

Southcity Christian School

1 March 2010



“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Matthew 7:1,2

From the Principal

Our hearty congratulations to Janice and Brendan Muir on the birth of Dylan. He was born on Friday night and weighed in at 8lbs 3oz.

Please remember that the safety of your children is paramount to us, and rules that we have at school, while sometimes annoying to parents, all hinge around the safety aspect for students. As previously mentioned, all parents must park in the main carpark (not in staff car park) and must collect their children from the canopy area behind the office. No child is allowed onto the carpark by themselves, even if they are old enough to cross by themselves. Please also drive as slowly as possible in the carpark, as small children cannot judge the speed of an approaching car.

Southcity, as all schools are, is completely smokefree. This means that you may not smoke in your car while waiting for your child - you may not smoke on our grounds, nor in our buildings. (This is government legislation and not something we have made up.)

The Board of Trustees will be advertising the upcoming elections, and will be approaching people to gauge their interest in standing for election. Please give this some serious thought. Our next BOT meeting is on Thursday 18 March. You are welcome to come and see what happens.

Have a great week.
God bless
Bev Bishop

PTA News

The PTA is hard at work to provide community focused events. Please support them and the school where you can. (See attachment to the newsletter)

Assembly

This will be held on Wednesday this week, and Shelley Bishop will share her stories and pictures from Tanzania. Parents are welcome to attend (9am Wed).

World Maths Day—Wednesday 3 March

Wednesday 3rd March is World Maths Day, and students have the opportunity to participate in free online maths games and problems against children from all over the world. The format is similar to New Zealand Maths Week that Southcity participated in during September 2009. We will not be registering as a school for World Maths Day, but students may register individually on the website www.worldmathsday.com to participate, and can start problem solving straight away. If you have internet access at home, this is a great way to encourage your child and build enthusiasm for Mathematics.

Lost property

Please check the box regularly to claim lost belongings.

Scholastic Books

The latest flyers (Issue 2) are now available at the office. Orders due back by Wednesday 10th March.

Meet the BOT - Helen Toppin - Staff Rep

I became part of the Southcity School Board of Trustees at the beginning of last year. Each school board needs a staff representative, and for the past year it has been me!

I really had no idea what happened in Board meetings, and so the past year has been very interesting, and a great learning experience. The discussion, prayer and decision making has been on such a variety of topics that I can see why such a wide variety of skills is necessary. I've loved the educational discussions, but at time felt overwhelmed by the financial discussions, and policy wording. However, those 'in the know' have been great at filling in my large gaps so that I am able to participate in everything. Being a Board member definitely requires time commitment, as there is often work to be done outside of scheduled meetings, but it is worth it as it impacts on the way our school is governed. The food at meetings has also been a bonus! Please feel free to ask me any questions regarding the board at any time.

SOUTHCITY SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS FOR 2010

HOCKEY

We are investigating how many players are interested in playing on Southcity hockey teams for 2010. All interested players please give your name to Mrs Klevering at the office. Teams are from Year 4 up.

NETBALL

Netball will be starting soon and so we welcome registration of players from year 4 and above. This is not limited to girls, so boys are most welcome.

We currently have 2 teams. Southcity Saints are year 4, 5 and 6's and Southcity Angels are years 7 & 8.

This year Donna Milicich will be the coach of the Angels, and Jeanne Gibson will be the coach of the Saints. The two teams will train together at school, with Donna taking an after school practise on Tuesdays from 3pm – 4pm, and Jeanne will take a lunch time practise on Thursdays from 12:30-1:10pm. If your child is in a team, they are expected to attend both practises each week and to be present at their competition game each week. Both teams play their weekly competition games at Minogue Park in Forest Lake, with the Saints playing on Thursday after school, and the Angels on Saturday mornings.

Practises will start on Tuesday, 9th of March at 3pm, with games commencing early in Term 2.

The fee for the season is \$30 which covers the hireage of a netball uniform, and the fees payable to Hamilton City Netball. This fee must be paid before a uniform can be issued to your child.

If your child is keen and able to be a part of one of our netball teams, please send a note to the school office with the heading 'Netball' and include your child's name, year level, your name, email address and phone number.

All interested players please report to the hall on this Thursday (4th March) at 12.45pm for a uniform fitting.

Parent help with sports teams

If there are any parents who are willing to help with sports teams in any way.. Coaching, practises, transporting, help at games etc... please let Tina in the office know. The more help we have the easier things run.

St Pius Hockey team

Year 5 and 6 (boys and girls) needed to join a St Pius hockey team. Practice is at Melville High School—day to be confirmed. Coach Mr Bruce Milne. Muster at St Pius after school this Thursday (4th March) Enquiries ph: Noreen Hayman 8438783 or Robyn Fulton 8432050