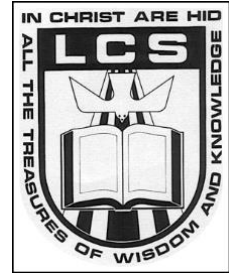


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



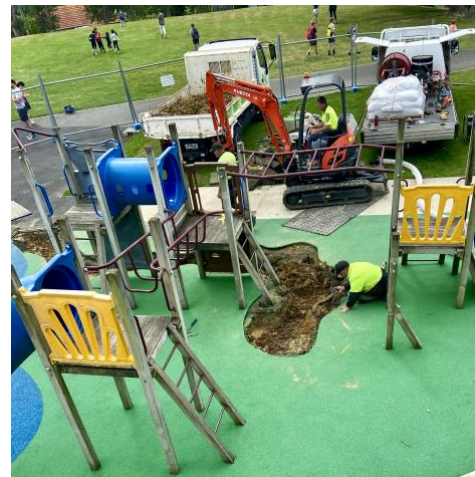
Term 1 Week 2  
Friday 9 February 2024

Dear Parents and Whānau

A very warm welcome to our new students and families. We are delighted to have you join the Liberton community and we pray you continue to settle in well. We have enjoyed a settled start to the new term and the warm summer weather is allowing lots of outdoor play and activity.

This week our teaching staff have enjoyed connecting with you through the Meet the Teacher group information sessions and individual conferences. The focus of these first parent/teacher information meetings is to establish a positive working relationship between home and school and promote a shared understanding of the expectations and routines of the class programme. Whether a child is working at the expected level, or achieving above or below expectations, we want to help you support your child's learning as knowledgeably as possible. The importance and influence of parents to a child's learning should not be underestimated. We value open and positive home and school relationships and I encourage you to keep regular contact with your child's teacher throughout the year to ensure the best success for their learning. Our main aim, in partnership with you, continues to be to provide high quality Christian education that seeks to honour God in all that we do.

You have probably noticed activity around our junior playground this week. Over the last year we had noticed a soft, muddy patch growing in the matting. Investigation under the matting revealed a lot of water and the realisation it was going to continue to deteriorate. The excavation discovered that an old drainage pipe under the base layer was the problem. This is now repaired with more drainage added, so we are looking forward to having full use of our playground again. The children certainly enjoyed the playtime entertainment.



We would love you to join us at school for a BYO picnic on Friday 23 February from 5pm to welcome everyone to the new school year. It will be a good opportunity to reconnect and enjoy a time of informal fellowship together. Ice blocks will be provided for the children.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore  
Principal



This term we are pleased to welcome:

Amos Y4, Sebastian Y6, Annalicia Y6, Lolita Y7,  
Jadon Y1, Hope Y2, Maxinne Y1, Aliza Y1 and Talia Y1  
to school. Absent is William Y1.

We have also welcomed back Hudson Y5 and Thea Y3  
who were away with their family on missionary service  
last year.



## TERM 1 VALUE FOCUS: RESPECT

Love expressed through Respect – A willingness to treat with courtesy, to hold in high regard; to honour, to care about yourself and others, and the environment.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is the Creator. The maker of all things.
- God made people to be His image bearers.
- Each person bears God's image and is thus worthy of respect.
- There is a particular respect we are to show to those who are placed in authority over us.
- As image bearers of God, we are called to PUT OFF all disrespect and to be conformed more to the image of our creator as we PUT ON gentleness and respect.
- We are even to be respectful in how we share the 'good news' about Jesus with others.
- Another aspect of respect is the call to respect or care for all that God has made. Not just his image bearers but all that he made and called 'good'.
- When we do this, we honour God in the way we live out our role as an image bearer.

Biblical Illustrations:

Esther (to Xerxes, to Mordecai) in Esther 1-2; 5-8

Daniel in Daniel 1-6

10 commandments (God's name, parents, others) Exodus 20

Moses Exodus 33

Jesus (render to Caesar, to rulers, to his mother Mary) our ULTIMATE example

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God,  
honour the king. 1 Peter 2v17



### TEACHER TRAINING

We are pleased to welcome Miss Nicole Cope to our teaching team. Nicole is a third-year student teacher who will be spending a lot of time in room 5 during terms 1-3. Nicole is already enjoying her role in room 5 and we are looking forward to her valuable input with our senior students and school.

### FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

We are a nut free school. This includes peanuts and all tree nuts and related products, eg: peanut butter, Nutella, nut bars etc.

We have children with a range of other food allergies or low tolerances that we manage within the school.

### LUNCH BOX SAFETY – HOT WATER

Please do not send food and hot water in insulated thermos containers with children for lunch. We have found some children are not independent in removing the lid which causes a potential hazard. The lids are often hard to remove as the heat has made them tighter. Cooked noodles that have been drained or other foods in insulated containers are absolutely fine.

### YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Thursday 22 February at 9am.

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(This free vision check is not required if a student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

*If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office, before the visit.*



**Te Whatu Ora**  
Health New Zealand

Vision Hearing Team

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### INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

Occasionally there is some confusion around school payments as we have two bank accounts for different purposes, and the Liberton Fundraisers have their own account.

Attendance dues are paid to the Dunedin Christian Schools Association bank number 02 0908 0114307 00  
All other school payments (stationery, sports fees, uniform) are made to the Board of Trustees account number 02 0908 0263142 00

Liberton Fundraisers (fundraising purchases, eg: honey) account number 11 8337 0088665 11

### RIPPA RUGBY

Sadly there were not enough teams entered to have a Y3-6 Rippa competition this season.

### FUTSAL

We have entered six teams in the Futsal competition at the Edgar Stadium. Thank you to the wonderful parents who are able to help courtside with subbing and team management. Futsal is played on Tuesdays (Y1-4) and Wednesdays (Y5-8) after school.

### FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS

The Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata initiative is available to all state and state-integrated schools and kura in New Zealand. Research shows that the average age young people start menstruating is decreasing. As a result, access to period products is needed in primary and intermediate as well as secondary schools.

LCS has a supply of free period products available for our students. Please let Mrs Bennington know if you would like your daughter to benefit from this offer so we can make sure we order the right amount of product.

### TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR [LCS Calendar](#)

13 February	Y1-4 Futsal commences @ Edgar Y7&8 DNI Technology classes commence 7pm Board of Trustees meeting
14 February	Y5-8 Futsal commences @ Edgar
22 February	Y7 Vision Screening 9am
23 February	LCS Picnic 5-7pm (BYO picnic)
25 March	Otago Anniversary Day
29 March	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
2 April	Easter Tuesday
4 April	HPV round 1
12 April	Last day of term 1



*We now have a nice blue river on the playground mat!*

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES 2:20pm

We host a community assembly most Friday afternoons throughout the year. Parents and whānau are all very welcome to attend and it is a great way to see what is happening at school! Each week three classes share from their recent learning and two or three students from one class are the assembly leaders. We are led in song by our band and choir made up of year 5-8 students. We would love to see you there!

### SUNHATS AND HYDRATION

During term 1 sunhats are required every day for all outside play and learning.

Please supply a named bottle of water. Teachers make opportunities for extra drinks on hotter days and/or allow a water bottle to be kept in class.

*In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.  
Colossians 2v3*