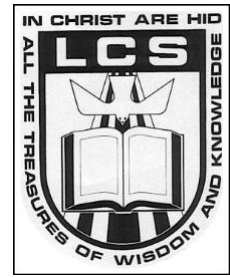


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 24 March 2023
Term 1 Week 8

Dear Parents and Whānau

As Karen and I have looked through the archives in preparation for our 40th Anniversary Celebration, we have been reminded of all that has gone before us at Liberton Christian School. Like many Christian schools that began in the early 1980's, it was a struggle to get going and become established. The first few years were very hard, financially and practically. For the first 18 years parents did most of the cleaning and mowed the field. The school became a state-integrated special character school in October 1999. This heralded a new era for the school. It did not reduce in any way the reliance we have on God to sustain us. Our school is built on the vision, prayer and hard work of many people. It would not be here without the grace and faithfulness of God. What a great occasion to celebrate!

Friday 31 March Programme

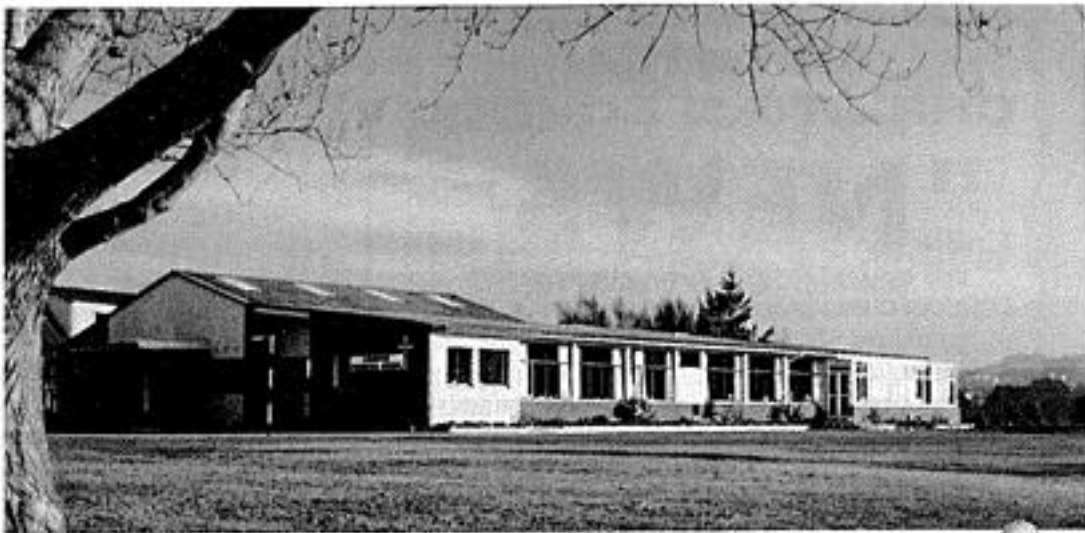
- 1.30pm Special school assembly with guest speakers
- 2.30pm Fun afternoon – bouncy castle obstacle course, popcorn, face painting, ice cream, afternoon tea, relaxed fellowship
- 5.00pm BBQ for everyone (sausage sizzle and salads)

Friends and whānau are welcome to attend for all or part of the programme.

A an amazing display of our history has been created in the hall, so please pop in and give thanks to God for all that He has done to get us to this moment in the school's history.

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

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



Liberton Christian School - Now ten years old.
Photo Graeme Jurgens - 1992

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TEN YEARS OLD ! - ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS -

Bill Lee

THIS YEAR LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL celebrates its tenth birthday but the history of the school extends back to at least June 1978 when an interim Board was established at a public meeting to work on formally establishing the Dunedin Christian Schools Association. After six months work on the structure and constitution of the new organisation, the DCSA was officially established in December 1978. Many of the founding members of the Association remain actively involved. For the first two years the DCSA focused on developing an educational philosophy, encouraging membership from the wider Christian community, raising funds, and looking for a suitable site for a school.

In early 1981 we heard that the Roman Catholic Church was thinking of selling the Rosary School in Pinchill. After examining the facilities, discussions with the membership, and prayerful consideration of the financial responsibilities, the DCSA went ahead with the purchase of the school in August 1981. Acquiring the school was only the beginning. Over the next six months a lot of work was required to improve the facility, find a teacher, develop the school curriculum and meet the requirements for registration with the Department of Education. However, all was achieved, with the official opening of Liberton Christian School in February 1982. Mr Theo Prucha was the first teacher with a roll of 20 pupils. Since then the school has grown considerably, and we now have three teachers and a roll of 64.

This description of the founding and short history of Liberton Christian would be incomplete without record of the hard work and commitment of teachers, parents and members of the Association in supporting the life and work of the school. At times we have struggled together to sustain the school and occasionally we have perhaps found it difficult to believe that we would be able to survive another year. Yet the school is not ours alone. It is part of the Kingdom of God, a place where we work to present, develop and live-out a Christian world and life view that seeks to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ. At times of frustration and anxiety the Lord has graciously met our needs, often in unexpected ways, and challenged us to persevere.

On Sunday the 26th July at 2:00 pm we will be celebrating our tenth anniversary at the school in a worship service that will involve the children. Please join us for this celebration as we thank God together.

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

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.**

THE 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.



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



PRAYER POINTS:

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

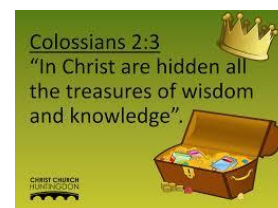
Our parent prayer group meets at 2pm in the staffroom before Friday assemblies.

Give thanks for: -

- God's faithfulness and amazing grace over our school for 40+ years
- 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 40th anniversary celebration event
- 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/>

28 March	HPV first round 11am DCSA Annual Meeting 7.30pm
29 March	Physical Activity Leaders (PAL's) training Y8's Orokonui Visit Room 1 and Room 6
31 March	<i>Special Friday assembly 1.30pm to celebrate the founding of our school in 1982 to be followed by a fun-filled afternoon for everyone!</i>
3 April	EPro8 interschool competition Y7&Y8
4 April	EPro8 interschool competition Y5&Y6
6 April	Easter Service at St Marks Church 10am Last day of term 1

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.

TERM 2 CALENDAR:

24 April	Teacher Only Day
25 April	ANZAC Day (Public holiday)
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

Senior students busy at work in Hard Materials Technology





Liberton Christian School and the DCSA
Invites all past and present students and families



Friday, 31 March 2023
 commencing with a special assembly at 1.30pm,
 continuing to 6:30pm
 catering and child friendly activities provided
 Venue: Liberton Christian School
 See you there



RSVP to admin@libertonchristian.school.nz by Friday 24 March 2023



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

