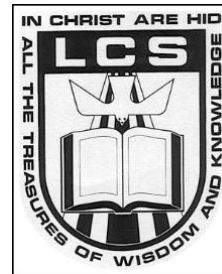


LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4
Friday 14 August 2026



Dear Parents and Whānau,

The last two weeks have been marked with a high level of sickness across our classes. In Dunedin we have Influenza A, RSV and the common cold circulating. We continue to encourage good handwashing, and cough and sneeze etiquette at school.

We also had the great excitement of a snow day! It has been a long time since snow closed all the schools in Dunedin. A google search told me it last happened in 2016. Snow days were once a more regularly occurring event, happening every couple of years.

After two postponements, Thursday last week was the perfect day for our school cross country. It was a fun event with many enthusiastic students and parents enjoying the afternoon. A group of year 5-6 students will now go on to the North Zone cross country on Tuesday. A big thank you Mrs Jones for organising this event.

Our netball and basketball season has come to an end. There has been great development and progress for our teams. A huge thank you to all our amazing parents who coached, managed and supported our eight teams. We are very thankful for your commitment and support each week. We will formally thank team coaches and managers at the whānau assembly this coming Friday. Coaches and managers, please attend if you can as we would love to thank you in person.

Serving Christ together,

Fiona Sizemore
Principal



We have recently welcomed Simon and Joshua to room 2.



This is the wonderful Liberton White netball team with Emily, their amazing volunteer coach and past graduate of LCS. Emily is now in year 11 and has been involved with refereeing, coaching and leading our junior netball teams for several years. Thank you Emily! We really appreciate your commitment, leadership and positive example to our junior netball players.

TERM 3 VALUE FOCUS: OBEDIENCE

Love expressed through **Obedience** – a willingness to obey rightful authority.

Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right.

Proverbs 20:11



THANK YOU PARENTS AND WHĀNAU VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR LOVE AND CARE OF OUR NETBALL AND BASKETBALL TEAMS OVER THE SEASON. WE APPRECIATE YOU.

ATTENDANCE REPORT 2026

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

2026 LCS attendance data:

Term 1: **80%** of our students attended school 90% or more of the term.

Term 2: **85%** 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 include illness, medical appointments and family bereavement or very special occasions. Unjustified reasons for absence include holidays (local or 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. Please notify us for a period of planned absence or each day for sickness.

Lateness (arriving to class after gam) 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**.

Term 1: **6%** of our students were regularly late to class.

Term 2: **15%** of our students were regularly late to class.

If your child/ren are regularly late to class, please endeavour to change this habit.

Lateness to class is often hard for the child as they have to walk in when others are settled and engaged in the morning routine.

Lateness is often hard for teachers as the class is disrupted by the late arrival and they often have to repeat information that has already been shared.

Our school Attendance Management Plan was reviewed at the last Board of Trustees meeting and can be found on our school website.



PHOTOS: LCS Cross Country Day



ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Each week at our Friday Whānau Assembly three classes share class learning and one class leads the assembly. This table outlines the plan for term 3.

WEEK	DATE	CLASSES SHARING	CLASS LEADING
5	Friday 21 August <i>Netball and Basketball Coach/Managers thank you's</i>	Rooms 5,3,1	Room 4
6	Friday 28 August	Rooms 2,7,6	Room 5
7	Friday 4 September	Rooms 4,3,1	Room 6
8	Friday 11 September	Rooms 2,6,5	Room 7
9	Friday 18 September	Rooms 1,4,7	Room 3
10	Friday 25 September	No Assembly due to school production week	

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 great day for our LCS Cross Country
- The opportunity we have to witness to God's love and obedience before our neighbours.

Please pray for: -

- The service project group as they prepare for their trip to Christchurch in week 8.
- Protection for children, families and staff from winter illness, and quick recoveries for those who are sick.
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.



TERM 3 2026 CALENDAR

Please follow the link to see additions or updates to the calendar between newsletters.

18 August	North Zone cross country at Chingford Park
20 August	Y1-6 Swimming at Moana Pool
21 August	PFA community movie night 5pm
27 August	Y1-6 Swimming at Moana Pool
1-2 Sept	Education Review Office (ERO) school review
3 September	Y1-6 Swimming at Moana Pool
4 September	Otago Cross Country
5 September	DCSA Strategic Planning Day
6-9 Sept	Christchurch service project group away
10 Sept	Class photos taken
10 Sept	Y1-6 Swimming at Moana Pool
15 Sept	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
17 Sept	Y1-6 Swimming at Moana Pool
21 Sept	Whole school production week
25 Sept	Last day of term 3 (No Whānau assembly)



Toilet paper and kitchen towels are in stock at school now! Please purchase to help save our staffroom!!

LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA)

Thank you for your wonderful support. These are our current activities as we seek to serve and support our school community.

Please note that we have a new bank account:

Liberton Christian School P & F Inc 06-0901-0915179-00

- **Prayer meeting** every Friday afternoon in the staffroom from 1:45pm – 2:15pm. Please join us to pray for the school and uphold our community in prayer.
- **Toilet Paper and Kitchen Towels Fundraiser** [Order Form](#)
- **Stay and Play** – after whānau assembly the PFA serve free tea and coffee alongside treats for a koha.
- Friday 21 August is **MOVIE NIGHT!** 5pm start. This is a free community event for the whole family.
- We are planning a **School Fair/Blanket Space** for Term 4. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

Liberton Christian School Playgroup & Connect

We'd love to invite families to our Friday morning
Playgroup&Connect!

Hope Church (304 Pine Hill Road)
🕒 Fridays, 9–11am

A relaxed space for under 5's to play and parents to connect
—especially great for families preparing to start at Liberton
Christian School.
Come along, meet others, and build community—we'd love to
see you there!

A relaxed space where:

- Preschoolers can play, explore & make friends
- Parents & caregivers can connect and build community
- Current school parents & families (all ages welcome)



MOVIE NIGHT

At Liberton Christian school

A FRIENDLY FAMILY EVENT TO ENJOY A
MOVIE TOGETHER.

21ST AUGUST, 2026

**STARTING AT 5PM,
MOVIE STARTING 5.45PM**

MOVIE TO BE CONFIRMED

SAVE THE DATE