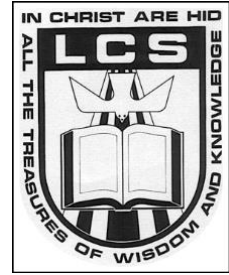


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4

Friday 23 May 2025



Dear Parents and Whānau

*Our dedicated teaching staff are busy preparing for our mid-year student reporting. You will receive a written report on your child's progress against the NZ Curriculum in week 7, followed by the opportunity in week 8 to meet with our teachers to discuss the report together. The link to our online parent/teacher conference booking system will be circulated two weeks prior to the meetings.*

*As you will be aware, we are implementing the refreshed English and mathematics curriculum this year. Across the curriculum there have been changes to the content. This has meant our teachers are working with an additional load as we navigate the changes and complete professional development courses. It is possible that some children who have previously been above expectations in reading, writing or maths will now be assessed as meeting expectations (at). In this early stage of our work teaching and assessing against the refreshed curriculum we are likely to be more conservative in our decisions of student achievement. Please do not be alarmed if this occurs but take the opportunity to discuss any questions with your child's teacher during the week 8 conferences.*

*Serving Christ together,*

Fiona Sizemore  
Principal



## PLANTER BOX DONATION

Rowan Holmes, 2<sup>nd</sup> year apprentice builder with Spot On Building recently won the Otago region of the NZ Certified Builders Apprentice Challenge. The challenge was to construct a planter box to accurate measurements with complex joins in 8 hours and choose a local school or charity to donate it to. Rowan won first place and will go on to the national final next month in Hamilton. Liberton Christian School is the delighted recipient of the planter box! Rowan worked with the Spot On Building team on our recent playground and improvements project at the back of our school property. Rowan enjoyed working for Liberton Christian school and shares in the Christian values of our school.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY: TERM 2 FRIDAY 30 MAY

*We will be holding a Teacher Only Day during term 2, Friday 30 May. The day is allocated by the Ministry of Education to give teaching staff dedicated time to engage with the mathematics area of The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh | Te Mātaiaho. The following Monday is the King's Birthday public holiday, which will allow for an extra-long weekend.*



## TERM 2 VALUE: KINDNESS

*Love expressed through Kindness – A willingness to help and show concern for others*

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is kind
- God's kindness will lead us to repentance as we realise how unkind we are. This is part of PUTTING OFF unkindness.
- As we repent of our unkindness we can pray for the Holy Spirit's equipping and enabling to PUT ON kindness as we seek to be more and more like Christ.

*Biblical illustrations around Kindness:*

Widow with Elijah, Jonathan with David, Good Samaritan, Jesus is our ultimate example.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” **Ephesians 4:32**



## WORLD VISION 40 HOUR CHALLENGE 13-15 JUNE

The World Vision 40 Hour Challenge 2025 is focused to support the Solomon Islands this year.

- 1 in 6 children in the Pacific region are living in severe food poverty.
- 80% of Solomon Islanders depend on fishing and farming for the food and family income.
- \$28 provides a family with a vegetable garden to grow their daily food.
- \$98 gives seeds and farming tools to a family so they can feed their own children.

### HOW STUDENTS CAN JOIN OUR TEAM:

Go to [LCS Link to Join our WV Team](#) and click on Join Us. From there you will be able to create your own profile which is linked to our school. You can then contact friends and wider whānau to ask them to sponsor your 40 Hour Challenge or donate to the Solomon Islands project. We have a small number of paper information booklets available at the office. Children may only participate with parent permission.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW (PARENT CONSULTATION) TERM 2

These policies are displayed on the notice board at the office. If you would like to comment on or provide feedback on any aspect of these policies, please see Fiona or a Board of Trustees member.

- Career Education
- Reporting to parents
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Animal Welfare
- Physical Restraint
- Sickness, Infectious Disease and Injury

These policies will be reviewed at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 24 June.

## BASKETBALL

Our Year 5&6 teams photographed at the first week of the competition.



### NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY (NYLD)

Our year 8 students recently attended NYLD at the Regent Hall alongside hundreds of other young leaders from schools all over Otago. They enjoyed the speakers and time learning in a different context and environment.



### PRAYER POINTS:

Please pray for us! We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.

Give thanks for: -

- God's continuing faithfulness and amazing grace over our school.
- Recent opportunities for our year 8's to grow their leadership skills

Please pray for: -

- Our students to grow in their understanding of what it means to show kindness in their words and actions.
- Our teachers as they prepare for student reporting
- Our school to glorify God and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 2026 ENROLMENTS

If you have a pre-schooler that you intend to enrol at Liberton during 2026 please pop into the office to collect an enrolment form to complete at your earliest convenience.

Applications are due by **1 August 2025** for **commencement in 2026**. All applications will be considered at the Board of Trustees meeting following the closing date. Siblings have the first priority for enrolment.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, our Enrolment Scheme will be applied to determine the order of places offered.



## TERM 2 2025 CALENDAR [LCS Calendar](#)

27 May	Year 5&6 netball commences at Edgar
29 May	Year 7&8 netball commences at Edgar
29 May	Swimming @ Moana #5
30 May	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
2 June	King's Birthday (public holiday)
13 June	Student Reports emailed
13 June	World Vision Challenge Weekend
17 June	Parent / Teacher Conferences
19 June	Parent / Teacher Conferences
20 June	Matariki (public holiday)
24 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
27 June	Last day of term 2 (no whānau assembly)

*PHOTO: water safety lessons at Moana Pool*



### LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Our amazing fundraising group are in full swing and very thankful for the support of our school whānau.

Current fundraisers:

- [Plant Sales](#) – Green your garden and grow our goals!
- [Honey and Ceres Wholefoods Orders](#) – Stock your pantry and support the school.
- [Hot Lunches](#) – A delicious way to support our Tamariki
- Stay and Play – After whānau assembly the PFA serves free tea and coffee alongside treats on Friday afternoons.
- [Cheese Rolls](#) – The classic southern favourite is back! Orders close 8 June.

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

Colossians 2v3



*A recent Room 5 celebration day included candy floss. Thank you Mrs Bary!*

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**W A I H O L A**

### Register now for our Winter Camps!

30 June - 4 July: Winter Boys camp Y5-8  
7 - 11 July: Winter Girls Camp Y5-8

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