

Southcity Christian School

22 February 2010



“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

From the Principal

We have had a wonderful visit with Hokuriku Junior High School, who have been with us for the past week. The students return to Japan on Wednesday. We were presented with 3 copies of a book called *Discovering Japan*, which will be placed in our library.

The PTA are planning a variety of social events for our school community this year. One way of getting to know other families within the school is to attend these events. We all desire greater unity of the school community, but as the school grows, this gets harder to achieve.

As the mornings become cooler, please remember that only school uniform is allowed to be worn to school. Thermal long sleeved vests sticking out of short sleeves are not acceptable.

A number of our students have been involved in activities outside of school. Recently we had a number of students take part in the Weetbix Triathlon. Please inform us of your child’s successes and we can celebrate with you.

Our term programme is on our website and this is updated regularly. Check to see what is happening www.southcity.school.nz

Have a great week.
God bless
Bev Bishop

Board Elections 2010

With the Board Elections coming up in May we thought we would take the opportunity to share with you more about what it means to be a member of the Board of Trustees. Each week leading up to Elections you will hear from a Board member in the newsletter about the skills they have, skills they see as being useful on the Board, what they do on the Board and what they have learnt.

Hello School community,

I am Amanda Sargent and I was voted onto the Board at the last election almost 3 years ago.

The skills I came to the board with is a Teacher Aide Certificate, a heart for children, and a desire to pray about all we do as a Board.

I have learnt a lot about how the school runs, the board members responsibilities, and that it is important to work as at team in unity. I have been the Board minute secretary. The training that has been provided has supported and equipped me, and I have found it very valuable. Skills I see as being valuable on the Board are financial skills/understanding, maintenance planning, knowledge in Health and Safety, being able to review Policies, and an interest in education. Just as important if not more important, is the willingness to serve the school as a Board member and just to be prepared to roll up your sleeves and give it a go, and work hard. You will learn as you go—just like me!

Election time line

7th April	Electoral roll closes (Please ensure we have your correct address)
9th April	Nominations called for
21st April	Close of Supplementary roll
23rd April	Nominations Close (noon)
27th April	Voting Papers Posted
7th May	Election Day—Voting closes noon
13th May	Voting Counted—Results declared

Prayer Meeting

Come and pray for the school next Monday 1 March at 9am in the school Library.

Forms sent home

It is vital that forms which are sent home, are returned to school as soon as possible. The cyber safety and internet use agreements (sent to new families), and published photo permission forms were sent two weeks ago. These forms are being re issued today to those who have not yet returned them. Please check your child's bag for these. If they are not received back, i.e. no permission given, your child will not be allowed access to the class computers. This could compromise their learning.

Assessments

All year 4-8 students will be involved in National normed Assessment (Progressive Achievement Test—PAT) during the first two weeks of March. Please do not keep your child at home during this period unless they are sick - as it is impossible to try to catch them up later.

PTA

Upcoming events

Meeting to be held **tomorrow night - Tuesday 23 February** in the hall/activity room. Shelley Bishop will be the guest presenter, and will detail the work she was involved with over the past six months in Tanzania. The PTA provided \$500 towards the Magugu feeding scheme and you can see photos of those you helped. Thanks to Alison Harrison and “Let it Grow” for the opportunity to do this.

The school community is welcome to attend, and you will not receive pressure to join the PTA.

Thanks

Larissa Duffin
PTA Chairlady

Southcity Christian School Family Picnic

Friday 5th March
Hamilton Gardens
Rhododendron Lawn
From 5.30pm
Scavenger Hunt, Lollie Scramble, Fancy Hat Competition

SOUTHCITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GARAGE/CARBOOT SALE SATURDAY 13TH MARCH 8.00AM

**All donations for the garage sale will be gratefully received
Please contact Larissa on (07) 843 9632 or Ruth on (07)846 5633 if you have anything to
donate.**

Please pre-register to book your car or to book a stall site.

**Car=\$10
Trailer=\$15
Truck=\$15**