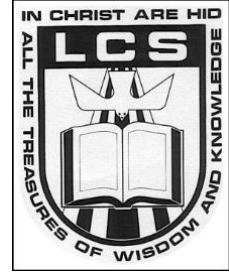


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Term 1 Week 6

Friday 7 March 2025

Dear Parents and Whānau

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our school picnic two weeks ago. It was a lovely evening of fellowship enjoyed by a large number of school whānau. It is always lovely to see our past graduates pop in for special events too.

Our year 5-8 students had a lot fun learning through the EPro8 competition last week. The hall was a very busy place for the four days of learning and competition. Four teams were chosen to go on to the next stage and represent our school in the inter school competition later this term. We love that every student in years 5-8 is involved each year as it is a valuable experience for them all. Photos and further information about EPro8 are on the second page of the newsletter.



Our Room 1 and Room 2 students have enjoyed their Wednesday Wheels Days over the last fortnight. Our Year 8 PAL's are doing a great job organising the track and managing the traffic chaos!

Over the last week our junior children have had road safety lessons with their teachers and Constable Ross. The timing has been appreciated as we now have an official pedestrian crossing on Hillary Street. It is wonderful to finally have the crossing finished! Whilst the speed bump and narrowing of the intersection on Pine Hill Road has largely worked to slow down the traffic, we have witnessed cars not slowing down for the pedestrian crossing, even when a child was near it. Vigilance is still required by every user of the crossing. Our message to students in years 1-4 remains that they must not leave the school grounds without an adult or older sibling.



Serving Christ together,

*Fiona Sizemore
Principal*

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Thursday 13 March at 9:15am.

(This free vision check is not required if a student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office, before the visit.

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Vision Hearing Team
0800 88 55 04 Ext 4
visionhearing@southerndhb.govt.nz



EPro8 Challenge

Engineer Problem Solve Innovate

Inter-School
Science
and Engineering
Competition



The EPro8 Challenge is the inter-school science and engineering competition. Every year over 25,000 students from throughout New Zealand take part. Students participate in a series of events: firstly, within their school and then inter-school. These events are designed to promote science, engineering and problem solving. All our year 5-8 students had the opportunity to participate in the learning as we are able to hire additional EPro8 boxes for a week. It is a lot of noisy, collaborative fun!

EPro8 Inter-school teams:

Congratulations to James, Daniel, Jesse, Noah, Asher, Alexander, Edmund and Sammy who will represent LCS in the Y7&8 competition. Congratulations to Mira, Willah, Thomas, Immanuel, Quinn, Sophia, Amos and Fletcher who will represent LCS in the Y5&6 competition.



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 2025, 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.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Government has set a target for all schools to be achieving 80% of students attending more than 90% of the time (every child missing fewer than 5 days across a term) by 2030.

At LCS during 2024 our attendance data showed:

- Term 1: 76% of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.
- Term 2: 66% of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.
- Term 3: 69% of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.
- Term 4: 73% of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.



The Ministry of Education is monitoring absence and reasons for absence closely. Justified reasons for student absence are illness, medical appointments or family bereavement. Unjustified reasons for absence include holidays (including overseas) taken during term time. Please use the Edge app, email or phone the office by 8:45am to notify school when your child is going to be absent.

Lateness (arriving after 9am) is also recorded and the data gathered by the Ministry of Education. Children are very welcome to arrive at school from 8.30am to get in some play and social connection prior to being on the mat at 8.55am. The best start for everyday at school is being ready for learning **by 8.55am**.

FUTSAL

Our teams are playing well and enjoying the competition. A big thank you to the wonderful parents who are helping courtside with subbing and team management. We know it can be challenging keeping up with the late changes and organisation.

Photos of our Year 1-4 Futsal teams:
Liberton Strikers and Liberton Leopards



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.
- Our pedestrian crossing and road safety improvements.
- 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.
- Safety for our children on the roads around our school.
- 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

12 March	Wheels Day Room 3
13 March	Hearing and Vision checks
19 March	Wheels Day Room 6
24 March	Otago Anniversary Day
26 March	Wheels Day Room 4
27 March	DCSA Annual Meeting 7.30pm
1 April	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
2 April	Wheels Day Room 5
4 April	HPV first round
11 April	Last day of term 1



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