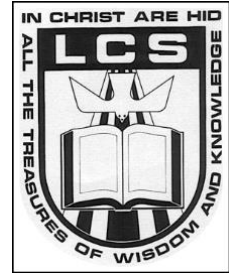


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 2 Week 4
Friday 15 May 2026

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Our teaching team are working through mid-year assessments and reporting to parents alongside the teaching and learning programme. This year there are new Ministry of Education requirements that we are implementing.

Over the last two weeks we have trialled the new Ministry of Education SMART (Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool) assessment tool. This assessment is likely to be compulsory from 2027 so we decided to use it this year so we could be fully prepared for next year, especially as it is implemented across years 3-8. The assessment is completed in three separate sessions for reading, writing and mathematics. SMART is not a high-stakes test (like an exam). It's more of a learning check-in, designed to help parents and teachers understand what each student knows, what they can do and what they need next.

The data from the SMART assessments will not be included in your child's mid-year report. Our teaching team will be looking at our data and reviewing our implementation of the tool. The Ministry of Education will provide us with in depth analysis of the results in a few weeks. The teaching team will be using familiar assessments to inform academic progress and achievement for the mid-year reports.

The Ministry of Education has rolled out new reporting to parent requirements for 2026. We have a new report format and new progress descriptors to describe your child's progress in reading, writing and maths. Instead of three progress descriptors (working towards, meeting expectations, exceeding expectations) there are now five. They are emerging, developing, consolidating, proficient, and exceeding. At mid-year, children who are consolidating, proficient or exceeding are on track to meet expectations. At the end of the year, children who are proficient or exceeding show they are ready for the next year of learning. The progress descriptors can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore
Principal



Year 1&2 Liberton Nuggets had great fun at their basketball game this week.



We have recently welcomed Annelise as a new entrant to room 2.

TERM 2 VALUE FOCUS: COMPASSION

Love expressed through Compassion – A willingness to help, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer, forgiveness.



The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. *Psalm 116:5*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. 2 *Corinthians 1:3*

BASKETBALL

We have entered five teams across years 1-8 for basketball. Thank you to the amazing parents who are volunteering to coach and manage our teams. The introduction event on Thursday was helpful in setting up the season for success. Photo: Y5&6 Liberton Rockets.



NETBALL

We have entered three teams across years 3-8 into the netball competition. Games start during week 5. Thank you to the wonderful parents who are volunteering to coach and manage our teams. The year 5-8 teams had a wonderful time learning and developing their skills at the Netball Festivals last week. Photos: Netball Festival.



WORLD VISION 40 HOUR CHALLENGE 19-21 JUNE

The World Vision 40 Hour Challenge 2026 is focused to support the Solomon Islands this year.

- 80% of Solomon Islanders depend on fishing and farming for the food and family income.
- 1 in 6 children in the Pacific region are living in severe food poverty.
- \$28 provides a family with a vegetable garden to grow their daily food.

How students can join our 40 hour challenge team:

Go to [Join Our School Team](#) From there you will be able to create your own profile which is linked to our school. You can then contact friends and wider whānau to ask them to sponsor your 40 Hour Challenge or donate to the Solomon Islands project.

Information booklets are available at the office. Children may only participate with parent permission.

OR you can make a donation by scanning the QR Code.



SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATES



School pick up is a very busy time at our Hillary Street and Pine Hill Road gates. The safety of our students is paramount.

Whilst the speed bump and narrowing of the intersection on Pine Hill Road has largely worked to slow down the traffic, we can make mistakes and accidents can happen. Vigilance is required by every driver whether parking or driving around our school zone. Please take care parking in the area, ensuring to keep the main gate area clear and off the yellow lines.

Our message to students in years 1-4 remains that they must not leave the school grounds without an adult or older sibling.

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.
- Each one of our parents who is able to help at the pool and with sports teams.
- The opportunity we have to witness to God’s love and compassion before our neighbours.

Please pray for: -

- Our students and teachers through the busy weeks of assessment and reporting.
- Our sports teams to play fairly and with gracious hearts whether winning or losing games.
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.



TERM 2 2026 CALENDAR

- 21 May Y1-6 swimming @ Moana Pool
- 19 May Y3-6 netball commences @ Edgar
- 21 May Y7&8 netball commences @ Edgar
- 23 May Liberton PFA cheese roll making day
- 25 May You’ve Got the Power show
- 28-29 May NZACS Leaders Conference
- 1 June King’s Birthday (school closed)
- 4-5 June Y7-10 Middle School Conference @ Hillview
- 19-21 June World Vision 40 Hour Challenge weekend
- 25 June Parent Teacher conferences
- 1 July Parent Teacher conferences
- 1 July Y7&8 Water Skills Session @ Moana Pool
- 3 July Last day of term 2



Our Y5&6 Liberton Clippers basketball team played a great game on Thursday.

ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Each week at our Friday Whānau Assembly three classes share class learning and one class leads the assembly. The below table outlines the plan for the rest of term 2.

WEEK	CLASSES SHARING	CLASS LEADING
Friday 22 May	Rooms 2,6,5	Room 7
Friday 29 May	Rooms 1,4,7	Room 3
Friday 5 June	Rooms 2,6,5	Room 1
Friday 12 June	Rooms 4,7,3	Room 2
Friday 19 June	Rooms 5,3,1	Room 4
Friday 26 June	Rooms 2,7,6	Room 5
Friday 3 July	Rooms 4,3,1	Room 6

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW

Parent Consultation Term 2

These policies are displayed on the notice board at the office. If you would like to comment on or provide feedback on any aspect of these policies, please see Fiona or a Board of Trustees member.

- Handling of Concerns and Complaints
- Māori Achievement
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Physical Restraint (annual)

These policies will be reviewed at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 June.

LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA)

Our amazing fundraising group are in full swing and very thankful for the support of our school whānau.

Current fundraisers:

- [Food Pantry Orders](#) – Stock your pantry and support the school.
- [Hot Lunch Orders](#) – A delicious way to support our Tamariki
- Stay and Play – After whānau assembly the PFA serves free tea and coffee alongside treats on Friday afternoons.
- [Cheese Roll Order Form](#) – The classic southern favourite is back! Orders close 17 May.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 2027 STUDENT ENROLMENTS

If you have a pre-schooler that you intend to enrol at Liberton during 2027 please pop into the office to get an enrolment form to complete at your earliest convenience.

Applications are due by **1 August 2026 for commencement at any time during 2027**. All applications will be considered at the Board of Trustees meeting following the closing date. Siblings have the first priority for enrolment.

If the number of applications exceeds the number of places available, our Enrolment Scheme will be applied to determine the order of places offered.

Liberton Christian School Playgroup & Connect

We'd love to invite families to our Friday morning Playgroup&Connect!

Hope Church (304 Pine Hill Road)
🕒 Fridays, 9-11am

A relaxed space for under 5's to play and parents to connect —especially great for families preparing to start at Liberton Christian School.
Come along, meet others, and build community—we'd love to see you there!

A relaxed space where:

- Preschoolers can play, explore & make friends
- Parents & caregivers can connect and build community
- Current school parents & families (all ages welcome)

Progress Descriptors

Emerging

Students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level and/or goals as described in their personalised learning plan.

Your child/mokopuna:

- Is beginning to understand some learning ideas for their year level with a lot of support.
- Can sometimes use knowledge they've learned but usually needs help to do so.
- Is making some progress in ways that are meaningful and aligned to their strengths and needs, with significant support.

Developing

Students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level.

Your child/mokopuna:

- Is starting to understand key ideas, often with some support.
- Can remember facts and use what they've learned in familiar situations, with a bit of help.
- With the right support, your child is making progress towards the expectation for their year level.

Consolidating

Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas.

Your child/mokopuna:

- Is learning to use helpful techniques on their own to support their learning.
- Is getting better at remembering and using what they have learned.
- Is starting to use what they know in new and different situations.
- Can share their ideas and is beginning to talk about what they would do better.

Proficient

Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level.

Your child/mokopuna:

- Can use helpful learning techniques on their own and knows how to use them well.
- Can use what they have learned in different situations without help.
- Can often use what they know in new situations.
- Can share their thoughts clearly and explain their reasoning.
- Often shares their ideas to build knowledge.

Exceeding

Students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level.

Your child/mokopuna:

- Shows advanced thinking by understanding tricky ideas, solving problems, making connections, and explaining their thinking clearly.
- Can link what they've learned in one area or situation to another.
- Can build on their ideas and show deeper understanding.
- Can use what they have learned in thoughtful and creative ways to understand more challenging ideas.
- Tests and challenges ideas to create deeper knowledge.

The progress descriptors describe students progress across the school year. A student who has achieved proficiency is prepared for the next year of learning.

Progress descriptor	Emerging	Developing	Consolidating	Proficient	Exceeding
Mid-year reporting	Not yet on track to meet expectations		On track to meet expectations		
End of year reporting	Has not met expectations			Has met expectations	



Winter adventures await - register for a camp today!

If you have questions, email us at kidscamps@cycwaiholā.org.nz