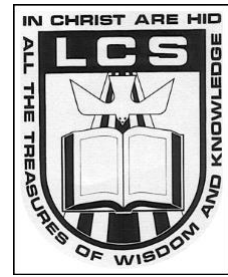


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17 November 2023
Term 4 Week 6



Dear Parents and Whānau

Our final term for the year is going by quickly. Our teachers are busy with end of year assessments and report writing underway, alongside the regular teaching and learning programmes.

Recently we had a group of nineteen students attend the North Zone Athletics event. They all competed well. Congratulations to our three students who qualified to attend the Otago Athletics Champs being held next week. Ruby qualified in the U13 discus, Davi in U10 60m sprint, and Willah in U10 60m sprint and long jump.

We have good news to report regarding our LCS sport tee shirt. Our supplier, Adventure Outfitters, have managed to source new fabric! We have ordered a new supply of shirts that will be available in the New Year.

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 board of trustees is keen to hear your voice on the topics of uniform, ski camp, communication, our special character and future planning goals. The survey will be open until Thursday 30 November.

Please keep an eye on the school calendar plus note the additional information in this newsletter about many of the events happening in the next few weeks.

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

Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore

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



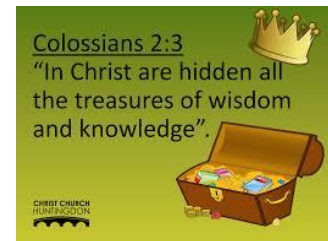
Earlier this year we were blessed to have a Korean tutor, Ji Hyeon Yang, who was funded by the Korean Education Centre in New Zealand, to teach ten language lessons in our senior class. Ji Hyeon Yang was so impressed with Logan (year 8) that she nominated him to the Korean Education Centre as a student who had shown diligence and promise in his learning of Korean. Logan was awarded the prize at our Leadership and Awards assembly last week.

축하해요 Chughahaeyo! Congratulations Logan!

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***



LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

At our Leadership Assembly on Friday 10 November we presented awards to acknowledge leadership and service to our school.

Junior Leadership Award: Amos Pettigrew, Rachel Daley

Senior Leadership Award: Emily Klemetson, Logan Gray, Acacia Huang, Ruby McIlroy

Sports Leadership: Rosie Grounds, Austin Prasath, Bella White

Drama/Arts Award: Ngaire Wood

Diligence Award: Grace Lee, Leyla White



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FROM EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Year 5-8 University of Canterbury Kiwi Competitions and/or the Spelling Bee Competition.

The Kiwi Competition grades are generated by the University of Canterbury based on results throughout the country. Our students' results compare well with the national averages for their year groups.

English, Maths, Science, Spelling Bee Grade Percentiles

Achieved $\geq 50 < 75$ Merit $\geq 75 < 90$ Excellence $\geq 90 < 99.5$ Distinction ≥ 99.5

English

Achieved: Rosalie, Euna, Asher, Jonah

Merit: Janneke, Davi,

Excellence: Jeremy, Daniel,

Maths

Achieved: Rosalie, Davi, Hannah D, Samuel, Euna

Merit: Olivia, Jonah

Excellence: Jeremy, Logan, Austin

Science

Achieved: Janneke, Hannah D, Asher

Merit: Euna, Logan

Excellence: Rosalie, Jeremy, Alexander, An Xin

Spelling

Achieved: Ava, Grace N,

Merit: Janneke, Ruby

Excellence: Jeremy,

University of Otago Mathematics Problem Challenge Results:

Merit: Asher, Noah, Olivia, Jesse, Jonah, Rachel, Acacia, Emily, Rosie

Excellence: Daniel, Samuel, Grace, Ruby, Austin.

\$25 University Book Shop voucher for a perfect score of 25/25 - Logan

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.](#)

BAND AND CHOIR CHANNEL 39 CHRISTMAS CAROL RECORDING SESSION

Our band and choir will be travelling to the Channel 39 recording studio at 10am on Wednesday 22 November to record three Christmas carols that will be broadcast on Dunedin TV during the Christmas season. We are travelling via bus.

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.

ST MARK'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This year we are hosting the St Mark's Christmas service with Pine Hill School at 1.45pm on Thursday 7 December in our school hall. During the service our school will lead a Christmas carol and Room 2 will present the Room 2 Nativity Play. Parents are welcome to join us for the service.



THANK YOU ASSEMBLY

Our Thank You assembly will be held on Friday 8 December commencing at 2.20pm. This assembly is an opportunity to thank our parents and volunteers who have helped in various ways over a term or the year. We also present leaving certificates to students not returning for 2024 in Years 1-7.



YEAR 9 RETURN DAY

2022 Year 8 graduates are invited to return for a half day on Tuesday 12 December. The morning session will include a meeting with Fiona and sharing their high school transition experiences with our 2023 graduates.

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY AND COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA 1.30PM

Our graduation assembly will commence at 1.30pm on Thursday 14 December. This is a whole community event. Our Year 8 graduates will present their farewell speeches and receive their graduation certificate. Our Room 2 students will present their Nativity Play. Afterwards there will be an afternoon tea in the hall for whānau and an ice block outside for students and younger siblings. Please join with us to celebrate our graduating students and enjoy fellowship together.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW CYCLE

This term the Board of Trustees is reviewing three policies as part of our three-year cycle. The policies are posted on the notice board in the office foyer for parent consultation. Please contact Fiona or a Board of Trustees' member if you would like to make suggests or discuss a policy further.

- Discipline
- Policy Review Programme

They will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently preparing children's 2023 School Reports. These will be emailed directly to families on Thursday 14 December. You can request a printed copy of the report by completing this form at [2023 Paper Copy School Report](#). Printed reports will be available for collection from the school office after school on Thursday 14 December.

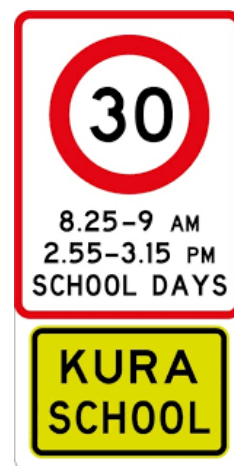
SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

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

TERM 4 CALENDAR: [LCS Calendar](#)

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
12 December	Year 9 Returners Morning
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





Ivie, Toni, Willah and Praise enjoying the North zone Athletics

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 most Friday assemblies.

Give thanks for: -

- God's continuing faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The events and activities happening in the next four weeks
- The work of the DCSA and BOT members as they support the school
- 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 year 8 students as they prepare to graduate and move on to high school in the new year
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders



Our year 1&2 futsal teams play each other at the Edgar Stadium this week!

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

CYC CAMPS

Please follow the link to see the camp options at Christian Youth Camps for the summer period. [CYC CAMPS](#)

AFFORDABLE MUSIC CLASSES

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

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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

