



29 March 2010

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:5-7

From the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are drawing to the close of a very busy first term. As we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, let us ponder on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us ensure that our children know and understand the significance of Easter, and that it is more than Easter bunnies and Easter eggs.

May you all have a very happy holiday with your children, plenty of rest and relaxation, fresh air and fun, so that children can return to school refreshed and ready to face term 2. Term 2 is an 11 week term, with plenty of full on activities and learning ahead.

Have a great week
God Bless
Bev Bishop

Arrival at school

We are noticing that some children are arriving at school very early each morning. Please understand that staff have a prayer meeting at 8am through to approx 8.20am and so are not available to supervise any children.

We have also noticed an increase in before school incidents, because children do not know what to do with themselves.

If you find that you have to drop your children off before 8.20am, will you please notify the office so we are aware of your child being here. We do understand that people often have early appointments and work commitments.

Ideally, we would prefer that children do not arrive before 8.20am.

Board of Trustee elections

Nomination forms were posted to everyone eligible to vote, last week. If you have not received your nomination form yet, then the office does not have your correct address. Please see Tina to get a nomination form then—and change your contact details with her.

Board Profile

My name is Peter Bos. My family has been involved with Southcity Christian School for the past 16 years. We have seen many good things happen and continue to happen. I have learnt much, by watching and listening to the way the leaders of this school apply themselves, as they work differently and have different styles. I have seen many good works for our children and our God.

My portfolio on the Board is property, and I have been very involved in updating and further developing of the 10 year property maintenance plan.

There is one final BOT meeting on 22 April, for any people who would like to visit before making up their mind to stand for elections. Nominations for BOT are due noon 23 April.

Mufti day and sausage sizzle - Thursday

You will notice a mufti day / sausage sizzle advertised in the PTA news—scheduled for Thursday this week. A mufti day is where the children may come to school in casual clothes (not school uniform) for the day. Children bring a gold coin donation (\$1 or \$2) to pay for the privilege of wearing casual clothes.

Sausage and drinks will be sold as well, at a dollar each.

The funds raised from this event will be used by the PTA.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

A pamphlet outlining this went home last week. If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

KOS will be taught in weeks 1-3 next term.

Maths Meeting

Thank you to the interested parents who attended last Thursday night. A great deal of fun was had, as we competed in the "Bowl of facts" activity, and a lot of chatting happened around what the children learn at each level.

Learning conversations 5/6 May 2010

Please diarise these dates so you can visit your child's teacher to discuss their learning progress. We will have some evening appointments on 6 May for those parents who work. Appointment lists will go up early next term in the breezeway.

Netball

Would you please ensure your child's netball fees of \$30.00 are paid to Tina at the office by Thursday morning.

There are **NO** netball practises this week. They will resume in the first week of next term.

Hockey

We are joining the Hamilton Christian School for hockey this season. Practices for all teams will be on Thursday 4.30—5.30 at Southwell, commencing 1st Thursday back next term. Any question ph Valerie on 8435457.

Bike Safety

We have a number of children who are currently biking to school. Please ensure that your child is wearing a helmet, and is visible to traffic. If you wish, your child may wear a high visibility vest over their school clothing. It is advisable that children also lock their bikes against the bike racks, and do not leave them here overnight.

Flute lessons

Liz Bouda, a parent at Southcity is offering flute lessons to any children who are interested. These would be group lessons for beginners and would be provided at school, in a slot before or after school. Times/Days/Prices to be confirmed. If you are interested, please contact Liz directly on 843 3849, txt cell 0274495284 or email liz@boudaville.com

If there is sufficient interest, she would be happy to start lessons next term.

Attachments

There are a lot of attachments attached to this weeks newsletter. Please take your time to look at them as some of them may be of interest to you.

Put the play back into your child's life with the YouthFit Backyard Sports

A holiday programme where kids ages 5-14 can make new friends, learn new games to play and cool off once a week at the Te Rapa pools!

Dates: April school holidays, both weeks **Times:** Open between 8:00 am and 5:30pm

Where: The YouthFit training centre. Te Rapa Racecourse, access via Ken Browne Dve.

Price: ONLY \$110 for an entire week and \$25 for a day

For more info Call us on (07) 853 7663 M:021 052 3245 or email: info@nzyfs.com

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