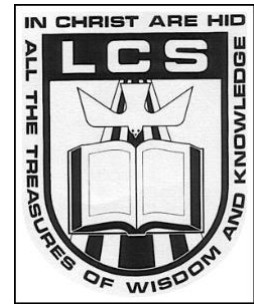


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8

Friday 28 November 2025

Dear Parents and Whānau



Christmas is coming! It is time for decorations and carols as we enter the season when we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. We are so blessed to be able to freely celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in our school and nation. It is a joy to hear our children singing Christmas songs of hope and joy during production practise, but also in the playground. It really is precious.

Please note the dates and information for our important last two weeks of term in this newsletter. We look forward to sharing our production, and our Thank You and Graduation assemblies with you.

We are also looking ahead to 2026. Our school has been blessed to grow over the last two years, and is growing again next year to our maximum roll cap of 140 students. We are excited to operate seven classes. To commence the year, room 7 will be in the library space and we will move the library into the hall until the new classroom is built. As the concept for a seventh classroom has developed, so has the design and future-proofing aspect, so it is going to take a little longer to have in place. We will have two classes of year three and four students across rooms 3 and 7. Miss Corry and Mr Horne will be working closely together, as will the students. Our proprietor, the DCSA, is working as fast as possible to get the classroom in place. Please uphold all who are involved in prayer.

Serving Christ together,

*Fiona Sizemore
Principal*

PRODUCTION 2026: You Want Us To Do What?



Our school production will be held at Elim Church 3-4 December. Fliers are available from the office to hand to friends and family.

Please refer to the information emails circulated with details of our rehearsals, bus travel and costumes.

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 in years 1-7 not returning for 2026.



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***



THANK YOU TO OUR LIBERTON PFA

A huge thank you to the Liberton PFA who have done amazing work (again) fundraising for our school this year. Their recent contribution to our classrooms has given the teaching staff a shopping spree for classroom resources. Several classes chose to purchase puppets which support oral language and drama opportunities. Various games, activities and musical instruments were also purchased.



TERM 4 SPORTS

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

Coaches and managers, we would love to thank you at assembly next week. Please attend if you can!

Photo: This happy crew are the Year 1&2 Liberton Flames futsal team.



WHĀNAU ASSEMBLIES COMING UP



5 December 2:20pm Thank you and Leavers assembly
(Thank you to volunteers, leavers Y1-7)

11 December 1:30pm Graduation assembly and afternoon tea

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

As our school has been blessed to grow over the last two years, and is growing again next year, we need to make adjustments to some of our administration systems. Next year we are introducing a new system for stationery. We will be ordering stationery packs for students from our supplier rather than ordering bulk stationery and packing it at school. Our stationery prices will continue to be excellent as we are part of the All of Government scheme which keeps the pricing very competitive. Parents will be invoiced for stationery at the end of January and the stationery will be available to students on the first day of school. We are excited to streamline this aspect of schooling which will be easier for parents and our administration team.

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
- 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



YEAR 8 WRITING PIECE BY JIANING

At the end of this newsletter is a piece of writing by year 8 student, Jianing. Our intermediate class has been studying the solar system in science and integrated their learning with creative writing. There were many excellent examples of writing produced. We hope you enjoy this excellent piece by Jianing.

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.

TERM 4 2025 CALENDAR [LCS Calendar](#)

- 2 December Production rehearsals at Elim Church – please refer to email sent on 23 November for details, including transport
- 2 December Board of Trustees meeting 7pm in the staffroom
- 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 2.20pm
- 8 December Christmas Theme Fun Day
- 9 December Christmas Service at Hope Church (includes room 2 Nativity play)
- 10 December Year 5&6 Solar Walk EOTC
- 10 December Y9 Returners morning
- 11 December Graduation assembly 1.30pm
- 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

Just Right

In the year 3011, the galaxy had gone quiet. Among the endless stars, a small silver ship called *The Starling* drifted through the dark. Inside, two surviving Zyphorans searched for a new place to call home. Their home planet, Zyphora, had been destroyed when its twin suns collided, leaving nothing but glowing debris and the ache of what once was. Now they searched for a new home— somewhere safe, warm, and most importantly, not about to explode.

The ship's crew consisted of two very different explorers: Orion and Pax.

Orion was the thinker. Tall, composed, and endlessly analytical. His crystalline skin shimmered whenever he was deep in thought.

Pax, on the other hand, was all impulse and enthusiasm. Round-faced, bright-eyed, and always quick with an answer that was heartfelt, but usually wrong.



They had been travelling for weeks when Pax pressed his face against the window and gasped. "Hey, Orion! Look at that one!" he pointed to a vast blue orb shimmering in the distance. "It's beautiful! All shiny and cool-looking. I say we move in!"

Orion didn't even glance up from his console, a glowing panel of controls and holographic readings that pulsed softly under his fingertips. "That's Neptune, Pax. It may look calm from here, but it's a frozen giant. The average temperature there is around -200°C . Its atmosphere is made mostly of hydrogen, helium, and methane. There's no solid surface at all. Winds there can reach more than 1000 miles per hour, and the storms would rip *The Starling* apart before we even touched the clouds. You'd freeze solid before you could even start unpacking."

Pax grinned. "I don't mind the cold. Keeps the snacks fresh."

Orion sighed, tearing a hand through his hair. "You wouldn't have any snacks left. Or fingers."

Pax frowned. "Fine, fine. Too cold. Next!"

They drifted onward, *The Starling* humming softly through the black. Before long, a red, rusty planet came into view. "Now that's a good one!" Pax declared. "Looks warm and cozy! Kind of like chilli peppers."

"That," Orion replied evenly, "is Mars. Its surface temperature averages -60°C . The air is mostly carbon dioxide, and there's almost no water. You'd suffocate before you could even mutter out the word 'chilli'."

Pax paused, then nodded solemnly. "Too cold again. And too dry. Got it."

Hours later, their ship passed a planet blazing bright in the void. The glow filled the cockpit with gold light. Pax squinted. "Now that's more like it! Look how bright! Seems warm and toasty."

Orion shielded his eyes. "That's *Venus*. The atmosphere is dense with sulfuric acid, and temperatures reach over 400°C. You'd melt the instant you stepped outside."

Pax hesitated. "...Okay, maybe *too* toasty."

"Too *fatal*." Orion corrected.

One by one, they examined the rest— *Mercury*, way too close to the sun. *Jupiter* and *Saturn*, both enormous storms with no solid ground. *Uranus*, another frozen wasteland. Each time, Pax's excitement dimmed a little more. He slumped low into his seat, tapping his fingers on the armrest. The galaxy suddenly felt unbearably vast.

Finally, *The Starling* approached a small sphere of blue and green, floating like a gem in the black. Orion slowed the engines. "Hmm. This one's called *Earth*."

Pax immediately sat up, pressing both hands to the window, eyes wide. "It's perfect! Look at the clouds! The water! The green stuff! Let's land!"



Orion began scanning the data. His eyes flickered as numbers and readings scrolled across the console. "Atmosphere: 78% nitrogen, 21% oxygen. Temperature: moderate. Water: abundant. Stable gravity. Balanced ecosystems. Solar energy optimal."

Pax bounced on his heels. "So that means it's good, right?"

Orion turned to look at him, a rare smile forming. "It's not too cold. Not too hot. Not too rocky. Not too gaseous..." He paused, gazing down at the swirling greens and blues below.

Pax tilted his head. "Then what is it?"

Orion's smile deepened. "It's just right."

And as *The Starling* slowly descended into the clouds, leaving two faint trails in the morning sky, the last survivors of Zyphora had finally found what they were looking for. Not just a planet, but a new beginning. A home that, after everything, was *just right*.

By Jianing Gan