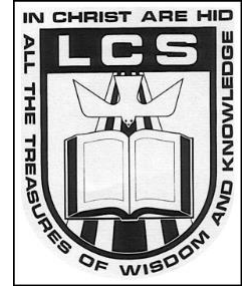


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6
Friday 22 November 2024



Dear Parents and Whānau

Thank you to all the parents who were able to make it along to one of our parent forum consultation meetings last week. The board of trustees decided to offer these meetings instead of an online survey this year, and were thankful for the response. The board will consider the feedback and suggestions at the next meeting.

Congratulations to Willah who represented us at the Otago Athletics Competition this week. Willah qualified to compete in the Under 11 Girls 80m sprint and the long jump. She did well and came 6th equal in the final for long jump.

Our fabulous Liberton Fundraisers are hosting Stay and Play every Friday for the remainder of term 4. They have been encouraged by the positive response and support of this initiative.

Please note the dates and information for our important last three weeks of term in this newsletter. We look forward to sharing both our Thank You / Leavers assembly and Graduation assembly with you.

Thank you for your support and encouragement as we serve in Christian education together.

Ngā mihi nui | Warm regards

Fiona Sizemore
Principal



Term 4 Futsal coaches / managers, we would like to thank you for your service at our Thank You Assembly on Friday 8 December. Please attend if you can.



ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON HILLARY STREET NEXT WEEK

On Monday 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 and then driving back out via Lowe Street.

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.



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

ASSEMBLIES COMING UP

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)

HOPE CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This year we are joining with Pine Hill School on Wednesday 11 December at Hope Church, for our combined Christmas Service. During the service our school will lead a Christmas carol and Room 2 will present the Room 2 Nativity Play. Parents are very welcome to join us for the service at 11am.



THANK YOU AND LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

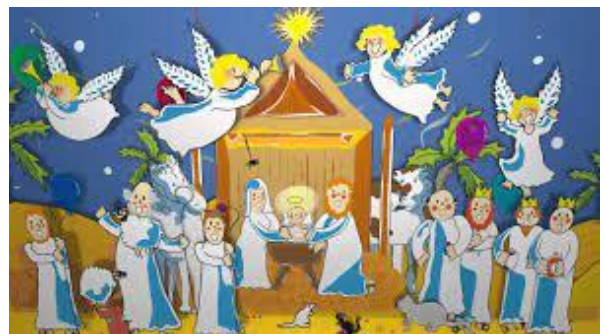
Our Thank You and Leavers assembly will be held on Friday 6 December commencing at 2.20pm. This assembly is an opportunity to thank our parents and volunteers who have helped in various ways over a term or the year. We also present leaving certificates to students not returning for 2024 in Years 1-7.

YEAR 9 RETURNERS MORNING

2023 Year 8 graduates are invited to return for a half day on Thursday 12 December. The morning session will include a meeting with Fiona and sharing their high school transition experiences with our 2024 graduates.

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY AND COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA 1.30PM

Our graduation assembly will commence at 1.30pm on Friday 13 December. This is a whole community event. Our Year 8 graduates will present their farewell speeches and receive their graduation certificate. Our Room 2 students will present their Nativity Play. Afterwards there will be an afternoon tea in the hall for whānau and an ice block outside for students and younger siblings. Please join with us to celebrate our graduating students and enjoy fellowship together.



END OF YEAR REPORTS

Teachers are currently preparing the children's 2024 School Reports. These will be emailed directly to families on Friday 13 December. You can request a printed copy of the report by completing this form at [2024 EOY Report Paper Copy Request](#) Printed reports will be available for collection from the school office after school on Friday 13 December.

LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

At our Leadership Assembly on Friday 10 November we presented awards to acknowledge Year 7&8 leadership and service to our school.

Junior Leadership Award: Meatuai Kosena Eteuati, Noah Egbuji, An Xin Chang, Jesse McIlroy

Senior Leadership Award: Rachel Daley, Summer Tan, Amos Pettigrew

Senior Leadership Award Sports/Music: Jonah Mangai

Senior Leadership Award Drama/Speech: Eliya Gonen

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS FROM EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Year 5-8 University of Canterbury Kiwi Competitions and/or the Spelling Bee Competition.

The Kiwi Competition grades are generated by the University of Canterbury based on results throughout the country. Our students' results compare well with the national averages for their year groups.

English, Maths, Science, Spelling Bee Grade Percentiles

Achieved $\geq 50 < 75$ Merit $\geq 75 < 90$ Excellence $\geq 90 < 99.5$ Distinction ≥ 99.5

English

Achieved: An Xin, Hannah D, Noah, Hannah Lee, Grace, Emette, Simon, Rosalie, Davi

Merit: Sammy, Olivia, Daniel, Euna, Jesse, Rachel, Amos, Janneke

Excellence: Jeremy

Maths

Achieved: Noah, Olivia, Jesse, Jonah, Amos, Simon, Rosalie, Davi

Merit: An Xin, Sammy, Daniel, Hudson

Excellence: Rachel, Jeremy

Science

Achieved: Hannah D, Sammy, Euna, Simon, Rosalie, Jeremy

Merit: Rachel, Janneke, Davi

Excellence: An Xin, Jesse, Alexander, Sam K

Spelling

Achieved: Jianing, Euna, Praise, Eliya, Jonah, Emette, Davi

Merit: Noah, Daniel, Amos

Excellence: Jeremy

University of Otago Mathematics Problem Challenge Results:

Merit: Alexander, Hannah Lee, Euna, An Xin, Noah, Jesse, Jonah, Rachel, Amos

Excellence: Asher, Olivia, Daniel, Sammy, Jeremy

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](#)

LIBRARY AND CLASS BOOKS

Please return all library and class reading books by the end of term.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW CYCLE

This term the Board of Trustees is reviewing three policies as part of our three-year cycle. The policies are posted on the notice board in the office foyer for parent consultation. Please contact Fiona or a Board of Trustees' member if you would like to make suggestions or discuss a policy further.

- Assessment
- Recruitment and Selection of Staff
- Theft and Fraud Prevention

They will be discussed at the next Board meeting.



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:-

- *God's continuing faithfulness and amazing grace over our school*
- *The events and activities happening in the next three weeks*
- *The opportunities we have to represent Christ in the community in the Christmas season*

Please pray for:-

- *Our year 8 students as they prepare to graduate and move on to high school in the new year*
- *Our teaching staff as they work to teach and complete end of year assessments and reports*
- *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

25 November Y5-8 visit to Sinclair Wetlands
27 November Y5&6 Football Challenge with NEVS
3 December Room 2 NE visit
4 December Y1-4 visit to the Botanical Gardens
5 December Room 2 NE visit
6 December Thank You and Leavers assembly
9 December LCS Band & Choir performance at Ross Home
11 December Christmas service at Hope Church
12 December Year 9 Return morning
13 December Graduation assembly and afternoon tea 1.30pm
16 December Clean-up day / Last day of term 4

2025 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 29 January – 11 April
Term 2: 28 April – 27 June
Term 3: 14 July – 19 September
Term 4: 6 October – 12 December

TERM 1 2025 CALENDAR LCS Calendar

28 January *New family orientation 'pop in' 11.30am-1pm*
29 January First day of term 1 for all students
6 February Waitangi Day
7 February Y5-8 Beach Education Day
24 March Otago Anniversary Day
11 April Last day of term 1

PHOTO: Room 1 mathematics learning this week.



2025 CLASS ARRANGEMENTS

Year 1-2 Room 2: Miss Neill/ Mrs Sizemore
Year 2-3 Room 1: Mrs Stowell
Year 3-4 Room 3: Miss Corry
Year 5-6 Room 6: Mrs Yoo
Year 5-6 Room 4: Mr Peacock
Year 7-8 Room 5: Mrs Bennington
Mrs Jones: specialist visual art teacher/class release teacher.
Mrs Bainbridge: band and choir teacher



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

1 Chronicles 16:34

STAY AND PLAY EVERY FRIDAY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS TERM!

STAY & PLAY
THIS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Stay at school for a social start to your weekend. Tea & coffee will be provided (for free) baked goods will be on sale for a gold coin donation and juices will be on sale for \$2, you can either send coins with your child or online banking transfer on the day to the Liberton fundraising account 11-8337-0088665-11.

Juicies
real. fruit. simple

FOR SALE \$2

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