LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6 Friday 25 November 2022 Dear Parents and Whānau,



Jude won 1st place in high jump and 3rd place in shotput. Isabelle was 3rd in high jump, and Judah placed 3rd in the sprint and 6th in long jump. This was a super effort and outcome for these successful athletes.

Congratulations to our Otago Athletics Champions!

The Room 5 bake sale was a great success. They raised over \$300 which will go to support children of former refugees living in Dunedin. The Year 7&8's have another fundraiser planned for next week that includes dressing up and/or wacky hair day with face painting for a gold coin donation. It is wonderful to see their response to learning resulting in real action to help others.

The last three weeks of this term are very full with activities. Please keep an eye on the school calendar plus note the additional information in this newsletter about many of the events.

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



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS AND A PRAYER REQUEST

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA), our proprietor, with the Board of Trustees (BOT), has recently submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Ministry of Education to increase our maximum roll cap. If the EOI is supported by the local Ministry of Education office it will go to the Wellington office to be considered by the Minister for Education.

Our school has a roll cap of 110 students. With the addition of the junior block in 2021 we have the capacity to enrol up to 140 students with our current facilities. Both the DCSA and BOT have the vision to serve more families in Christian education.

We ask you to join us in prayer for the EOI to be successful. Our school is funded to operate five classrooms. The BOT is funding the sixth classroom using capital reserves we are blessed to have available for 2023. Ultimately we need to gain a roll cap increase to keep operating six classes as this additional expenditure is not within our financial means for the long term.

TERM 4 VALUE: DUTY

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

Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king. 1 Peter 2 :17

LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

At our Leadership Assembly on Friday 11 November we presented awards to acknowledge leadership and service to our school. Junior Leadership Awards: Emily Klemetson, Logan Gray Senior Leadership Awards: Villie Steenkamp, Nico Smith-Han, Devon Nicoll Diligence Award: Euni Lee Drama/Arts Award: Betka Bartonová Sports Leadership: Johann Shotbolt, Oliver Kupenga

LOGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL (LPHS) JUNIOR PRODUCTION

We have booked to take the whole school to the Logan Park High School Junior Production on Tuesday 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.

ST MARK'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The whole school will attend a Christmas service with Pine Hill School at St Mark's Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 1 December. During the service our school will lead a Christmas song and Room 2 will present a Nativity Play. Parents are welcome to join us for the service.



THANK YOU ASSEMBLY

Our Thank You assembly will be held on Friday 2 December commencing at 2.30pm. This assembly is an opportunity to thank our parents and volunteers who have helped in various ways over a term or the year. We also present leaving certificates to students not returning for 2023 in Years 1-7.

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.

YEAR 9 RETURN DAY

2021 Year 8 graduates are invited to return for a half day on Monday 13 December. The morning session will include a meeting with Fiona and sharing their high school transition experiences with our 2022 graduates.

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY AND COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA

Our graduation assembly will commence at 1.30pm on Wednesday 14 December. This is a whole community event. Our Year 8 graduates will present their farewell speeches and receive their graduation certificate. Our Year 1/NE students will present their Nativity Play. Afterwards there will be afternoon tea in the hall for whānau and an ice block outside for students and younger siblings.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently preparing children's 2022 School Reports. These will be emailed directly to families on Wednesday 14 December. You can request a printed copy of the report by completing this form at <u>https://bit.ly/LCSchoolReport22</u>. Printed reports will be available for collection from the school office after school on Wednesday 14 December.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FROM EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Year 5-8 University of Canterbury Kiwi Competitions and/or the Spelling Bee Competition.

The Kiwi Competition grades are generated by the University of Canterbury based on results throughout the country. Our students' results compare well with the national averages for their year groups.

English, Maths, Science, Spelling Bee Grade Percentiles

Achieved \geq 50 <75 Merit \geq 75 <90 Excellence \geq 90 <99.5 Distinction \geq 99.5

English

Achieved: Noah, Ava, Grace, Jonah, Amos, Judah, Logan, Emily, Nico Merit: Asher, Rachel, Johann Excellence: Daniel

Maths

Achieved: An Xin, Noah, Malie, Nico, Villie Merit: Rachel

Excellence: Judah, Logan, Austin

Science

Achieved: Asher Distinction: Alexander

Spelling

Achieved: Grace, Rachel, Jonah, Acacia, Ruby Merit: Amos, Noah, Nico

University of Otago Mathematics Problem Challenge Results:

Merit: Judah, Ruby, Nico, Johann, Olly, Villie Excellence: Rachel, Austin, Logan \$25 University Book Shop voucher for very high score among National results for Year 7 - Logan

HONEY FUNDRAISER:

Orders are being taken at the office for the popular Pure Taieri Honey. Please have your order in by 2 December 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.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING ITEMS:



We have a small selection of Christmas gifts available for purchase inside the main entrance door. 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.

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 <u>www.manaafterschoolcare.com</u> The programme is called 'Pine Hill Mana'. If you have questions, please contact the manager/director Johanna Newman by emailing <u>mana.afterschool.care@gmail.com</u>

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 events and activities happening in the next three weeks
- The work of the DCSA and BOT members as they support the school Please pray for:-





- The Year 6-8 summer camp
- Our Year 8 students as they prepare to graduate
- The application to increase our maximum roll from 110 to 140
- Protection over our school property as we have experienced some vandalism recently
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders

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

29 Nov	LPHS Junior Production all classes
	Minecraft Tournament Y8 boys group
1 Dec	St Marks Christmas service with Pine Hill School
2 Dec	Thank you assembly 2.30pm
5-9 Dec	LCS Y6-8 Summer Camp
5 Dec	Rippa finals
6 Dec	2023 NE visit to Room 2
	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.15pm in the staffroom
8 Dec	2023 NE visit to Room 2
9 Dec	Farm Fun Day
	No Friday assembly
12 Dec	Year 9 Return Day
14 Dec	LCS Graduation and afternoon tea 1.30pm
	End of year reports
15 Dec	Last day of Term 4 / Gifts to neighbours / clean up day

TERM 1 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

30 January Teacher Only Day (Structured Literacy focus) 11.30am-1.00pm New entrant orientation visit (all levels) This opportunity is to facilitate new students to meet their teacher and see their classroom before commencing on Tuesday.

31 Jan First day of term 1
6 Feb Waitangi Day
16 Feb Beach Education Years 5-8
27 Feb Attitude session Year 7&8
20 Mar Otago Anniversary Day
6 Apr Last day of term 1



RIGHT: The Bake Sale

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The garden on the bank is starting to get scruffy. If you have gardening skills and a little time, we would love to have a small group of parents help keep us looking smart. Please see Fiona if you can help.

COUNTDOWN FARM BRICKS

If you happen to shop at Countdown and are not collecting the Farm Bricks Collectibles for your own family, the Junior classes can make use of them. The Junior classes are learning about farming and the Bricks will be used to support the learning programme. Bricks can be left at the office or with Miss Neill.

CLASS PHOTOS

Order envelopes are due back by Thursday 1 December.

OUTSIDE ADVERTISEMENTS:

CHRISTMAS TREES SALE FOR OXFAM - \$20

Freshly cut, long lasting Christmas trees will be sold all day on Saturday 17th and Sunday the 18th of December, outside the Botanic Gardens, opposite the Gardens New World car park.

All proceeds go to improving access to safe water and sanitation in the Pacific, as part of the Oxfam Water for Survival Programme.

Trees sold are thinnings from sustainable forestry.





DECEMBER 15th + 16th DECEMBER 19th, 20th + 21st HALF DAY: 9AM - 12:30PM FULL DAY: 9AM - 3PM



REGISTER NOW

For more information contact <u>Alex@footballsouth.co.nz</u>

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFER AVAILABLE