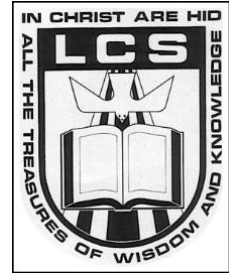


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 2
Friday 7 February 2025

Dear Parents and Whānau



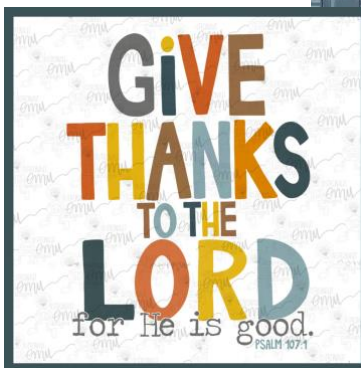
Welcome back to a new school year! A very warm welcome to our new students and families. We are delighted to have you join the Liberton community and we pray you continue to settle in well. We have 21 new students from twelve families joining us this term. We have enjoyed a positive start to the new term with the warmer summer weather allowing lots of outdoor play and activity.

Many of the children are very excited to use the new swings and much improved play space at the rear of the school. The basket swing is especially popular. We are very grateful to our proprietor, the Dunedin Christian Schools Association for their work to continually improve our school facilities. The team at Spot on Builders have done a fantastic job over the summer break to get the area ready for the new play equipment and the big new concrete space. It really is a huge improvement, thank you!

This week our teaching staff have enjoyed connecting with you through the Meet the Teacher group information sessions and individual conferences. The focus of these first parent/teacher information meetings is to establish a positive working relationship between home and school and promote a shared understanding of the expectations and routines of the class programme. Whether a child is working at the expected level, or achieving above or below expectations, we want to help you support your child's learning as knowledgeably as possible. The importance and influence of parents to a child's learning should not be underestimated. We value open and positive home and school relationships, and I encourage you to keep regular contact with your child's teacher throughout the year to ensure the best success for their learning. Our main aim, in partnership with you, continues to be to provide high quality Christian education that seeks to honour God in all that we do.

Serving Christ together,

*Fiona Sizemore
Principal*



FROM THE DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

The Dunedin Christian Schools Association (DCSA) are the proprietors of Liberton Christian School. One of our roles is to assist the Board of Trustees (BOT) to maintain the special character of Liberton. To enable us to do this, we are for the first time asking for a Special Character Donation of \$600/family. This is in addition to your attendance dues and will show on your invoices.

We are committed to making Christian education accessible to all our families, so this request is not compulsory. However, a good response will allow us to support the BOT to fund (Christian) teacher training, specialist resources, and keep the smaller class sizes our children often enjoy.

Once your attendance dues have been paid, any additional payments will be treated as donations. All donations over \$5 are eligible for a donation tax rebate.

If you have any questions, please contact the DCSA Treasurer, Celia Nicoll
dcsatreasurer@libertonchristian.school.nz PH: 0272275097

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER TERM 1 VALUE: RESPONSIBILITY

Love expressed through Responsibility –A willingness to be answerable, to be trustworthy and accountable for your own conduct and behaviour.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is the just God, the law giver and the one who will judge the law. It is to Him we are ultimately responsible.
- We know that there is nothing hidden from our Just Heavenly Father and that He will call us to account for even our thoughts and attitudes.
- As we live before God and men, we can take responsibility by being accountable for our own conduct.
- We can seek to be more trustworthy
- We can seek to be more self-controlled

Biblical illustrations around Responsibility:

Joseph, Moses, David, Paul, Esther, Jesus is our ultimate example.

I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God!
He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

TEACHER TRAINING

We have welcomed two third year Otago University College of Education student teachers. Leane Geustyn (room 5) and Suzannah Porter (room 1) will be working with us during terms 1-3.



INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

Occasionally there is some confusion around school payments as we have two bank accounts for different purposes, and the Liberton Fundraisers have their own account.

Board of Trustees School payments (stationery, sports fees, uniform) account number 02 0908 0263142 00

Attendance fees are paid to the Dunedin Christian Schools Association bank number 02 0908 0114307 00

Liberton Fundraisers (fundraising purchases, e.g, hot lunches) account number 11 8337 0088665 11

FUTSAL

We look to have a good number of teams to enter in the Futsal competition at the Edgar Stadium. Thank you to the wonderful parents who can help courtside with subbing and team management. Futsal is played on Tuesdays (Y1-4) and Wednesdays (Y5-8) after school. We will confirm teams next week.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES 2:20pm

We host a community assembly most Friday afternoons throughout the year. Parents and whānau are all very welcome to attend and it is a great way to see what is happening at school! Each week three classes share from their recent learning and two or three students from another class are the assembly leaders. We are led in song by our band and choir made up of year 5-8 students. We would love to see you there! The next assembly is Friday 14 February.

SCHOOL APP

Our school app is called Edge. We will send out occasional reminders and cancelations on the app, alongside email. To download the Edge App, go to your App Store and search for MUSAC Edge and download. When creating your account, please use the same email address to which school emails are sent.



The Edge App is especially useful and easy for parents in notifying student absence.

BAND AND CHOIR / MAH MUSIC

Band and Choir auditions will get underway from week 3 with Mrs Bainbridge. New members from years 5-8 are welcome to audition and students will be given full information at school. If you are interested in private lessons with Amelia, please go to her Mah Music website, <https://www.mahmusicnz.com/> and find the details there.

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 blessed and positive start to the new year of school.
- 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 responsibility in their words and actions.
- Our year 8 students as they begin their final year at LCS and further develop their leadership skills.
- Our 2024 graduates as they settle into their high schools.
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.

TERM 1 2025 CALENDAR LCS Calendar

- 7 February Y5-8 Beach Education Day
- 11 February Y7&8 Technology classes commence @ DNI
- 13 February PAL's training (Y8)
- 14 February School assembly @ 2.20pm
- 18 February Y1-4 Futsal commences
- 19 February Y5-8 Futsal commences
- 21 February LCS Community Picnic 5pm
- 24 February EPro8 week Y5-8 / Junior road safety week
- 24 March Otago Anniversary Day
- 11 April Last day of term 1

In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Colossians 2v3

Our 2025 Year 8 Leaders

