

# Southcity Christian School

8 March 2010



*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21*

## **From the Principal**

As a school, we set really high expectations for respect. Respect for ourselves and our belongings, respect for others and respect for property. As I see it, part of this respect is following instructions and doing as you are told. We try to work closely with what you as parents are teaching your children at home, but sometimes however we notice that children are not talking to their parents or caregivers very nicely, and not in the way we would expect them to talk to us. Have a think about what your expectations are.

We want to develop your children into independent, responsible, critical thinking young people. As adults are we allowing this to happen, or are we creating a dependency on others, in our children. How independent and resilient is your child?

My comments are not criticisms, but something to think about and talk about at home.

Let's hope you have a great week.

God bless

Bev Bishop

## **Charter**

The Board of Trustees has presented the school Charter for 2010. Within the charter you will find academic goals for this year, along with the goals for 2009 (analysis of variance) and how the school measured up against this goals. The charter is available on the table in the breezeway. If you would like your own copy, please ask Tina.

## **Potential candidates for Board of Trustees**

By Vaughan Williams, Board of Trustees Chairman.

When thinking about stimulating the interest of the wider school community in the upcoming May 2010 elections, I thought about qualities which would make a 'very good candidate'. The sort of things I would list would be:

- An enquiring mind and the confidence to ask hard questions
- Someone who is committed to the mission of the school
- Has the time necessary toward being effective on the board (ie: do reading of board packs before meetings, attend a monthly two hour meeting, and be involved in project work at other times)
- Can place the school's purposes and interests above their own professional and personal interests when making decisions as a board member
- Knows how to work well with other people

Perhaps 'a very good candidate' would:

- have a policy mindset and is at ease in reading and reviewing the implementation of the board policies for the school, or;
- know how to build better relationships with the wider school community through good communication, or;
- provide practical assistance in planning for the maintenance of the school campus, or;
- have a good working knowledge of managing health and safety systems, or;
- skills in budgeting and interpreting financial information, or;
- be prepared to learn about some other area of school governance.

Would you please consider this opportunity, or encourage others you know who could be good candidates. Nominations are coming up and will open 15 March and close 23 April.

**Uniform**

Next bulk order will be Monday 22 March. No late orders will be accepted. Remember we are no longer carrying excess stock.

**Scholastic Books**

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

**Swan Plants**

We currently have swan plants available to our school community at \$5 per plant. The plants are approximately 1.5 metres high.

To place your order, please pay Tina by Friday 12 March. Plants should be available after school on Monday 15 March for pick up.

**Netball**

First practice after school tomorrow (Tuesday) 3-4pm. Please bring a drink bottle and sneakers.

**Hamilton Christian School Soccer Team**

HCS has places on their school's soccer team, and they have offered these place to Southcity. Please note, all liaison will be done through HCS and not Southcity.

There are places available in soccer teams at all age levels. If parents are interested in their children playing soccer in 2010 in teams with other Christian children and coaches, please contact Tom or Glenyss Bennett phone 854 5423 mobile 027 22 44935

Email tom-glenyss@clear.net.nz. (annual fees are about \$50 per child with playing strip provided by the HCS Soccer club. All you need is soccer boots and a willing heart) We need names put forward before Wednesday the 24th of March.

**Numeracy Information Meeting**

We are currently planning to hold a Numeracy information meeting for parents on Thursday 25th March. This meeting will comprise of information about each of the stages of numeracy development, and how these fit with the national standards. There will then be a time for you to visit tables set up specifically for each stage, to find out more information from the teachers, see examples of children's class work, play the games that aid in class learning, and pick up hints on how you can help at home. If you have previously been to a numeracy information meeting, some of the content will be repeated, and so this is not a necessity for you. There will, however, be some new information and ideas, so you are most welcome to attend if you are interested. Because all staff are expected to attend this meeting, we will only hold it if a minimum required number of parents indicate their willingness to attend. Please indicate on the reply slip whether you are planning to attend, and the time/s you would be able to attend. We will hold the meeting at the time that suits the majority of attendees.

Please ensure that your reply is received by the office by Friday 12th March.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will / will not be attending the Numeracy information meeting. (Circle one)

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time: (Please circle one)

3.15pm (A video and supervision of school children will be provided)

7pm