teachers and students as assessment and report writing is completed over the next few weeks
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

MANA KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME

After school care will be back from Monday 30 January 2023 at Pine Hill School. This service is available to whānau from Pine Hill School and Liberton Christian School only. The service provider is Mana Kids. You can enrol now or make an enquiry at www.manaafterschoolcare.com The programme is called 'Pine Hill Mana'. If you have questions please contact the manager/director Johanna Newman by emailing mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com

TERM 4 SCHOOL CALENDAR https://www.libertonchristian.school.nz/calendar/

15 Nov Otago Athletics Day

24/25 NovSt John First Aid courses all classes29 NovLPHS Junior Production all classes

Minecraft Tournament Y8 boys group

1 Dec St Marks Christmas service with Pine Hill School

5-9 Dec LCS Y6-8 Summer Camp

5 Dec Rippa finals

14 Dec LCS Graduation and afternoon tea 1.30pm

End of year reports

15 Dec Last day of Term 4

TERM 1 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

31 January First day of term 1 6 February Waitangi Day

16 February Beach Education Years 5-8
 27 February Attitude session Year 7&8
 20 March Otago Anniversary Day
 6 April Last day of term 1



The lovely Room 2 class.

