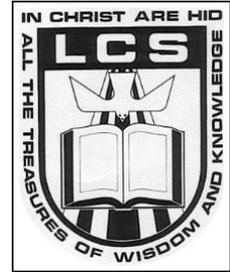


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 6
Friday 13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Whānau

We were thankful for the lovely warm evening for our community picnic last Friday evening. It was a blessed time of fellowship for our extended whānau. Thank you to everyone who was able to join in. We enjoyed seeing the children have such a good time together.

We are preparing for winter sports as the netball and basketball seasons will commence during May. We will need help from whānau to field competitive teams. If you have an interest in coaching netball or basketball or know someone who would be willing to volunteer their time to coach and/or referee, please be in touch. Netball Otago also offer holiday programmes and a pre-season training programme for interested families. Details can be found here [Netball Holiday Programmes](#).

The Edgar Stadium sport organisations (futsal, netball, basketball) are tightening up their expectations and procedures around team administration, interactions with referees, general behaviour and uniform. Please support our team managers and coaches by making sure your child is engaged with their game by standing near the team manager if waiting to be subbed back on during the game. Please ensure siblings are actively supervised and playing appropriately.

We have made a change to our swimming programme. Our school group has become too big to attend Moana Pool as one group. From next term, our year 1-6 students will attend lessons for five consecutive Thursdays as per our regular programme and our year 7&8 students will participate in a water activity programme on a separate occasion. Buses will be used to and from the pool for our year 1-6 students. Further information on swimming will be circulated next week.

The board of trustees will be closing the link to their survey very soon. Please follow this link to provide your voice [Social Science Parent Survey](#).

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore
Principal



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.

Please ensure siblings of players are being actively supervised during and between games.

Photo: Y3&4 Liberton Strikers

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](#)



Room 5 EPro8 competition first place team.



Junior children enjoying playtime.

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 wonderful community picnic on a warm evening.
- 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 need for winter sports coaches and referees
- The DCSA, we are thankful for their long and faithful governance over 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

18 March	Room 1&2 Wheels Day
20 March	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
23 March	Otago Anniversary Day (school closed)
25 March	Room 3 Wheels Day
31 March	Y1-4 final futsal game for season
1 April	Room 7 Wheels Day
1 April	Y5-8 final futsal game for season
2 April	Last day of term 1



Year 8’s at Physical Activity Leaders training

TERM 2 2026 CALENDAR

20 April	First day of term 2
21 April	EPro8 Y7&8 interschool competition
23 April	World Vision Youth Conference
23 April	Y1-6 swimming @ Moana Pool
23 April	EPro8 Y5&6 interschool competition
27 April	ANZAC Day (school closed)
30 April	Y1-6 swimming @ Moana Pool
7 May	Y1-6 swimming @ Moana Pool
14 May	Y1-6 swimming @ Moana Pool
21 May	Y1-6 swimming @ Moana Pool
23 May	Liberton PFA cheese roll making day
25 May	You’ve Got the Power show
1 June	King’s Birthday (school closed)
19 June	World Vision40 Hour Challenge weekend
3 July	Last day of term 2



WEDNESDAY WHEELS DAY IS BACK!

Our Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) are keen to support active play at school. One Wednesday will be allocated to each class to bring **small wheels** to school that can be used at break times. Small wheels are scooters, skates, skateboards, roller blades – transport with small wheels that can safely be used in a circuit on the court area. Helmets are compulsory for all wheel types. Other safety equipment (e.g. pads) is at the discretion of parents. The class dates have been added to the school calendar. If inclement weather prevents Wheels Day happening, we will reschedule another date for that class.



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. We will be learning about the new year 3-8 assessment SMART tool and reporting requirements. The following Monday is the Otago Anniversary public holiday, which will allow for an extra-long weekend for families.