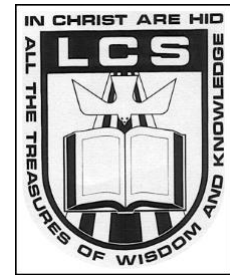


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 1 December 2023
Term 4 Week 8



Dear Parents and Whānau

Christmas is coming! It is time for decorations and carols as we enter the season when we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. We are so blessed to be able to freely celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in our school and nation.



Please note the dates and information for our important last two weeks of term in this newsletter. We look forward to sharing both our Thank You assembly and Graduation assemblies with you.

NEWS FROM ROOM 5

In social sciences this term, Room 5 has learnt that "Extreme poverty causes extreme vulnerability." Natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis can be so much more devastating when people have so little. One thing we can do is to help alleviate poverty to give people greater resources to cope in the face of disasters. We'd love to raise \$200-\$300 that we can use to choose some gifts from Tear Fund's Gift for Life programme. These are specially chosen gifts that really do make a difference. Have a look at their [FAQ page](#) for more information.

To do this, Room 5 are planning an Activity Afternoon next Thursday 7 December. This will involve 10 different stations including hair plaiting and wacky hair colours, throw a sponge at a senior, throwing competitions, a sand dig, guess the number of marbles in the jar, hoopla and more.

We ask that students bring just \$2 each. Each student will get 5 'entries' to the stations that cost to enter. Some stations are free. Many of the stations have prizes, including some of the free ones!

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

Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards
Fiona Sizemore

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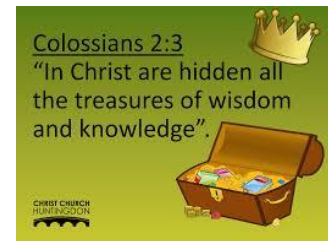
CHANGE OF DATE - ST MARK'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

We are hosting the St Mark's Christmas service with Pine Hill School at 1.45pm on Wednesday 6 December in our school hall. Mrs Barton is leading the service. We will lead Christmas carols and Room 2 will present the Jesus' Christmas Party Nativity play. You are welcome to join us.

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***



PARENT SURVEY: EXTENDED TO MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 6PM

This has been extended as we would appreciate hearing from more parents! 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.

LCS VISUAL ART AND CHRISTMAS CARDS



Our school is blessed to have a specialist visual art teacher, the wonderful Mrs Jones! Right now there is a lot of new art displayed around the school, so do pop in and take a look.

A recent school-wide project has been to make Christmas cards for residents in local rest homes. Over 100 cards have been made and will be distributed by Sending Love Ōtepoti. We know that many of the residents appreciate and enjoy receiving a hand-made card.

Another Christmas project is making cards for our school neighbours. These will be distributed by our senior students on clean-up day.

THANK YOU ASSEMBLY: FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER



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 supported our school in various ways over term 4 or throughout the year. We also present leaving certificates to students not returning for 2024 in Years 1-7. We would love to see you there.

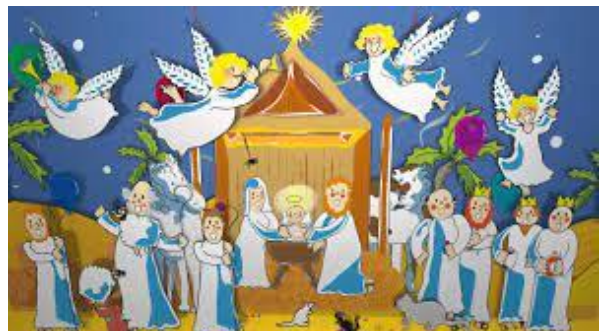
YEAR 9 RETURNERS DAY

2022 Year 8 graduates are invited to return for a half day on Tuesday 12 December. The morning session will include time to catch up with each other, a meeting with Fiona, plus a time to share 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 two 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 on Tuesday 5 December.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently preparing the 2023 student 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 the graduation assembly on Thursday 14 December.

LIBRARY AND CLASS BOOKS

Please return all library and class reading books by the end of term.

USED CHROMEBOOKS AVAILABLE: FOUR LEFT!

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.

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 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](#)

4 December	Room 4 Solar System Walk
5 December	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
6 December	St Mark's Christmas Service @ LCS 1.45pm
7 December	Room 5 fundraising afternoon
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

29 January	New students all levels orientation visit 11am-12pm. <i>This opportunity is to facilitate new students to meet their teacher and see their classroom before commencing on Tuesday.</i>
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 most Friday assemblies.

Give thanks for: -

- God's continuing faithfulness and amazing grace over our school
- The events and activities happening in the next two 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

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



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OUTSIDE EVENTS:

CYC CAMPS

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

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

HOPE