

# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 15 December 2023  
Term 4 Week 10

Dear Parents and Whānau

We are now in the Christmas season and there is excitement building as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. His birth, life, death and resurrection changed the world, offering peace, hope and joy for all.

The last two weeks of term have included some special events and festive moments.

During week 9, Room 4 went on a Solar System Tour, walking from the Octagon along George Street, to the Woodhaugh Gardens to experience the scale of the sun and planets. The class learnt interesting facts about the planets along the way, and enjoyed a bonus visit to the bell tower inside Knox Church.



Our Room 2 students presented their nativity play Jesus' Christmas Party at the St Mark's Christmas Service held in our hall. Mrs Barton has been faithfully bringing both our school and Pine Hill School together for over 20 years for Easter, Pentecost and Christmas services. Our singing was particularly good with Miss Mah able to join us and lead the band and choir.

Room 5 held a fun fundraising activity afternoon in response to their learning that extreme poverty leads to extreme vulnerability. They raised \$255.20! The money has been used to buy a goat, a calf and a school scholarship for a young person through the Tear Fund Gift for Life programme.

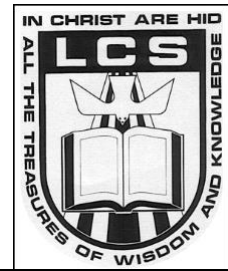
Our graduation assembly was held yesterday. This is a special moment for our year 8 students as they present their farewell speeches and receive leaving certificates. Our Year 7 students led the assembly as part of stepping up to take the mantle of leadership for next year. There are mixed emotions as we send out our graduates, but we are confident they are well equipped for their next educational step into high school. We will continue to pray for our past and current graduates; that they would grow in their Christian faith and be a blessing to their high schools.

As we near the end of 2023, we can reflect and be so thankful for God's amazing grace over us. We continue to be grateful for the community that surrounds us of parents and friends of the school who support us with prayer, transport, supervision, coaching, camp leadership, fundraising and much more.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our faithful and very hard-working staff, the Board of Trustees and the Dunedin Christian Schools Association. Together we strive to uphold the vision laid down by our founders; "our children, as part of the Christian community, learning with enthusiasm, growing in knowledge, developing their abilities, and desiring to serve God."

We pray you will have a blessed Christmas followed by a refreshing summer holiday break, and look forward to serving you again in the New Year.

Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards  
Fiona Sizemore





Room 4's Solar System Tour

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES': SUMMARY OF LCS PARENT SURVEY 2023

We would like to thank everyone who was able to take the time to respond to our Parent Survey this year. The responses were very positive regarding the school providing a safe and positive learning environment and the partnership between home and school life. There was strong support voiced to continue our ski camp. A significant majority support our school continuing to have a sports uniform but not a full day uniform. We will further explore introducing a bucket style hat.

### ALICE THE MUSICAL RECORDING

Liberton Christian School is pleased to share with whānau and friends the recording of [Alice the Musical](https://bit.ly/LCSAlice) (<https://bit.ly/LCSAlice>).

This video is not searchable on YouTube and only accessible to those with the link. Please feel free to share the link to this video with whānau and friends via email / messaging services.

We respectfully request that you avoid sharing it on social media platforms.

### 2024 CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

Year 0-1	Room 2:	Miss Neill/ Mrs Sizemore
Year 1-2	Room 1:	Mrs Stowell
Year 3-4	Room 3:	Miss Corry
Year 4	Room 6:	Mrs Copland
Year 5-6	Room 4:	Mr Peacock
Year 7-8	Room 5:	Mrs Bennington

Mrs Jones: specialist visual art teacher/class release teacher.

Miss Mah: band and choir teacher

### 2024 TERM 1 CALENDAR

29 January New students all levels orientation visit 11am-12.30pm.

*This opportunity is to facilitate new students to meet their teacher and see their classroom before commencing on Tuesday. Pop in anytime during this period.*

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



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



## OUTSIDE EVENTS:

### CYC CAMPS

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

A poster for a Christmas event. On the left is a decorated Christmas tree. The background is a green field with a white sheep. The text is in red and black.

**CAROLS on THE LAWN**  
A family friendly event! @ DCBC

**Sunday 17th December  
@ 11am**

Bring your family and friends, and a picnic blanket and join us for:

**CAROL SINGING  
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
LAWN GAMES**

Dunedin City Baptist Church, 19 Main South Road, Concord

A colorful illustration for a Christmas festival. It shows a pregnant woman, a man in a brown robe holding a pink ice cream cone, a man in a green hat holding a staff, a boy on a bouncy castle, and a girl with a white lamb. The background is a green field with houses and a banner.

All Free All Welcome

**The Christmas  
Eve Festival**

**24th December 2023**  
Montecillo Park, 40 Eglinton Rd

2:00 - 3:15PM Festival followed by  
3:15 - 4:00PM Christmas Service & Carols

Carols • Facepainting • BBQ • Animals • Popcorn • Bouncy Castles • Field Games • Food Craft

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