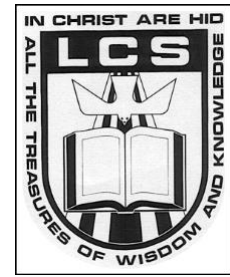


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 24 February 2023
Term 1 Week 4

Dear Parents and Whānau

Two more busy and productive weeks of school have whizzed by! Lots of good learning is happening at school, both in and out of the classrooms. We are grateful for the rain this week which will make our grass green again.

Thank you very much to parents and whānau of year 5-8 students who joined in for Beach Education last week. The day went well and the weather was settled enough for our students to enjoy the beach and get into the water. With the number of fatalities and near misses in our coastal waters, this learning experience is an important part of the outdoor education programme.

The term 1 rippa season is off to a good start. Thank you to the parents who volunteer as team managers. We are thankful for your great work courtside every Monday afternoon. A member of the teaching staff will also attend each week to provide support and cheer on our teams.

Pop in and Pray is happening in the staffroom at 2pm every Friday before assembly. See Megan Spence or Sally Mangai for more information. We are grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Serving Christ together
Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore



It was a super crowd who made it along for our community picnic last Friday. It was a really enjoyable evening of fellowship and reconnecting. Our year 8 students gave out over 100 ice blocks to the children and young people! It is always lovely to catch up with past graduates who come along too.

TERM 1 VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

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.



INTRODUCING TWO OF OUR RIPPA TEAMS



LEFT: Liberton Lightning our year 7&8 rippa team. They had just finished their game on Monday afternoon which had been full-on and very fast! The score was 12-9 to Balmac. These guys all played a full game without any subs! Thank you to Mrs Klemetson for managing the team.



RIGHT: Liberton Panthers, our year 5&6 rippa team. They enjoyed a great first game on Monday against BGP. There were plenty of good runs and tries with the score 12-1 to Liberton. Thank you Mrs Huang and Mrs Schwenke for managing the team.

HONEY FUNDRAISER:

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

Please have your order in by 7 March to the office or email Karen.

Online payment to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11 8337 0088665 11



THE DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) is holding its annual meeting on Tuesday 28 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom at school. Members and friends of the school are encouraged to attend as we reflect on and celebrate together the previous year of work and achievement. The DCSA plays a crucial 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 up-held. The special character of the 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, e.g. in 2022 they fixed the basement water issue, replaced the junior playground matting and resurfaced the front area of the school.

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.

DCSA ATTENDANCE DUES CONTACT DETAILS

If you have a question about your attendance dues or invoice, please contact the DCSA treasurer via email: DCSAtreasurer@libertonchristian.school.nz

DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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.



BEACH EDUCATION

PRAYER POINTS:

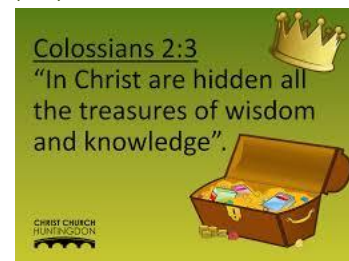
Please pray for us! We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Give thanks for: -

- God's faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The many learning opportunities and activities our students have to enjoy
- The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community

Please pray for:-

- Our new students and families to continue to settle well into our school community
- Our MRI application to increase the roll cap
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders



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

27 February	Dental clinic visits resume Attitude session (friendship factor) Y7&Y8
1 March	Early pick up 12.30-1.00pm for Teacher's Paid Union Meeting
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
20 March	Otago Anniversary Day – Public Holiday
28 March	HPV first round DCSA Annual Meeting
29 March	Physical Activity Leaders (PAL's) training Y8
31 March	Special Friday assembly 1.30pm
3 April	EPro8 interschool competition Y7&Y8
4 April	EPro8 interschool competition Y5&Y6
6 April	Last day of term 1

NOTIFICATION OF PAID UNION MEETING

NZEI, the teacher's union, has given notice that a paid union meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st March at 1.30pm at the Regent Theatre. Our teaching staff will be attending the meeting. Please make arrangements to pick up your child/ren between 12:30 – 1:00pm next Wednesday.

If you are not able to pick up your child/ren early, please reply to admin@libertonchristian.school.nz by 5pm Monday 27 February, so we can organise appropriate supervision arrangements.

ROAD SAFETY AT OUR GATE

Please do not pick up or drop off immediately in front of our school gate or on the yellow lines, as this could endanger a child who needs to cross the road.



DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic service is resuming on Monday 27 February. We are part of the dental school training programme which means that our students are seen by student dental technicians under the supervision of fully qualified dental teachers. This also means that our students are provided with transport to and from the dental school, accompanied by a dental student.

You can opt out of this service by choosing a different dental provider for your child.

The dental clinic will contact you directly when your child is due for an appointment. Please make sure all forms are completed and handed in to the school office or with your child on the day of a dental appointment. If permission has not been given, children will not be allowed to travel to the clinic.

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