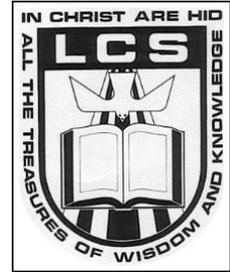


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 4
Friday 27 February 2026

Dear Parents and Whānau

It has been a busy week in our school hall as the year 5-8 students participate in the EPro8 Challenge. The EPro8 Challenge is an inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 35,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part. Students participate in a series of events: firstly within their school and then inter-school. These events are designed to promote science, engineering, innovation, and problem solving. The teams who will go on to the inter-school competition will be announced next week.

This newsletter includes information regarding the DCSA annual meeting and information from the Dental School and Health NZ. There are also some great photos of two junior futsal teams and our year 8 students' leadership efforts this week.

We would love you to join us at school for a BYO picnic on Friday 6 March from 5pm. It will be a good opportunity to reconnect and enjoy a time of informal fellowship together. Bring a picnic mat and dinner for your family. We will provide ice blocks for the children.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore

Principal

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Left: our year 8 student leaders
Above: Our new students in years 3-8

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.

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

1 Peter 2v17

FUTSAL

We have eight teams playing in the Futsal competition at the Edgar Stadium. Thank you to the wonderful parents who are helping courtside with subbing and team management.



Liberton Leopards (Year 1&2)



Liberton Panthers (Year 3&4)

THE DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual General Meeting of Dunedin Christian Schools Association (Inc.) will be held at Liberton Christian School on **Tuesday 24 March 2026, 7:30 pm.**

Members and friends are encouraged to attend as we reflect together on the life of the school community. Please note the meeting on your calendar and keep this night free.

The DCSA plays a crucial role in our school as it is the owner of our school property and is charged with ensuring the special character of the school is upheld. The special character of the school is determined by the Christian world and life view of the DCSA as outlined in articles three and four of the Constitution.

DCSA members are able to be nominated by the governing council as proprietor representatives on the school board of trustees. Parents who are in agreement with the Association's constitution are encouraged to become members. [DCSA links](#)



Photo: Some of our Year 8 leaders organised a chalk art session last week.

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 4: **82%** of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.

We finished 2025 with a great result of 82% of our students in attendance at least 90% of the term.

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 (local or 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 9am) 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 4: **13%** of our students were regularly late to class.

If your child/ren are regularly late to class, please endeavour to change this habit.



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.
- The Liberton PFA, we are so thankful for their efforts to support our school.
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.



TERM 1 2026 [CALENDAR](#)

4 March	PAL's training (Y8 group)
6 March	Whānau assembly 2:20pm
6 March	LCS Community Picnic 5pm
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.



Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora

CHANGES TO THE DELIVERY OF THE SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

The School-Based Immunisation Programme is delivered by Public Health Nurses to students in Year 8. Currently students in Year 8 receive two-doses of the HPV immunisation.

From 2026 we're making some changes as we take steps to adopt a co-delivery model, which has been very successful in other districts in New Zealand. The co-delivery model means that the 11year old immunisation (Boostrix/Tdap) and HPV immunisations are delivered together to students in Year 7. Our transition towards the co-delivery model is as follows:

- In 2026, Year 8 students will be offered both Boostrix/Tdap and HPV immunisations.
- In 2027, Year 7 students will be offered both Boostrix/Tdap and HPV immunisations. As a catch-up Year 8 students will also receive their HPV immunisations.
- From 2028, Year 7 students will be offered both Boostrix/Tdap and HPV immunisations.

Parents/legal guardians will still be provided a consent form to choose whether or not their child receives an immunisation at school.



Photos: Year 8 boys running a practise futsal session for the year 5&6 teams.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE DENTAL SCHOOL

New children

When children are sent their first appointment with us, they are also sent a set of forms. This includes an introduction letter, the Dental School enrolment form, a health questionnaire, a radiography consent form, and a privacy statement.

If marked on our shuttle list that children need enrolment forms, they will not be transported on the shuttle unless they have these completed forms with them. We cannot take verbal consent for these initial appointments.

Children already enrolled

For children who have been previously enrolled in our clinic, a radiography consent form is included with their examination appointment. If returned, this means children can have radiographs taken at their examination appointment. However, if children do not bring their radiography consent form, they can still attend their examination appointment. We will gain consent for radiographs for future appointments.

At their examination appointments, it may be decided that children need to return for treatment. Treatment required is recorded on a green 'Consent and Medical History form' and given to children to take home to their parents.

Consent and Medical History Form

Both the consent and medical history section on this form need to be completed and signed by the child's parent and returned with them at their next appointment. Alternatively, verbal consent can be gained for treatment by the child's student oral health therapist when they call the parent, or by the parent calling our clinic on 03 479 7189.

- This must be informed consent so the parent must know what treatment is needed before they give consent.
- The medical history must be checked to complete the consent process.
- It is not possible to gain verbal consent from parents over the telephone when the shuttle arrives at school to collect children. The students supervising on the shuttle will not have any knowledge of the treatment required or the child's medical history. This could also hold up the shuttle. If the parent is at school and they can quickly phone the clinic to discuss consent, this may be possible but is not encouraged.

If consent for treatment is needed, this will be recorded on the shuttle list as 'consent needed'.

Shuttle List

The list that the students take with them when they collect children from school for their appointments is the most up-to-date list which has been checked that morning.

If children who need to bring forms do not have the completed forms with them, they will not be able to attend their appointment, and this will be rescheduled.

If the school have had a communication from parents contrary to the latest shuttle list, we will reschedule appointments rather than potentially bring children in against parents' wishes. In this case, the shuttle students should be guided by the school.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS WAIHOLA

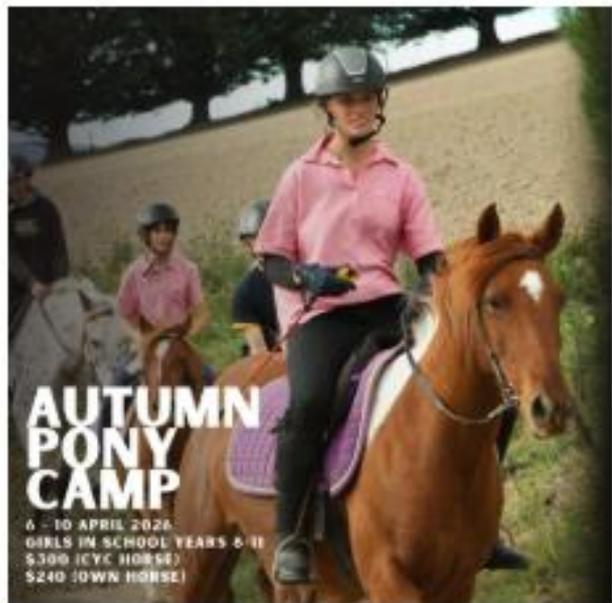


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