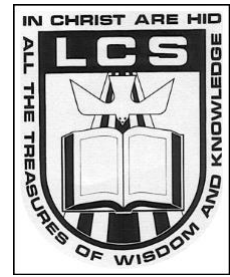


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 3 November 2023
Term 4 Week 4

Dear Parents and Whānau

On Tuesday 24 October our board of trustees met to discuss the governance of the school. They made a significant decision to continue funding our sixth classroom above our operations grant funding for 2024. Having not been successful at this stage in our hope to increase our roll cap, our school remains funded for five classrooms. Whilst this important decision does have financial implications for the budget, the board is committed to providing the best teaching and learning environment possible for our students. The additional classroom allows for lower student numbers in each class across our school. In the new year our proprietor will resume the process of seeking a roll increase.

Another item on the board's agenda was the annual parent survey. Please follow the link here [2023 Parent Survey](#) to provide your feedback and thoughts about our school as we look towards 2024 and beyond. The survey will be open for two weeks.

Thank you for your support and encouragement as we serve in Christian education together.

Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore



Our year 3&4 Futsal teams played against each other at the Edgar Stadium this week!

**Term 4 coaches and managers, we would like to thank you for your service at our
Thank You Assembly on Friday 8 December.**

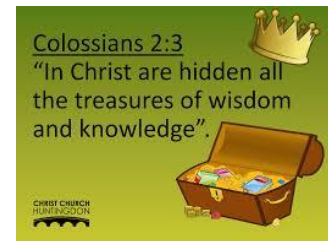


We currently have three Otago University student teachers working alongside us in rooms 3,5 and 6. From left: Miss Amy Wheeldon, Miss Eilish Fright and Miss Marea Te Huia are enjoying their time in our school.

TERM 4 VALUE FOCUS: CONSIDERATION AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS

Love expressed through Consideration and Concern for Others - A willingness to be kind, thoughtful and consider the interest of others before self.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. **Philemon 2:3-4***



USED CHROMEBOOKS AVAILABLE

Since 2018, the learning of our senior students has been supported through the use of Chromebook devices in the classroom. Each child has access to an individual Chromebook. We are beginning a replacement programme this year and for budgeting reasons are upgrading these devices in small quantities. These devices function in a different way from other laptops which means they have extended longevity. They have served us well and still have service to give.

As a result of our replacement programme we have surplus Chromebooks. These devices are still useful, are functioning satisfactorily and would be perfect in homes looking for a secondary device.

If we can bless your family with a Chromebook, [please express your interest by completing this form](#).

PARENT FORUM: TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

1.30pm Friday 24 November, in the staffroom: An opportunity to join an open conversation about the changes, opportunities and challenges the transition to high school may bring for you as a parent and for your child. You are welcome to attend if you have a child going to high school soon, or if you have been through this transition as a parent, please come and share your experience and wisdom.

SCHOOLASTIC BOOKS

We have made Scholastic Books available through our school for many years. Recently it has come to our attention that it is not always obvious in the catalogue that a book is as suitable as it may present. We advise buyer discretion.

Common Sense Media is one of several websites available that provide book and media reviews. <https://www.commonensemedia.org/>

TEACHER ONLY DAY: TERM 4 FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER – SCHOOL CLOSED

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday 17 November. The day is allocated by the Ministry of Education to give teaching staff in every school dedicated time to understand, prepare for, and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh | Te Mātaiaho.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

Thank you for helping keep all students safe at the school gate at 3pm, by not parking on the yellow lines or over the main gate area.

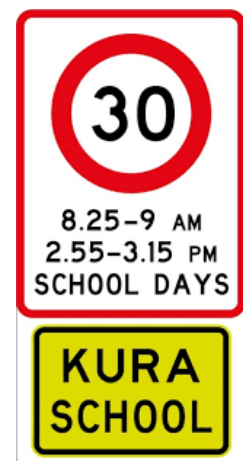
The Dunedin City Council have recently put 30k/m signs on Pine Hill Road creating a school zone around drop off and pick up times.

We hope this is a first step in making the area around our school safer for our ākonga|students.

We continue to remind our junior children (Years 1-4) that they must not leave the school grounds without an adult or older sibling alongside them.

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1	30 January – 12 April
Term 2	29 April – 5 July
Term 3	22 July - 27 September
Term 4	14 October – 16 December



OTAGO PRIMARY TRIATHLON EVENT:

Ruby and Jesse McIlroy competed as individuals in the Dunedin triathlon this week. Ruby came 6th and Jesse 4th. Congratulations and well done to them both.

TERM 4 CALENDAR: [LCS Calendar](#)

7 November	North Zone Athletics No DNI Tech classes
8 November	Room 6 class photo taken
10 November	Leadership and Awards assembly 2.20pm
15 November	Y5&6 Football Challenge
17 November	School closed: Teacher Only Day
22 November	C39 Band and Choir recording session
24 November	Parent Forum: Transition to High School 1.30pm
5 December	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
7 December	St Mark's Christmas Service @ LCS 1.45pm
8 December	Thank You Assembly 2.20pm
14 December	1.30pm Graduation Assembly and afternoon tea Student reports sent out
15 December	Last day of term 4 (clean-up day)



2024 TERM 1 CALENDAR

30 January	First day of term 1
6 February	Waitangi Day
25 March	Otago Anniversary Day
29 March	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
2 April	Easter Tuesday
12 April	Last day of term 1



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 continuing faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The opportunity to play futsal and rippa rugby
- The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community

Please pray for:-

- Our students to grow in their understanding of what it means to show consideration and concern for others
- Our teachers and students as assessment and report writing is completed over the next few weeks
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders



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

AFFORDABLE MUSIC CLASSES

HELD AT OUR SATURDAY MORNING OR AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC CENTRES
LARGELY FUNDED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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Visit our Website: <https://www.smmcotago.nz>

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

A locally operated non-profit organisation, established in 1968, providing very affordable music education in Dunedin and Central Otago.



CLASSICAL

A full spectrum of orchestral instruments across the string, woodwind, brass and percussion families is offered.

LET'S MAKE MUSIC

First musical experience for 5 and 6 year-old children

SINGING

Learn how to use the most portable of instruments - the human voice!

CONTEMPORARY

Choose from a more contemporary style instrument, including guitar, drums, ukulele and saxophone.

ENSEMBLES

A range of ensembles - string, orchestras, ukulele bands and more. You can even join if you're not taking lessons with SMMC.

COME AND SEE WHAT WE OFFER

OPEN DAYS

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER
AFTER SCHOOL

ELMGROVE SCHOOL, MOSGIEL

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER
MORNING

GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL
BATHGATE PARK SCHOOL

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

DUNEDIN

- George Street Normal School
- Bathgate Park School
- Mornington School
- Tainui School

MOSGIEL

- Elmgrove School

CENTRAL OTAGO

- The Terrace School, Alexandra
- Cromwell School, Cromwell

