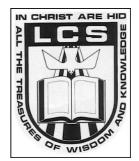
### LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 8 Friday 5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Whānau



The term is flying by and many things have been happening at the board, proprietor and classroom levels of the school.

The board of trustees triennial election process has been completed and we have newly appointed members meeting for the first time next week. Congratulations to Dave Folland, Shinhye Jaquiery, and Brent Jordan who join Sally Mungai and Megan Spence as our parent representatives. Our proprietor representatives are Jan Jopson, Paul Copland, Melissa Gray and Nicole Klemetson. Grant Peacock is our staff representative.

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA), our proprietor, held a public meeting to discuss the interest expressed in the recent survey to grow Liberton into the high school years. It was well attended and there is significant support to take the next step forward. A highlight of the meeting for me was hearing from one of our founders, Bill Lee, describing the early years of our school being established. We stand on the solid ground of the vision, prayer and commitment of a wonderful group of people who wanted a school that honoured God in education.

As we look ahead to term 4, we have our school athletics days scheduled in the first week, and our school-wide production in week nine. More detail is available in this newsletter for these events.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore Principal



Welcome to Zeb who has commenced school as a new entrant in room 2.



### O'MAthlon



Recently, we had seven teams compete at the Otago Mathematics Association annual "O'MAthlon" competition. This is the largest number of teams LCS have entered in this annual mathematics competition. Competitors in the O'MAthlon are sometimes referred to as "Mathletes", owing to the high speed mathematical skills and athleticism required of them.

All teams competed bravely with a noteworthy 6th place finish for the Liberton A team (Daniel, Jesse, Olivia and Sammy). Congratulations to all the teams.

A very special whakamihi or congratulations to the Year 5 Liberton Blue team (Alicia L, Salomi, Thomas and Elliot) who placed second in the Year 5 competition.

### **TERM 3 VALUE: HONESTY AND TRUTHFULNESS**

Love expressed through Honesty and Truthfulness – A willingness not to steal, cheat, lie, or be unfair.

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; *guide me in your truth* and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

### LCS ATHLETICS DAY @ THE CALEDONIAN GROUND: WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

We spend the full school day at the Caledonian Ground near Logan Park High School. This is a fun day of track and field events for every student. Students are to be dropped off at, and collected from, the Caledonian Ground for the school day. Drop off from 8.30am, pick up at 3pm. Parents and whānau are welcome to join us for all or part of the day.

We need six parent volunteers to help run our field events (9.15am-12.00pm). If you are able to help please let Fiona know.



The programme will be circulated with the newsletter scheduled for week 10.



Students in Years 5-8 who meet the Otago Athletics criteria will qualify to attend the North Zone Athletics Day.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW (PARENT CONSULTATION) TERM 3**

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

- Staff leave
- Health and Safety
- Internet Safety
- All International Student Policies

These policies will be reviewed at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 9 September.

## PRODUCTION 2026: You Want Us To Do What?



We are delighted to announce details of our school production to be held at Elim Church 3-4 December.

Four teens contemplate an unexpected approach to Christmas and spend time learning about some of the times God asked his people

to do unexpected things in answer to His call. From Genesis to the gospels. From Noah and Joshua to Mary and the shepherds. From Isaiah to Jesus, the lamb of God.

## WINTER SPORTS UNIFORM RETURN

Please return all school basketball and netball uniform as soon as possible to the office, thank you.

#### CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS COLLABORATE IN SERVING OTHERS

In Week 10, Liberton Christian School will host a group of ten Y5&6 students and three adults from Aidanfield Christian School (ACS), Christchurch as part of the ACS Christian Character Development programme focused on serving others. At this level in the programme the ACS students engage in a community service initiative outside of their own community of Christchurch. Aidanfield invited Liberton Christian School to collaborate in this project.

We have welcomed this as an opportunity to:

- Engage our own akonga in local community service.
- Foster servant leadership, as modelled by our Lord Jesus, in our tamariki.
- Build an awareness in our ākonga of belonging to the larger community of Christian believers.
- Strengthen relationships between our two schools.

Both schools invited written applications from the Y5&6 cohort to be part of their respective schools' service project teams. All 14 LCS applicants have been successful in their applications.

During their time in Dunedin, the Aidanfield students will be accommodated in our school buildings. All Y5&6 students at LCS will also enjoy a day in the company of their ACS peers on an Otago Peninsula Wildlife Tour, visiting the Albatross Centre and enjoying a cruise on the MV Monarch. The following day, the service project teams will bless the Dunedin City Baptist Church community by assisting them with the riparian planting of the stream at DCBC. We are looking forward to this exciting new collaboration.

#### **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.
- The solid foundations our school has stood on for over 43 years.
- The opportunities we have to serve in the wider community.

## Please pray for: -

- Aidanfield Christian school Y5&6 service project group visit during week 10.
- Our new board of trustees as they prepare for their first meeting next week.
- Our school to glorify God and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.

## **TERM 3 2025 CALENDAR LCS Calendar**

9 Sept Board of Trustees meeting 7pm

11 Sept Swimming @ Moana Pool

12 Sept Otago Cross Country (postponement date)

15-17 Sept Aidanfield Christian School service group Y5&6 visit

18 Sept Swimming @ Moana Pool

19 Sept Last day of term 3

### **TERM 4 2025 CALENDAR**

6 October First day of term 4

8 October LCS Athletics Day at Caledonian Ground
13 October Postponement date for LCS Athletics Day

16 October NZ Shake Out drill

27 October Labour Day public holiday
 28 October North Zone athletics
 5 November HPV second round
 11 November Otago athletics day

3 December
 4 December
 5 December
 Production matinee performance
 Production evening performance
 Thank You and Leavers assembly

11 December Graduation assembly

12 December Clean-up day / Last day of term 4

## **2026 TERM 1 DATES**

30 January Orientation pop-in visit 11.30am-1pm

2 February First day of term 16 February Waitangi Day

23 March Otago Anniversary Day 2 April Last day of term 1



## **CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS WAIHOLA**







## **TECHNO CAMP**

- 22 26 September 2025
- Boys in School Years 8 11
- \$290 (discounts may apply)

## **SPRING CO-ED**

- 29 Sep 03 Oct 2025
- School Years 5 8
- \$200 (discounts may apply)

## **TEEN GIRLS WEEKEND**

- 24 26 October 2025
- Girls in School Years 9 12
- \$150 (discounts may apply)



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