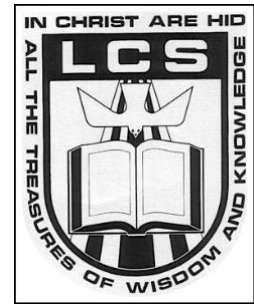


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 4 Week 4
Friday 31 October 2025

Dear Parents and Whānau

Over the last two weeks our health curriculum focus has been on the emergency services and disaster preparation. The experiences with St John and the Fire Service are very valuable, and very popular with our students.

It was a great day at the Caledonian Ground for the North Zone Athletics. We had a large group of 43 students attend. Mrs Jones trained our relay teams during lunch breaks in the lead up to the competition. This extra training was successful as most of them made it through to the finals. We will hear next week who will go through to the Otago Athletics Championships. Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport to and from the Caledonian Ground.

A big thank you to the Liberton PFA who have made a donation of \$1500 to the teaching staff for classroom games and activities. This is greatly appreciated and will be put to very good use!

Attached to the email that delivered this newsletter to your inbox is our Internet Safety policy. The board of trustees recently reviewed this policy and it now includes the steps the school takes to protect students when they are using the internet in class. This policy will be reviewed annually.

On Friday 14 November we will present the senior academic and leadership awards at our whānau assembly. Students in years 5-8 will be recognised for their achievement in external competitions. We will also present LCS Leadership awards to our year 8 students. This assembly will commence at 2pm.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore
Principal

Photo: The junior classes learning about the fire truck equipment.



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***

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Government has set a target for all schools to achieve 80% of students attending more than 90% of the time (every child missing fewer than 5 days per term) by 2030.

2025 LCS attendance data:

Term 1: 81% of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.

Term 2: 77% of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.

Term 3: 55% of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.

At the recent board of trustees meeting our attendance data was discussed. We were expecting a drop in our overall attendance for term 3 as there was a lot of sickness circulating in the wider community, however only 55% of our students attending school 90% or more of the time was a surprise. 70% of the low attendance was due to sickness, the balance was mostly holiday during term time and unjustified absence.

The Ministry of Education is monitoring absence and reasons for absence closely. Justified reasons for student absence include illness, medical appointments and family bereavement or very special occasions. Unjustified reasons for absence include holidays (including overseas) taken during term time. Please use the Edge app, email or phone the office by 8:45am to notify school when your child is going to be absent.

Lateness (arriving to class after gam) is also recorded and the data gathered by the Ministry of Education. Children are very welcome to arrive at school from 8.30am to get in some play and social connection prior to being on the mat at 8.55am. The best start for everyday at school is being ready for learning **by 8.55am**.

Term 1: 22% of our students were regularly late to class.

Term 2: 26% of our students were regularly late to class.

Term 3: 11% of our students were regularly late to class.

It was great to see an improvement on lateness during term 3. If your child/ren are regularly late to class, please endeavour to change this habit.



PARENT FORUM: TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

1.30pm Friday 28 November, in the staffroom: An opportunity to join an open conversation about the changes, opportunities and challenges the transition to high school may bring for you as a parent and for your child. You are welcome to attend if you have a child going to high school soon, or if you have been through this transition as a parent, please come and share your experience and wisdom. Snacks provided!



TERM 4 FUTSAL



Our seven futsal teams are playing well each week. Thank you to the amazing parents who are supporting teams each week courtside. The draw is available here [Edgar Stadium Sports](#).

Pictured: Year 1&2 Liberton Leopards after a recent game.

PRODUCTION 2026: You Want Us To Do What?



Our school production will 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.



Music rehearsals are underway for our Production. Thank you Mrs Bainbridge!



PRAYER POINTS:

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

Give thanks for: -

- A great day for the North Zone Athletics
- The opportunity for a whole school production to help us celebrate Christmas
- The appointment of a new teacher for 2026 and a seventh class

Please pray for: -

- Our teaching staff as they work faithfully through a busy term
- The provision of a seventh teaching space in a timely manner
- Our school to glorify God and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders



TERM 4 2025 CALENDAR [LCS Calendar](#)

5 November	HPV second round
5 November	Room 4&6 Football Challenge with NEV School
11 November	Otago Athletics Championships
14 November	Senior Academic and Leadership Awards @ assembly
24 November	LaunchPad Christmas Show 11.30am
28 November	Parent Forum on the Transition to High School
3 December	Production matinee performance
4 December	Production evening performance
5 December	Thank You and Leavers assembly
9 December	Christmas Service at Hope Church (includes room 2 Nativity play)
11 December	Graduation assembly
12 December	Clean-up day / Last day of term 4

TERM 1 2026 CALENDAR [LCS Calendar](#)

30 January	Optional orientation pop-in visit 11.30am-1pm
2 February	First day of term 1
6 February	Waitangi Day
23 March	Otago Anniversary Day
2 April	Last day of term 1

MISSING SPARE CLOTHING

We keep a supply of spare clothes (undies, pants, tops) at school for when our junior children need a change. We gave out most of our supply last term and haven't received it back! Please return school clothing so it is ready for the next time it is needed.



North Zone Athletics

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

Colossians 2v3