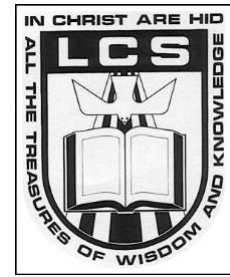


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 10 March 2023  
Term 1 Week 6



*Dear Parents and Whānau*

*Our proprietor, the Dunedin Christian Schools Association with our board of trustees are organising a big celebration to mark the anniversary of the founding of our school in 1982. Because of the restrictions we navigated over the last three years, the fortieth anniversary of the school was not able to be celebrated. We are holding a special assembly and afternoon event on Friday 31 March commencing at 1.30pm to mark the occasion of our school being in its forties. There will be fun for everyone! Please mark the date and share the attached invitation to any of our past students and whānau that you have contact with.*

*We are delighted and very thankful to God that we are able to take the next step in applying to increase our maximum roll, please read the updated information below.*

*This newsletter is filled with information and photos of the many good things happening at school this term. It is hard to keep up with everything! I am reminded again of God's goodness and faithfulness to us, and thankful for our wonderful hard-working staff.*

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34***

*Serving Christ together  
Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards  
Fiona Sizemore*

## **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. **We have great news!** The EOI was accepted and we are now about to take the next step of applying for a Maximum Roll Increase (MRI).

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 MRI application to go smoothly and 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.



### **INTRODUCING MISS HANNAH SMITH**

Kia ora everyone! My name is Hannah Smith, and I am very excited to be a student teacher on practicum at Liberton! I am studying a Masters of Teaching and Learning. For my undergraduate degree I majored in Education and took lots of other interest papers, including maths and Chinese. In my spare time I enjoy cooking, gardening, and making my own clothes. I am part of the Cornerstone Church family.

## 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*

## OROKONUI ECOSANTUARY EOTC



Orokonui is a 307 hectare biodiversity sanctuary near Dunedin. It is home to many threatened species and habitats and has a long term goal to ensure its species and community thrive.

All classes are travelling to Orokonui next week (Monday to Wednesday) to learn more about NZ birds. Notices have been circulated to each class with detailed information of the visit. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who are attending to help with supervision.

## HONEY FUNDRAISER:

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

**Please have your order in by 31 March to the office or email Karen.**

Online payment to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11 8337 0088665 11



## NOTIFICATION OF TEACHER ONLY DAY: TERM 2 MONDAY 24 APRIL

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day on the first day of term 2, Monday 24 April. The day is allocated by the Ministry of Education to give teaching staff dedicated time to understand, prepare for, and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh | Te Mātaiaho. Most schools will be closed on this day. The first day of term 2 for students is Wednesday 26 April, the day after ANZAC Day.

## CHRISTIAN STUDIES WITH JEFF COLEMAN IN ROOM 5

We have welcomed Jeff Coleman back to teach Christian studies in Room 5. He is working with our senior students to develop their concept of worldviews, particularly the predominant worldviews in our culture (secular humanism, postmodernism, new spirituality). We hope the students will be further equipped with a Christian framework as they enter high school. We want them to see there are many good reasons to hold to Jesus and the Christian worldview.

## KOREAN LANGUAGE MODULE



We are pleased to have Ji Hyeon (Sunny) Yang, coming in to teach room 5 students a Korean language module.



Ji Hyeon is part of the Korean Education Centre, who have granted funding to facilitate teaching Korean in schools. We were delighted to access this opportunity for our students.



The EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 25,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part. Students participate in a series of events: firstly within their school and then inter-school. These events are designed to promote science, engineering and problem solving. All of our year 5-8 students had the opportunity to participate in the learning as we are able to hire additional EPro8 boxes for a week.



### STRUCTURED LITERACY UPDATE

We are now three weeks into our new school-wide structured literacy approach to spelling and both teachers and children are becoming familiar with the routines of this programme.

Children have been placed into ability level groups using an assessment that is part of the iDeal Learning Approach (the NZ designed structured literacy programme LCS has adopted). Importantly, this approach prioritises the explicit teaching of spelling concepts/strategies over that of learning a list of words by rote. Children in all classes learn similar concepts using words appropriate to their level. The word lists the children are given to learn at home reinforce the concept being taught at school that week. In many cases, the words at a child's given level will be relatively easy to spell, allowing the child to focus on identifying and applying the concept.

In addition to the homework word list, the children are exposed to other concept-based words in their lessons, including words with irregular spelling patterns. Morphology (modifying base words, often with suffixes and prefixes) and orthographic mapping (the skills involved in recognising words by sight) are also practised at school.

Each level contains a year's worth of concepts and so it is expected children will continue to work in the same class for the year and will be assessed throughout the year to monitor their progress.

Research is demonstrating that a structured literacy approach is very helpful to children with dyslexic tendencies in their learning to read and write. We expect it will enhance all learners' understanding of the complexities of written English as they learn the spelling rules more explicitly.



### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parents who generously donated their 2022 summer camp refund back to school. We have now purchased a new dishwasher for the kitchen which is a blessing to all classes but especially the year 5-8 students who use the kitchen more regularly.

## 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. 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.**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW TERM 2

These policies will be reviewed at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 21 March.

- o Financial Management
- o Treaty of Waitangi
- o Enrolment

These policies are displayed on the notice board at the office. If you would like to comment on or provide feedback on any aspect of these policies, please see Fiona or a board of trustees member.

### PRAYER POINTS:

We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

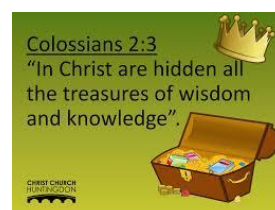
**Our parent prayer group meets at 2pm in the staffroom before Friday assemblies.**

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 graduates of the past five years as they navigate the often challenging years of high school
- 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/>

13-15 March	Orokonui Ecosanctuary EOTC all classes
20 March	Otago Anniversary Day – Public Holiday
21 March	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
28 March	HPV first round DCSA Annual Meeting 7.30pm
29 March	Physical Activity Leaders (PAL's) training Y8's
31 March	<b>Special Friday assembly 1.30pm to celebrate the founding of our school in 1982 to be followed by a fun-filled afternoon for everyone!</b>
3 April	EPro8 interschool competition Y7&Y8
4 April	EPro8 interschool competition Y5&Y6
6 April	Last day of term 1

### TERM 2 CALENDAR:

24 April	<i>Teacher Only Day</i>
25 April	<i>ANZAC Day (Public holiday)</i>
26 April	First day of term 2 for students
27 April	World Vision Youth Conference Y8's Swimming #1
4 May	Swimming #2
11 May	Swimming #3
16 May	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm

17 May Elgregoe show  
 18 May Swimming #4  
 25 May Swimming #5  
 30 May NYLD Y8's (National Young Leaders' Day)  
 20 June Board of Trustees meeting 7pm  
 29-30 June NZACS Teacher Conference (Christian Schools conference)  
 30 June Last day of term 2



**MONARCH BUTTERFLIES**

You may have heard that we have a swan plant (near room 6) at school with several monarch caterpillars happily munching the leaves until they are ready to form a chrysalis and then hatch as a beautiful butterfly. Some haven't made it around the full life cycle but when they do it is very exciting to watch!

**OUTSIDE NOTICES:**



Click on the link for more information [CYC Waihola Camps](#)



**Discovery Club**



**Every Tuesday after school 3:00pm - 5:00pm**

Games • Bible Story • Crafts • Singing • Help with homework Afternoon tea provided	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Children aged 5 -12 Parents Welcome!</b>	<b>Wray Street Youth Hall, 18 Wray St</b>

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