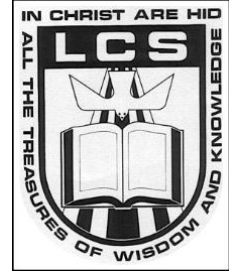


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 0
Wednesday 28 January 2026

Dear Parents and Whānau

We hope you have had a refreshing summer break and enjoyed time together with family and friends. We are looking forward to welcoming you and the children back to school next Monday.

At school our wonderful teaching team are busy preparing for the term ahead. At the end of last term, we moved the library into the hall and established room 7 in the library space. Mr Horne has been busy creating a wonderful classroom environment and just needs students to finish it off perfectly! We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs Christine Kinley to our teaching team. Mrs Kinley is joining Miss Neill and Mrs Stowell in the junior block to support the teaching and learning of our young juniors.

This newsletter contains important information as we get started for a new year of teaching and learning at Liberton Christian School. Even if you have partnered with us for some years, please take a few minutes to make sure you are up to speed with what is happening at school as we get started for a new year.

We look forward to commencing the school term on Monday 2 February.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore

Principal

principal@libertonchristian.school.nz

NEW TEACHING STAFF

We are delighted to welcome two new teachers to our teaching staff this year. If your child would benefit from meeting their new teacher prior to commencing next week, please take note of the orientation visit details below.

2026 CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

Year 1	Room 2:	Miss Neill & Mrs Kinley
Year 2	Room 1:	Mrs Stowell
Year 3-4	Room 3:	Miss Corry
Year 3-4	Room 7	Mr Horne
Year 5-6	Room 6:	Mrs Pol
Year 5-6	Room 4:	Mr Peacock & Mrs Jones
Year 7-8	Room 5:	Mrs Bennington

Mrs Jones: specialist visual art teacher/class release teacher.

Mrs Bainbridge: band and choir teacher.

Mrs Gray and Mrs Reshey: learning support

Mrs Boyes: office administration

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

We are a nut free school.

This includes peanuts and all tree nuts and related products, eg: peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars that contain nuts.

NEW STUDENT/FAMILY ORIENTATION VISIT

Families and students are invited to visit school anytime between 11:30am-1pm on Friday 30 January to meet their teacher and ease the transition to a new class and/or school before commencing on Monday.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Most of our returning students will have a good idea of where to go, even if they are changing classroom. Students are invited to go to their class, find their hook, hang up their bag and catch up with their teacher and classmates. The first morning session will be spent settling in and getting to know new classmates and routines.

MEET THE TEACHER (PARENT GROUP MEETINGS):

During week 2, each class teacher will run a 20-minute group session for all parents of their class to attend together, to outline the general class programme and expectations for the year ahead. Please check the [online calendar](#) later this week for the dates and times which will be confirmed on Friday.

We look forward to bringing parents together to hear from our class teachers, and being able to meet one another and make connections. Students are welcome to attend with parents.

For parents who would like an additional (or prefer) a one-to-one meeting with the teacher to share information, please book in for Wednesday 11 February.

A separate notice with an online booking link will be circulated next week.

SCHOOL HOURS

School commences at 9am and finishes at 3pm. The bell rings at 8.55am. Please endeavour to have your child/ren at school in good time for a prompt start, as this really does help them to have a great day at school. Children are welcome to arrive from 8.30am, which allows plenty of time to prepare for the day and have the often-important play and social time too. Pick up is by 3.15pm. Families are very welcome to play longer if a parent or caregiver is present and actively supervising children.

SUNHATS AND HYDRATION

During term 1 sunhats are required every day for all outside play and learning.

Please supply a named bottle of water. Teachers make opportunities for extra drinks on hotter days and/or allow a water bottle to be kept in class.

STATIONERY

Stationery packs have been ordered for all students to meet the requirements for each class/year level. Families will receive an invoice for stationery in due course.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER TERM 1 VALUE: RESPECT

Love expressed through Respect – A willingness to treat with courtesy, to hold in high regard; to honour, to care about yourself and others, and the environment.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is the Creator. The maker of all things.
- God made people to be His image bearers.
- Each person bears God's image and is thus worthy of respect.
- There is a particular respect we are to show to those who are placed in authority over us.
- As image bearers of God, we are called to PUT OFF all disrespect and to be conformed more to the image of our creator as we PUT ON gentleness and respect.
- We are even to be respectful in how we share the 'good news' about Jesus with others.
- Another aspect of respect is the call to respect or care for all that God has made. Not just His image bearers but all that He made and called 'good'.
- When we do this, we honour God in the way we live out our role as an image bearer.

Biblical Illustrations:

Esther (to Xerxes, to Mordecai) in Esther 1-2; 5-8

Daniel in Daniel 1-6

10 commandments (God's name, parents, others) Exodus 20

Moses Exodus 33

Jesus (render to Caesar, to rulers, to his mother Mary) our ULTIMATE example

*Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers,
fear God, honour the emperor.*

1 Peter 2v17

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS AND NOTICES

On the first day of school your child will receive a class newsletter from their teacher with very useful information to get us all off to a great start. The first schoolwide newsletter will be published at the end of week 2, and fortnightly thereafter via email. A paper copy is available at the office.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES 2:20pm

We host a whānau assembly most Friday afternoons throughout the year. Parents and whānau are all very welcome to attend and it is a great way to see what is happening at school! Each week, three classes share from their recent learning and two or three students from another class are the assembly leaders. We are led in song by our band and choir made up of year 5-8 students. We would love to see you there!

SCHOOL APP

Our school app is called Edge. We will send out occasional reminders and cancellations on the app, alongside email. To download the Edge App, go to your App Store and search for MUSAC Edge and download. When creating your account, please use the same email address to which school emails are sent.



The Edge App is especially useful and easy for parents in notifying student absence.

BAND AND CHOIR / MAH MUSIC

Band and Choir will get underway from week 2 with Mrs Bainbridge. New members from years 5-8 are welcome to audition and students will be given full information at school. If you are interested in private lessons with Amelia, please go to her Mah Music website, <https://www.mahmusicnz.com/> to find the details there.

TERM 1 2026 [CALENDAR](#)

30 January	Orientation 'pop in' 11:30am-1pm.
2 February	First day of term 1 for all students
6 February	Waitangi Day – school closed
9 February	Meet the Teacher meetings
10 February	DNI Technology classes commence for Y7&8
10 February	Meet the Teacher meetings
11 February	Parent/Teacher interviews by request
13 February	First whānau assembly 2:20pm
27 February	LCS Community Picnic 5pm
11 February	Y7&8 Technology classes commence @ DNI
4 March	PAL's training (Y8) TBC
20 March	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
23 March	Otago Anniversary Day
2 April	Last day of term 1

2026 TERM DATES:

Term 1:	2 February – 2 April
Term 2:	20 April – 3 July
Term 3:	20 July – 25 September
Term 4:	12 October – 15 December

Meet the Teacher meeting times will be confirmed and added to the online calendar from Friday 30 January.

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

Colossians 2v3

