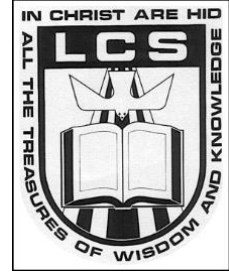


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 4
Friday 21 February 2025

Dear Parents and Whānau

The end of week 4 seems to have arrived quickly! Our teachers and students are settling into their class routines and learning programmes. It is good to see our students outside enjoying the play equipment, field and court spaces each break time.

This newsletter includes an invitation from our Parents and Friends Association (previously Liberton Fundraisers), and information regarding Wednesday Wheels Days, the DCSA and a letter from the Dental School. There are also some great photos of our senior futsal teams and intermediate students at technology. Coming up next week is an exciting week of EPro8 for our year 5-8 students.

We hope to see you this evening at the BYO picnic community event. It will be a great opportunity to connect and enjoy a time of informal fellowship together. Ice blocks will be provided for the children.

Serving Christ together,

*Fiona Sizemore
Principal*

WEDNESDAY WHEELS DAY IS BACK!

Our Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) are keen to support active play at school. One Wednesday will be allocated to each class this term to bring **small wheels** to school that can be used at break times. Small wheels are scooters, skates, skateboards, roller blades – transport with small wheels that can safely be used in a circuit on the court area. Helmets are compulsory for all wheel types. Other safety equipment (e.g. pads) are at the discretion of parents. If you send additional safety equipment to school, we will presume you would like it used. The class dates have been added to the school calendar and are attached at the end of this newsletter. If inclement weather prevents Wheels Day happening, we will reschedule another date for that class.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS MORNING TEA

The Liberton Christian School Parents and Friends Association (PFA) Fundraising Committee invites you to a relaxed and welcoming Meet & Greet morning tea!

When: Thursday, 27th February, 9-10am

Where: Staff Room

This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, to connect with others in our school community, and to learn more about the PFA and fundraising efforts. There will also be opportunities to serve and contribute in ways that fit your schedule – whether it's a little or a lot, we'd love for you to get involved.

New parents, returning families, and everyone in between are welcome! Preschoolers and babies are also invited to join in the fun.

We look forward to seeing you there for some great conversation, community, and a cup of tea!

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.

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

THE DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



The 46th Annual General Meeting of Dunedin Christian Schools Association (Inc.) will be held at Liberton Christian School on **Thursday 27 March 2024, 7:30 pm**. A Zoom link can be requested if you are unable to attend in person.

Members and friends are encouraged to attend as we reflect together on the life of the school community. Please note the meeting on your calendar and keep this night free.

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 upheld. 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW TERM 1

These policies will be reviewed at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 1st April.

- Staff Professional Growth Cycle
- Smoke and Drug Free
- Attendance

The Government has set a target of achieving 80% of students attending more than 90% of the time by 2030, so this review will include the board considering how our school can improve attendance and especially lateness. Parent comment and reflection is especially welcome for this policy review.

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.

ROOM 2 SOCIAL SCIENCE LEARNING

We have been looking at stories, dance, and celebrations from the different cultures represented in our class.

The Sarimanok is a mythical bird from Filipino folktales.

The children also created beautiful Buchae Korean fans.



SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

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 are looking forward to all the new road safety provisions being complete around our school. We have been advised the pedestrian crossing on Hillary Street will have stripes added once all the safety upgrade work in Pine Hill is ready for road marking paint.



FUTSAL

We have entered six teams in the Futsal competition at the Edgar Stadium. The first games of the season went very well. Thank you to the wonderful parents who are helping courtside with subbing and team management.

Photos of our Year 5-8 Futsal teams:

Liberton Eagles, Liberton Lightning, Liberton Legends, and Liberton United.



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

- 21 February LCS Community Picnic 5pm
- 24 February EPro8 week Y5-8 / Junior road safety week
- 26 February Wheels Day for Room 2
- 28 February No Friday assembly
- 5 March Wheels Day Room 1
- 12 March Wheels Day Room 3
- 19 March Wheels Day Room 6
- 24 March Otago Anniversary Day
- 26 March Wheels Day Room 4
- 2 April Wheels Day Room 5
- 4 April HPV first round (Y8's with permission only)
- 11 April Last day of term 1



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



Intermediate students at DNI Technology classes (wood/metal, food, fabric, digital tech)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE DENTAL SCHOOL

We are refreshing our consent for dental care processes, and we would like to share these with you.

New children

When children are sent their first appointment with us, they are also sent a set of forms. This includes an introduction letter, the Dental School enrolment form, a health questionnaire, a radiography consent form, and a privacy statement.

If marked on our shuttle list that children need enrolment forms, they will not be transported on the shuttle unless they have these completed forms with them. We cannot take verbal consent for these initial appointments.

Children already enrolled

For children who have been previously enrolled in our clinic, a radiography consent form is included with their examination appointment. If returned, this means children can have radiographs taken at their examination appointment. However, if children do not bring their radiography consent form, they can still attend their examination appointment. We will gain consent for radiographs for future appointments.

At their examination appointments, it may be decided that children need to return for treatment. Treatment required is recorded on a green 'Consent and Medical History form' and given to children to take home to their parents.

Consent and Medical History Form

Both the consent and medical history section on this form need to be completed and signed by the child's parent and returned with them at their next appointment. Alternatively, verbal consent can be gained for treatment by the child's student oral health therapist when they call the parent, or by the parent calling our clinic on 03 479 7189.

- This must be informed consent so the parent must know what treatment is needed before they give consent.
- The medical history must be checked to complete the consent process.
- It is not possible to gain verbal consent from parents over the telephone when the shuttle arrives at school to collect children. The students supervising on the shuttle will not have any knowledge of the treatment required or the child's medical history. This could also hold up the shuttle. If the parent is at school and they can quickly phone the clinic to discuss consent, this may be possible but is not encouraged.

If consent for treatment is needed, this will be recorded on the shuttle list as 'consent needed'.

Shuttle List

The list that the students take with them when they collect children from school for their appointments is the most up-to-date list which has been checked that morning.

If children who need to bring forms do not have the completed forms with them, they will not be able to attend their appointment and this will be rescheduled.

If the school have had a communication from parents contrary to the latest shuttle list, we will reschedule appointments rather than potentially bring children in against parents' wishes. In this case, the shuttle students should be guided by the school.