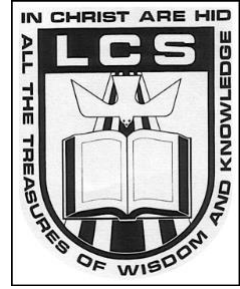


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2  
Friday 25 October 2024

Dear Parents and Whānau

I trust you have heard the wonderful news that our proprietor, The Dunedin Christian Schools Association has been granted a maximum roll increase to take the school to 140 students by 2026. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us through the twenty months the application process has taken. We are delighted to partner with new families in Christian education next year.



Last week we were able to enjoy a splendid day of athletics at the Caledonian Ground. The weather was just right and our students could really enjoy learning and competing in the track and field events. Thank you to the fantastic group of parents who supported us in having a great day. A group of year 5-8 students will represent us at the North Zone Athletics on 5 November.

Our year 6-8 students have been blessed with a very active week away at Berwick Camp. Camps are rich learning opportunities for young people as they experience new and challenging activities in a safe environment. Our students have experienced kayaking, camping skills, a confidence course, flying fox, and visited the Maungatua Adventure Centre which includes the high wire adventure course and archery. A big thank you to Mrs Bennington and Mr Peacock for planning and leading the camp, and to the many parents who attended to support the fun and learning.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Welcome to Andrew who has joined us in room 2!

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore  
Principal



## TEACHER ONLY DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED

We will be holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday 8 November. The day is allocated by the Ministry of Education to give teaching staff in every school dedicated time to understand, prepare for, and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh | Te Mātaiaho.



## TERM 4 VALUE: DUTY

Love expressed through **Duty** – to do what is right, what you ought to do.

*A brief overview of what we teach:*

- God is faithful.
- Duty is what we ought to do. We have a duty in what we ought to do before God.
- We have a duty in regard to what we ought to do before our earthly authorities (parents, leaders, governors ...)
- We may even have a duty to be faithful to promises we have made – James 5:12
- Duty is not easy. It takes diligence and hard work.
- We will have success and failure. We will need the help of the Holy Spirit.

*Biblical illustrations around Duty:*

Daniel, Abraham, Ruth, Mary and Martha, Jesus is our ultimate example.

*The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. Psalm 145:13*

## DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (DCSA) MEMBERSHIP

Our proprietor 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 up-held. 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. This is now easy via the online form available here: [DCSA Membership Application](#)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Our board of trustees has an essential role in our school. The board provides governance support to the school such as policy direction, employment and strategic planning.

Our board is made up of parent, staff and proprietor representatives. Our current members are Nicole Klemetson (presiding member), Jan Jopson (DCSA chair), Paul Copland (DCSA), Megan Spence (parent rep), Sally Mangai (parent rep), John Egbuji (parent rep), Campbell Paton (DCSA), Fiona Sizemore (principal), Grant Peacock (staff rep).

## PARENT FORUM

### STRATEGIC AIM #3

To extend the learning partnership and strengthen the whakawhanaungatanga (*getting to know each other*) with the school community.

The principal and members of the board of trustees invite parents to attend an open meeting on Thursday 14 November 2-3.30pm or Friday 15 November 9-10am.

Pop in if you can to hear about the strategic direction of our school, chat and provide feedback and ideas for our future.

The board of trustees will not be conducting a parent survey this year but instead would love to hear from you at the above opportunities.

## WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES

Liberton Fundraiser Wednesday Lunches continue this term! Please use this link for term 4 orders <https://form.jotform.com/242147847664870> . We are very grateful to the wonderful team who organise and serve the lunches each week.

## TERM 4 SUMMER SPORT

We have entered six teams for futsal across years 1-8. The draw is available here [Edgar Stadium Sports](#).

### HONEY:

Orders are being taken for the popular **Pure Taieri Honey**.

complete the Link: [Honey order form](#)

Online payment to the Liberton Fundraisers account 11-8337-0088665-11



### PRAYER POINTS:

*Please pray for us! We are very grateful to all those who uphold the school in prayer.*

*Give thanks for: -*

- *A new term of learning opportunities for our students*
- *The maximum roll increase application being approved*
- *A wonderful athletics day, a great start to futsal and a blessed senior camp*

*Please pray for:-*

- *Our teaching staff as they work to teach and complete end of year assessments and reports in term 4*
- *Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders*



## TERM 4 2024 CALENDAR LCS Calendar

28 October Labour Day public holiday  
30 October HPV second round  
5 November North Zone athletics  
8 November Teacher Only Day (school closed)  
14 November Parent consultation meeting 2.30pm  
15 November Parent consultation meeting 9am  
19 November Otago athletics day  
6 December Thank You and Leavers assembly  
13 December Graduation assembly  
16 December Clean-up day / Last day of term 4

### 2025 TERM DATES - UPDATED

*28 January: Teacher Only Day*

*New family orientation pop in 11.30am-1pm*

Term 1: 29 January – 11 April

Term 2: 28 April – 27 June

Term 3: 14 July – 19 September

Term 4: 6 October – 12 December

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.*

*I Chronicles 16:34*



## YEAR 1-4 FUTSAL TEAMS



## YEAR 6-8 CAMP AT BERWICK

