LIBERTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3
Friday 30 October 2026

Dear Parents and Whānau,

We were blessed with a warm, sunny first day of term for our Athletics Day at the Caledonian Ground. It was a wonderful way to start Term 4! Our students enjoyed competing in the track and field events and there was a great atmosphere of support and encouragement. Thank you to the wonderful group of parents and friends of Liberton who supported us in having a great day.



Last week, our intermediate students spent an adventurous week at summer camp at Berwick Forest. School camps offer rich learning opportunities for young people as they experience new and challenging activities in a safe environment. Our students have experienced kayaking, camping skills, a confidence course, flying fox, archery, target shooting, and a high-ropes adventure course tucked in the forest. A big thank you to Mrs Bennington for her leadership and detailed planning, and to our amazing parent volunteers, Mrs Humphries, Mr McLean and Mrs McGuire, who attended to support the fun and learning throughout the week.

We are pleased to announce some updates to our teaching team roles for 2027. Mrs Bennington will move to the Junior Team to teach at the year 3&4 level. Mrs Bennington is looking forward to new experiences with our younger students and will teach in our brand new classroom! Mrs Pol and Mr Horne have been appointed to lead our intermediate students from next year. They will make a great team working across the two classes in the current Rooms 5 and 6. Watch this space as we are also planning to adjust the class numbers with the addition of our new seventh permanent classroom!

Mā te Atua e tatou e Manaaki | God bless you,

Fiona Sizemore

Principal





We have recently welcomed Skye and Marie to room 2.

SNOW WHITE REIMAGINED VIDEO

Liberton Christian School is pleased to share with whānau and friends the recording of Snow White Reimagined (https://bit.ly/LCSSnowWhite2026). NB - There is a short delay before being redirected to YouTube.

This video is not searchable on YouTube and only accessible to those with the link/QR Code. Please feel free to share the link/QRCode to this video with whānau and friends via email / messaging services.

We respectfully request that you refrain from sharing it on social media platforms.

TERM 4 VALUE FOCUS DUTY

Love expressed through **Duty** – a willingness to do what is right, what you ought to do.

A brief overview of what we teach:

- God is faithful
- Duty is what we ought to do. We have a duty in what we ought to do before God.
- We have a duty in regard to what we ought to do before our earthly authorities (parents, leaders, governors …)
- We may even have a duty to be faithful to promises we have made – James 5:12
- Duty is not easy. It takes diligence and hard work.
- We will have success and failure. We will need the help of the Holy Spirit.

Biblical illustrations around Duty:

Daniel, Abraham, Ruth, Mary and Martha, Jesus is our ultimate example.

The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. *Psalm 145:13*

FUTSAL TEAMS



Y1&2 Liberton Leopards, Y1&2 Liberton Tigers, Y3&4 Liberton Strikers, Y5&6 Liberton Legends

TEACHER ONLY DAY: FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER



We are holding a Teacher Only Day on Friday 13 November. The day is allocated by the Ministry of Education to give teaching staff dedicated time to engage with The New Zealand Curriculum Refresh | Te Mātaiaho. Our teaching team will focus on the new science and social science curriculum.

DUNEDIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION (DCSA) MEMBERSHIP

Our proprietor 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 up-held. 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. This is easy via the online form available here: DCSA Membership Application

TERM 4 2026 CALENDAR

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

7 November	DCSA Strategic Planning meeting 11:00am-3:30pm in the staffroom
12 November	Dunedin Symphony Orchestra 11:30am
13 November	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
17 November	Otago Athletics Day
8 December	Year 5&6 Sinclair Wetlands trip
8 December	Board of Trustees meeting
10 December	Christmas Service at Hope Church 11am
11 December	Thank You and Y1-6 Leavers Assembly
14 December	Graduation Assembly and afternoon tea 1:30pm
15 December	Last day of term

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 LCS Athletics Day and the Y7&8 summer camp.
- The opportunity we have to witness to God's love through the value of duty before our neighbours.

Please pray for: -

- The DCSA as they meet to work on developing their strategic vision and plan for the next few years.
- Our year 8 students to enjoy their final weeks of primary education as they prepare for high school.
- Our teaching team as they teach, assess and prepare to report during the busy final term of the year.
- Our school to glorify God in all ways and remain faithful to the vision set down by our founders.



Scenes from Berwick Forest Camp: High ropes course, view over Taieri from cave exit, water slide

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our Board of Trustees has an essential role in our school. The Board provides governance support to the school such as policy direction, employment and strategic planning.

Our Board is made up of parent, staff and proprietor representatives. Our current members are Nicole Klemetson (presiding member/DCSA rep), Jan Jopson (DCSA chair), Paul Copland (DCSA), Melissa Gray (DCSA), Megan Spence (parent rep), Sally Mangai (parent rep), Dave Folland (parent rep), Brent Jordan (parent rep), Fiona Sizemore (principal), Grant Peacock (staff rep).

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever.
I Chronicles 16:34

HIGHER FIBRE RICE BUBBLE SLICE

A Room 5 recipe from their Health Curriculum 'Feed your Gut Bugs' nutrition unit.
Students explored foods that are frequently marketed as healthy, but often carry hidden nutritional drawbacks. Through this investigation, they learned about the gut microbiome and examined the impact of hyperpalatable and ultra-processed foods.

½ C puffed rice
¾ C sunflower seeds
¾ C pumpkin seeds
3T chia seeds
3T flaxseed (linseed)
30g butter
3T honey
1t vanilla



Notes:

1. If you find the slice crumbles a bit much, add a little more honey and / or butter next time.
2. We made it nut free but you can use any combination of sunflower, pumpkin, sesame, chia & linseeds and / or almonds, walnuts etc as suits your dietary needs.
3. You can replace the puffed rice (which contains a lot of sugar already) with roughly the same quantity of
    a. Whole or rolled oats or buckwheat flakes
    b. Plain popcorn
    c. Puffed quinoa, millet or buckwheat

Instructions

1. In a large saucepan, heat the honey and butter. This will foam and will begin to darken in colour. As you heat the butter and honey, it will form a caramel. You will know it's ready when you can draw a spatula through the mixture and you will be able to form a channel on the bottom of the pot that holds for a few seconds.
2. While the caramel is boiling, combine all the dry ingredients together in a mixing bowl.
3. Remove the caramel from the heat, stir through the vanilla and then add the dry ingredients.
4. While the energy bar mix is still hot, press into a rectangle shape on a lined tray. **Use a spatula or spoon!**
5. Allow the energy bar mix to cool a little and cut while slightly warm.
6. Store in an airtight container.

Edge App has Updated!

Liberton Christian School uses the Student Management System, MUSAC Edge for our record keeping. Parents can also benefit from this system by installing the Edge app on mobile phones. The latest version is more attractive and similar to use.

Why?

Edge has a variety of convenient functions. With the app installed you can:

- Inform of us of absences
- Review your child's attendance
- View your child's school reports
- View school invoices and payments
- Record the correct pronunciation of your child(ren)'s name
- Receive timely push notification of emergency messages (e.g. last minute sport draw changes, snow day)

In addition to the above features, LCS would like to begin using the various communication features for newsletters, etc, but to be effective we require parents to install the app.

Where to Download

Simply visit your device app store, search for "MUSAC Edge" or use the QR codes/buttons below.

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Set Up the Edge App

1. Open the Edge app – the first time you do this you will be asked to **create** a PIN number.
2. Enter your email address – This is the email address that you registered at Liberton Christian School when you enrolled your child. It is also the address that this newsletter was sent to.
3. Click the "Reset password" link. An email will be sent to you which will allow you to set up/reset your password.
4. Check your email and click the link. This will open your web browser and take you to the "Parent Portal" where you can create your password.
5. Return to the Edge app and enter your email and new password.

Notes:

- If your email address is a Microsoft or Google address you can use these services to sign in by clicking the buttons on the app login screen.
- Once in the app you can visit the settings page to enable biometrics such as Touch ID or Face ID for future logins.