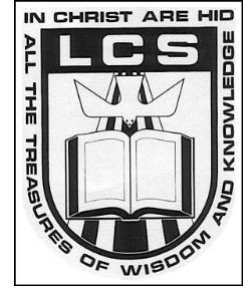


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4  
Friday 8 November 2024



*Dear Parents and Whānau*

*It has been lovely to have the sunshine and warmer weather back this week, enabling our students to fully enjoy the playground at break times.*

*Planning is underway for next year and this has included appointing a **new teacher** to join our team while **Mrs Copland takes a year of leave** to travel with her husband and live overseas. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Jane Yoo will join us to teach in room 6. 2025 sees our largest cohort of students (year 5) grow to 28 students, so rooms 4,5 and 6 will all be in the senior learning team (year 5-8) next year.*

*Congratulations to our group of seventeen students who competed at the **North Zone Athletics** yesterday. Special congratulations to Willah who came first in the long jump!*

*A big thank you to the **Liberton Fundraisers** who have made a donation of \$1500 to the teaching staff for classroom games and activities. This is greatly appreciated and will be put to very good use!*

*We have two **Parent Forums** coming up next week. This is an opportunity for parents to attend a friendly meeting (with snacks!) on Thursday 14 November 2-3.30pm or Friday 15 November 9-10am. You are very welcome to join us for all or some of the time to contribute to the strategic direction of our school, chat and provide feedback and ideas for our future.*

*Also next Friday, we will hold the **senior academic and leadership awards assembly**. Students in years 5-8 will be recognised for their achievement in external competitions. We will also present LCS Leadership awards.*

*Serving Christ together,*

*Fiona Sizemore  
Principal*

## North Zone Athletics Day



## TERM 4 VALUE: DUTY

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

*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*

Sam, Jadon and Samuel created this 'Christmas Area' during break time recently. It featured a tree with a star. These boys are ready for the Christmas season!



## CLASS PHOTOS

To order class photos, please follow this link: [Order Class Photos](#)

Password: *hillary5* Payment can be made via online payment methods or if you prefer to pop into the Kelk studio you can pay with cash or Eftpos. The link will close on 21 November. Orders will be delivered to school.

**Kelk** photography  
www.kelkphoto.co.nz

## SCHOOLASTIC BOOKS

We have made Scholastic Books available through our school for many years. It is not always obvious in the catalogue that books are a good quality read. We advise parent awareness and discretion.

Common Sense Media is one of several websites available that provide book and media reviews. <https://www.common sense media.org/>

## 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](#)

## ASSEMBLIES COMING UP

15 November Leadership and Academic Awards (years 5-8)

6 December Thank you and Leavers assembly (Thank you to volunteers, leavers from Y1-7)

13 December Graduation assembly and afternoon tea (year 8 graduates)

## 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.

### ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

Very soon the work to tighten up the Hillary Street / Pine Hill Road intersection will start. This will cause significant disruption to drop off and pick up at our school as the intersection will be closed for 2-3 weeks. You will have the option of dropping off on Pine Hill Road to use the walkway entrance or driving further along to Lowe Street and accessing Hillary Street from the other end. There is also work scheduled to redo the footpath on the school side of Hillary Street.

Thank you for helping keep all students safe at the school gate at 3pm, by not parking on the yellow lines or over the main gate area.

*We continue to remind our junior children (Years 1-4) that they must not leave the school grounds without an adult or older sibling alongside them.*



### LOST PROPERTY

We have several unnamed LCS hoodies on the lost property table in the hall. If you are missing one please check the table for these and other items.

### PRAYER POINTS:

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

*Give thanks for: -*

- *The teacher only day allowing our teachers time to understand the new curriculum*
- *The maximum roll increase application being approved allowing new families to join us soon*

*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

8 November Teacher Only Day (school closed)  
14 November Parent Forum meeting 2.30pm  
15 November Parent Forum 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:

*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*