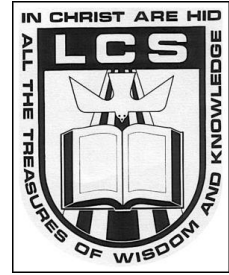


# LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 11

Friday 11 April 2025



Dear Parents and Whānau

*It has been a full and lively term at school. Thank you for your support and encouragement of the teaching team as they faithfully continued to deliver high-quality teaching and learning every day in our classrooms, whilst implementing the refreshed curriculum in English and mathematics.*

*It has been an exciting week for our EPro8 teams. Congratulations to our year 7&8 teams (pictured below) who placed first and third in the inter-school (semi-finals) competition on Tuesday. They both competed at the Grand Final on Thursday. At the finals they placed a very respectable fourth and sixth. Both teams worked very well, and the points table was close. Congratulations to our year 5&6 EPro8 teams who worked hard and represented us very well under the pressure of their competition on Thursday morning. Liberton Lightning placed fifth.*

*A big thank you to all the wonderful parents who gave their time to support our futsal teams this term. Our teams played well, developed their skills and enjoyed the competition. We will thank you formally at our whānau assembly on Friday 2 May.*

*We commence our swimming programme at Moana Pool on the first Thursday in term 2. Basketball and netball seasons will get underway in May.*

*We are looking forward to our Easter service at Hope Church at 1.30pm today. Please join us if you can, as we remember and celebrate what Christ has done for us on the cross.*

*We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 28 April.  
Serving Christ together,*

Fiona Sizemore  
Principal



## 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

### WORLD VISION 40 HOUR CHALLENGE 13-15 JUNE

The World Vision 40 Hour Challenge 2025 is focused to support the Solomon Islands this year.

1 in 6 children in the Pacific region is living in severe food poverty. 80% of Solomon Islanders depend on fishing and farming for the food and family income.

\$28 provides a family with a vegetable garden to grow their daily food.

\$98 gives seeds and farming tools to a family so they can feed their own children.

### HOW STUDENTS CAN JOIN OUR TEAM:

Go to [2025 World Vision Challenge](#) and click on Create Account. From there you will be able to create your own profile which is linked to our school. You can then contact friends and wider whānau to ask them to sponsor your 40 Hour Challenge or make a donation for the Solomon Islands project.

We also have a small number of paper booklets available from the office.

Children may only participate with parental permission.

PHOTOS: Our Year 5&6 EPro8 Teams working hard at the inter-school (semi-finals) competition on Thursday morning. Left: Liberton Pink Panthers. Right: Liberton Lightning.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY REVIEW

The board of trustees met on Tuesday 1 April. At this meeting our attendance policy was reviewed and updated. The updated policy is included below as the board would like all parents to be aware of the policy. Please see Fiona or a board of trustees' member if you would like to give feedback.

### 5.E. ATTENDANCE POLICY

#### RATIONALE:

The Board of Trustees and parents have a shared responsibility under the Education and Training Act 2020 to ensure the regular attendance of students enrolled at Liberton Christian school. The goal of this attendance policy is to support all ākonga (students) to have regular attendance (minimum 90%) and engage in all learning opportunities.

#### PURPOSE:

- To ensure the school is meeting the legal requirements governing the enrolment of students.
- To ensure all enrolled students are accounted for daily at 9am and 1.30pm whether present or absent from school.
- To record and monitor absence and attendance at school for the information of parents, caregivers and the Ministry of Education.
- To ensure that the school has set procedures that will be followed in cases of truancy.
- The Board of Trustees shows a commitment to help students establish and maintain the patterns of attendance and punctuality needed for success both within the school and in the wider community.

#### GUIDELINES:

##### School Responsibility:

We monitor the daily attendance of students to:

- ensure their safety both in arriving at school, and in accounting for them in an emergency.
- communicate with parents about attendance issues and work collaboratively to address concerns.
- meet our legal responsibilities.

##### Parental Responsibilities

Parents and guardians have legal obligations to ensure their children attend school. The school expects parents to:

- ensure their child attends school every day the school is open.
- ensure their child is on time for class, arriving between 8.30am - 8.55am.
- notify the school if their child is going to be absent by phone, app, or email by 8:55am
- try to arrange appointments etc. outside school hours or during term breaks.
- work with the school to manage any attendance issues.

##### Attendance Monitoring:

Attendance is monitored through our student management system (SMS), and parents are notified of absences and/or patterns of absence. The school follows up on unjustified or unexplained levels of absence (more than 10 half-days per term) and may refer the case to the Attendance Service.

##### Absence

For a full list of absence codes, see the MOE Attendance Tree.

Absences are usually unjustified unless the student is too sick to attend school. The principal may use discretion in coding justified absences of up to five days within the framework set out by the Ministry of Education, e.g. family emergencies, bereavement, representing in national events, attending cultural events.

##### Late to Class

Students will be marked as late when they arrive at class after 9:00 am.

The principal assures the board that student absences are correctly recorded, monitored, and followed up. The principal reports to the board on any annual targets set for student attendance.

#### Legislation

- Education and Training Act 2020

#### Resources

- [Health NZ Guidance on Child Sickness](#)
- Ministry of Education: Attendance Code Guidance
- Ministry of Education: Attendance Code Decision Tree
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### BASKETBALL

We have entered three teams for basketball. Uniform tops will be allocated during the first week of term 2. Thank you to the amazing parents who are volunteering to help at the games.

### NETBALL

The netball teams are due to be entered early next term. We don't have quite enough players for the year 3-8 teams, so if you are considering entering your child to play, please click on the link to the google form: Netball Link: [Netball 2025](#)

### 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 full and productive term 1.
- The opportunity to attend Hope Church to celebrate Easter as a school.



Please pray for: -

- Our students to grow in their understanding of what it means to show responsibility in their words and actions.
- Our school community to be refreshed over the term break.
- Our school to glorify God and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.

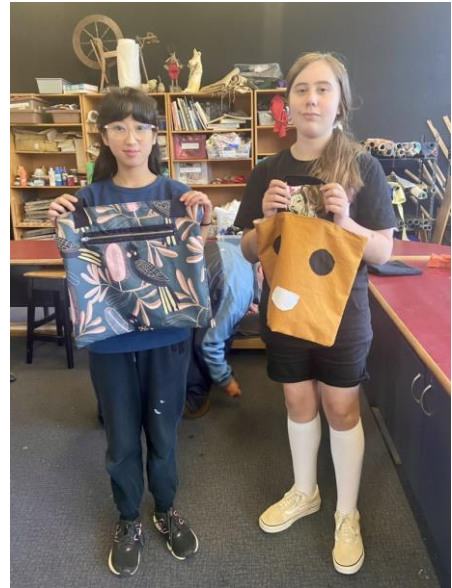


PHOTOS: Room 3 students enjoying their Wheels Day.



## TERM 2 2025 CALENDAR [LCS Calendar](#)

28 April	First day of term 2
1 May	Swimming @ Moana #1
2 May	First term 2 Whānau Assembly 2.20pm
5 May	World Vision Youth Conference
5 May	Y7&8 Basketball commences at Edgar
8 May	Swimming @ Moana #2
8 May	Y5&6 Basketball commences at Edgar
12 May	NYLD in Town Hall Year 8's
13 May	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
15 May	Swimming @ Moana #3
22 May	Swimming @ Moana #4
29 May	Swimming @ Moana #5
30 May	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
2 June	King's Birthday (public holiday)
13 June	World Vision Famine Weekend
20 June	Matariki (public holiday)
24 June	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
27 June	Last day of term 2



*Photos this page: Groups of our intermediate students with their technology class products.*

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY: TERM 2 FRIDAY 30 MAY**

*We will be holding a Teacher Only Day during term 2, Friday 30 May. The day is allocated by the Ministry of Education to give teaching staff dedicated time to engage with the mathematics area of The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh | Te Mātaiaho. The following Monday is the King's Birthday public holiday, which will allow for an extra-long weekend.*

**In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

**Colossians 2v3**