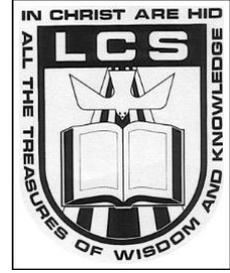


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 2  
Friday 13 February 2026

Dear Parents and Whānau

A very warm welcome to our returning and new students and families. We are delighted to have you in the Liberton Christian School community and we pray you continue to settle in well to a new year of learning. We have enjoyed a positive start to the new term and the mostly dry weather is allowing lots of outdoor play and activity.

This week our teaching staff have enjoyed connecting with you through the Meet the Teacher group information sessions and individual conferences. The focus of these first parent/teacher information meetings is to establish a positive working relationship between home and school and promote a shared understanding of the expectations and routines of the class programme. Whether a child is working at the expected level, or achieving above or below expectations, we want to help you support your child's learning as knowledgeably as possible. The importance and influence of parents to a child's learning should not be underestimated. We value open and positive home and school relationships, and I encourage you to keep regular contact with your child's teacher throughout the year to ensure the best success for their learning. Our main aim, in partnership with you, continues to be to provide high quality Christian education that seeks to honour God in all that we do.

We would love you to join us at school for a BYO picnic on Friday 27 February from 5pm to welcome everyone to the new school year. It will be a good opportunity to reconnect and enjoy a time of informal fellowship together. Bring a picnic mat and your dinner, and we will provide ice blocks for the children.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore  
Principal  
[principal@libertonchristian.school.nz](mailto:principal@libertonchristian.school.nz)



A big welcome to our new entrant (Y1) students in room 2: Daniel, Jeffery, Kelsey, Chloe, Jubilee and Addison, and in room 1 (Y2) Tupau and Tommy.



## 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*

## YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Thursday 19 February at 9:15am.

(This free vision check is not required if a student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

*If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office, before the visit.*



Te Whatu Ora  
Health New Zealand

Vision Hearing Team  
0800 88 55 04 Ext 4  
[visionhearing@southerndhb.govt.nz](mailto:visionhearing@southerndhb.govt.nz)

## 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. More detailed instructions are available on our website linked [here](#)

## BAND AND CHOIR / MAH MUSIC



Band and Choir got underway this week with Mrs Bainbridge. New members from years 5-8 have begun to audition. 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.

## FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS

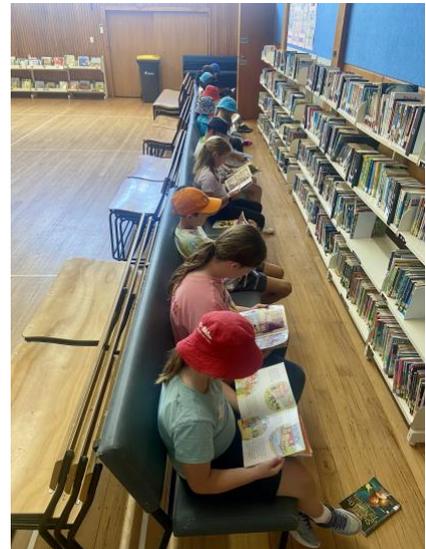
The Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata initiative is available to all state and state-integrated schools and kura in New Zealand. Research shows that the average age young people start menstruating is decreasing. As a result, access to period products is needed in primary and intermediate as well as secondary schools.

LCS has a supply of free period products available for our students. Please let Mrs Bennington know if you would like your daughter to benefit from this offer so we can make sure we order the right amount of product.

Photo: students enjoying library time during the lunch break.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES 2:20pm

We host a community 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! The next assembly is Friday 20 February.



## INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

Occasionally there is some confusion around school payments as we have three bank accounts for different aspects of our school.

**Board of Trustees** School payments (stationery, sports fees, uniform) account number 02 0908 0263142 00

**Attendance fees** are paid to the Dunedin Christian Schools Association bank number 02 0908 0114307 00

**Liberton Fundraisers** (fundraising purchases, e.g, hot lunches) account number 11 8337 0088665 11

## FUTSAL

We have entered eight teams into the Futsal competition at the Edgar Stadium. Thank you to the wonderful parents who are helping courtside with subbing and team management. The first week did have a few hiccups as the game time changed up to three times for some teams. Mrs Stowell is our teacher in charge of futsal. Karen will continue to send out the draw links on Fridays, however, please check on game day as changes can occur and be difficult to keep up with!



PHOTOS –

Top: Liberton Tigers  
Y8 Boys

Left: Y5&6 Liberton  
Legends

Right: Y5&6 Liberton  
United



## TERM 1 2026 CALENDAR

20 February	Whānau assembly 2:20pm
23 February	Year 5-8 EPro8 week
27 February	LCS Community Picnic 5pm
4 March	PAL's training (Y8) TBC
20 March	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
23 March	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)
31 March	Y1-4 final futsal game for season
1 April	Y5-8 final futsal game for season
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

### TEACHER ONLY DAY: FRIDAY 20 MARCH

We are holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday 20 March. The day is allocated by the Ministry of Education to give teaching staff dedicated time to engage with The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh | Te Mātaiaho. The following Monday is the Otago Anniversary public holiday, which will allow for an extra-long weekend for families.



### 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.
- A blessed and positive start to the new year of school.
- The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the wider community.



Please pray for: -

- Our students to grow in their understanding of what it means to show respect in their words and actions.
- Our year 8 students as they begin their final year at LCS and further develop their leadership skills.
- Our 2025 graduates as they settle into their high schools.
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.

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

Colossians 2v3



Our intermediate students commenced technology classes this week at DNI. Photos are from the hard materials workshop.