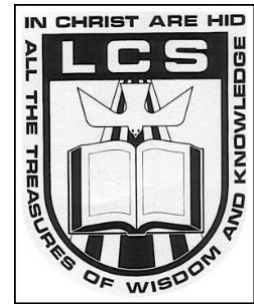


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6

Friday 14 November 2025

Dear Parents and Whānau



*It feels like Christmas is coming a little early at Liberton Christian School this year. Rehearsals are underway for our Christmas production, our wonderful PFA Fundraisers are offering Christmas gifts for sale, the Nativity is on display in the entrance foyer, and we are practising Christmas carols!*

*We had a large group of students attend the Otago Athletics Championships earlier this week. It was a good day and whilst none of our relay teams qualified for finals this year, they competed well and enjoyed the experience. Noah placed 7<sup>th</sup> in discus which was a significant achievement.*

*Today we have celebrated our senior students achievements and gifts at our academic and leadership assembly. We are all blessed by their contributions into the life of our school. Special acknowledgement must go to Alicia Ling who achieved first place in the year 5 Kiwi Spelling nationwide competition. This is an outstanding achievement!*

*There are a number of important events happening over the next four weeks. Please note the dates and information in this newsletter.*

*Serving Christ together,*

*Fiona Sizemore  
Principal*



Term 4 Futsal coaches / managers, we would like to thank you for your service at our Thank You Assembly on Friday 5 December. Please attend if you can.



Thank you to Daryl Schwenke who came and took drone photos of our school this week.

## 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 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 SPORTS



Thank you to our amazing parents who support our teams at sports events.

Above left: Year 3&4 Liberton Panthers and Liberton Strikers (and some siblings who helped out) after their game this week where they played each other!

Above right: Year 5&6 football players

Right: Otago Athletics Champs Day



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



Our school production will be held at Elim Church 3-4 December. A flier will be circulated next week.

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.





## THANK YOU AND LEAVERS ASSEMBLY



Our Thank You and Leavers assembly will be held on Friday 5 December commencing at 2.20pm. This assembly is an opportunity to thank our parents and volunteers who have helped in various ways over a term or the year. We also present leaving certificates to students not returning for 2026 in Years 1-7.

## LCS AND HOPE CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This year we are joining with Amana Christian School on Tuesday 9 December at Hope Church, for our Christmas Service. During the service our band and choir will lead Christmas carols and Room 2 will present the junior Nativity Play. Parents are very welcome to join us for the service at 11am.



## YEAR 9 RETURNERS MORNING

2024 Year 8 graduates are invited to return for a half day on Wednesday 10 December. The morning session will include a meeting with Fiona and sharing their high school transition experiences with our (soon to be) 2025 graduates.

## GRADUATION ASSEMBLY AND COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA 1.30PM

Our graduation assembly will commence at 1.30pm on Thursday 11 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.



Photo: 2024 Nativity play

## END OF YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently preparing the children's 2025 School Reports. These will be emailed directly to families on Thursday 11 December. You can request a printed copy of the report by completing this form [2025 EOY Printed Report Request](#). Printed reports will be available for collection from the school office after graduation on Thursday 11 December.

## WHĀNAU ASSEMBLIES COMING UP



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| 21 November | 2:20pm Whānau assembly   |
| 28 November | 2:20pm Whānau assembly   |
| 5 December  | 2:20pm Thank you and Leavers assembly<br>(Thank you to volunteers, leavers Y1-7) |
| 11 December | 1:30pm Graduation assembly and afternoon tea                                     |

### 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 provision and faithfulness over our school*
- *A great day for the Otago 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 development*

Please pray for: -

- *Our year 8 students to enjoy their final weeks at primary school as they prepare to graduate*
- *Our faithful teachers balancing teaching and learning, report writing, production rehearsals*
- *Our school to glorify God and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders*



### TERM 4 2025 CALENDAR [LCS Calendar](#)

17 November St John sessions for junior classes  
24 November LaunchPad Christmas Show 11.30am  
28 November Parent Forum on the Transition to High School 1.30pm  
3 December Production matinee performance @ Elim Church 1.30pm  
4 December Production evening performance @ Elim Church 7.00pm  
5 December Thank You and Leavers assembly  
8 December Christmas Theme Fun Day  
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



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW CYCLE

This term the Board of Trustees is reviewing three policies as part of our three-year cycle. The policies are posted on the noticeboard in the office foyer for parent consultation. Please contact Fiona or a Board of Trustees' member if you would like to make suggestions or discuss a policy further.

- Assessment
- Recruitment and Selection of Staff
- Theft and Fraud Prevention

The next board meeting is Tuesday 2 December.

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

Colossians 2v3

## LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

At our Leadership Assembly on Friday 14 November we presented awards to acknowledge Year 8 student's leadership and service to our school. We look forward to seeing how they all develop and grow through their high school years. The Lord has blessed them with many talents and gifts.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FROM EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Year 5-8 University of Canterbury Kiwi Competitions and/or the Spelling Bee Competition.

The Kiwi Competition grades are generated by the University of Canterbury based on results throughout the country. Our students' results compare well with the national averages for their year groups.

### English, Maths, Science, Spelling Bee Grade Percentiles

Achieved  $\geq 50 < 75$     Merit  $\geq 75 < 90$     Excellence  $\geq 90 < 99.5$     Distinction  $\geq 99.5$

### Year 5

Abigail Egbuji: Spelling Merit

Alfred Copland: English Achieved, Maths Achieved, Science Merit

Alicia Ling: English Merit, Maths Excellence, Science Achieved, Spelling Distinction

Amos Lin: Maths Achieved

Elliott Dewdney: English Excellence, Maths Achieved, Science Excellence, Spelling Achieved

Luke Chan: English Excellence, Maths Merit, Science Excellence

Noel Yun: Science Achieved

Salomi Prasath: Maths Excellence, Science Merit

Thomas McIlroy: Spelling Excellence

### Year 6

Samuel Keast: English Merit, Maths Achieved, Science Excellence, Spelling Excellence

Simon Mangai: Maths Achieved, Science Merit

### Year 7

Davi Marins-Santos: English Achieved, Maths Achieved, Spelling Merit, Maths Problem Challenge Excellence

Ivie Kupenga: Maths Problem Challenge Merit

Jeremy Ling: English Merit, Maths Merit, Science Merit, Spelling Excellence, Maths Problem Challenge Excellence

Rosalie Beyer: Maths Problem Challenge Merit

Sebastian Parker: Science Achieved

### Year 8

Alexander Steenkamp: Science Excellence, Maths Problem Challenge Excellence

Asher Schwenke: English Achieved, Science Achieved

Daniel Koh: English Merit, Maths Merit, Science Achieved, Spelling Excellence, Maths Problem Challenge Excellence

Euna Lee: English Achieved, Science Achieved, Spelling Merit, Maths Problem Challenge Merit

Grace Nicoll: English Achieved

Hannah Dewdney: English Merit, Science Achieved

James Bary: Maths Problem Challenge Merit

Jesse McIlroy: Spelling Achieved, Maths Problem Challenge Excellence

Jianing Gan: English Merit, Maths Problem Challenge Merit

Noah Egbuji: Spelling Merit, Maths Problem Challenge Merit

Olivia Kim: English Achieved, Maths Merit, Spelling Merit, Maths Problem Challenge Excellence

Sammy Folland: Maths Problem Challenge Excellence