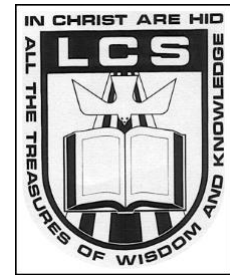


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 10 February 2023
Term 1 Week 2



Dear Parents and Whānau

We have enjoyed a very positive start to the school year and look forward to a term of wonderful learning opportunities and experiences.

A very warm welcome to our new students and families. We are delighted to have you join the Liberton community and we pray you continue to settle in well.

This week our teaching staff enjoyed connecting with you through the Meet the Teacher group information sessions and individual conferences. The focus of these first parent/teacher information meetings is to establish a positive working relationship between home and school, promoting a shared understanding of the expectations and routines of the class programme. Whether a child is working at the expected level, or achieving above or below expectations, we want to help you support your child's learning as knowledgeably as possible. The importance and influence of parents to a child's learning should not be underestimated. We value open and positive home and school relationships and I encourage you to keep regular contact with your child's teacher throughout the year to ensure the best success for their learning. 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.

We would love you to join us at the school BYO picnic on Friday 17 February from 5pm at school to welcome everyone to the new school year. It will be a good opportunity to connect again and enjoy a time of informal fellowship together. Ice blocks will be provided for the children.

Serving Christ together
Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore



LEFT: Welcome to our new entrants into Room 2 Alexa, Indie, Judah, Isaiah and Liam.

RIGHT: Welcome Allen Y6, Abigail Y4 and Samuel Y6.

For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth. Psalm 47

TERM 1 VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY

Love expressed through **Responsibility** –A willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own conduct and behaviour.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is the just God, the law giver and the one who will judge the law. It is to Him we are ultimately responsible.
- We know that there is nothing hidden from our Just Heavenly Father and that He will call us to account for even our thoughts and attitudes.
- As we live before God and men we can take responsibility by being accountable for our own conduct.
- We can seek to be more trustworthy.
- We can seek to be more self-controlled.

Biblical illustrations around Responsibility:

Joseph, Moses, David, Paul, Esther, Jesus is our ultimate example.

I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

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

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Thursday 2nd March.

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office, before our visit.



NEWS FROM THE DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PLUS 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 a 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.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY: NEW TIME

Most Friday afternoons we host a community assembly at 2.20pm. It is a great way to see what is happening at school! Each week three classes share from their recent learning and one class provides 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!

INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

Occasionally there is some confusion around school payments as we have two bank accounts for different purposes, and the Liberton Fundraisers have their own account.

Attendance dues are paid to the Dunedin Christian Schools Association bank number 02 0908 0114307 00

All other school payments (stationery, sports fees, etc) are made to the Board of Trustees account number 02 0908 0263142 00

Liberton Fundraisers (fundraising purchases, eg: honey) account number 11 8337 0088665 11



TOILET PAPER FUNDRAISER:

There is a small number of packs left!

\$20 per pack of 45 rolls (seconds).

Cash at the office or online payment to:

Liberton Fundraisers' account 11 8337 0088665 11.

PRAYER POINTS:

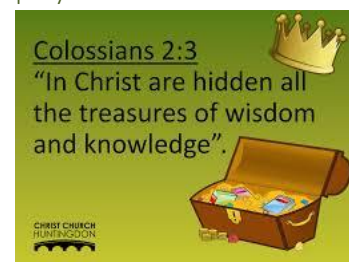
Please pray for us! We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Give thanks for: -

- Our returning and new students and families
- God's faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community

Please pray for:-

- Our 2022 Year 8 graduates and other leavers as they transition into new schools
- Our new students and families to settle well into our school community
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders
- Our MRI application to increase the roll cap



TERM 1 RIPPA RUGBY SEASON

Please return the expression of interest forms to the office by Monday morning so we can enter teams for the competition that commences on Monday 20 February.

FUTSAL (INDOOR SOCCER)

We are exploring joining the Schools Futsal competition. More information will follow.

FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS

The Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata initiative is available to all state and state-integrated schools and kura in New Zealand. Research shows that the average age young people start menstruating is decreasing. As a result, access to period products is needed in primary and intermediate as well as secondary schools.

LCS has signed up to this government initiative and will soon have free period products available for our students. Please let Bronwyn know if you would like your daughter to benefit from this offer so we can make sure we order the right amount of product.



Year 7 students experiencing their first Technology session at DNI this week. The boys were in Digital Tech and the girls in Food Tech. They will rotate through four different tech areas over the year.



TERM 1 2023 CALENDAR: website <http://www.libertonchristian.school.nz/calendar/>

- 14 February BoT meeting 7.15pm in the staffroom
- 16 February Beach Education EOTC Years 5-8
- 17 February School BYO Picnic 5pm
- 20 February HPV information meeting 2.45pm in the staffroom
- 27 February Attitude session Y7&Y8
- 2 March Vision screening Y7
- 10 March Y5-8 girls football at Logan Park Turf
- No Friday assembly
- 13-15 March Orokonui Ecosanctuary EOTC all classes
- 28 March HPV first round
- DCSA Annual Meeting
- 29 March Physical Activity Leaders (PAL's) training Y8
- 3 April EPro8 interschool competition Y7&Y8
- 4 April EPro8 interschool competition Y5&Y6
- 6 April Last day of term 1