



*19 July 2010*

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

**From the Principal**

It is fantastic to see everyone back at school and I hope that you were able to forge some special family time over the past two weeks.

The term has begun on a sad note for us as a school. Last Thursday night Chris Cairns' husband Bill passed away. Chris has been on staff here at Southcity for close to 15 years and is also now our School Chaplain. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Chris and her family at this time.

Bill's funeral is on Wednesday at 2pm at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion. As you will appreciate, many of our staff would love to attend the funeral to show our support for Chris and to pay our respects to Bill. The school will remain open however it would be appreciated if parents who are able could pick up their children at 1.15pm on Wednesday afternoon. For those who are unable to do this an alternative programme will be put in place and some of our teachers, supported by one or two relievers, will ensure that learning continues.

I appreciate that there will be a number of parents and children who will also want to attend the funeral. We would like to take a small group of student representatives (in full school uniform) to the funeral so if your child has had a personal connection with Chris and you would like them to attend the funeral, but you are unable to take them yourself, then please contact the office tomorrow morning and leave your child's name with Tina. We will be able to take a limited number of children, and those children will be given a permission letter to take home tomorrow afternoon. Please note that the trip planned for Wednesday for Room One will continue.

On a happier note, I want to welcome Miss Shelley Bishop back onto our staff in a full time capacity. Shelley has been working in Room One this year for a day or two a week releasing me to attend to Deputy Principal duties. She will be the classroom teacher of Room One for the whole of Term Three. I am personally very grateful that she is prepared to step into this role because she is the ideal person because of her particular skills and experience here at Southcity.

While on the topic of appreciating staff, I want to thank the staff for their commitment, which includes all the work that staff do during the 'holiday' period. During this break this included attending a workshop on Restorative Practices last Friday and Saturday in Te Uku.

The staff will be meeting again this afternoon to discuss further our implementation of restorative principles within Southcity and I will talk about this further in future newsletters.

Kind regards

Paul Mathews  
Acting Principal

**Senior School visit to Waikato Museum**

Room 1, 2 and 5 will be visiting Waikato Museum this week. They will be learning about the way artists and poets use language, colour, and symbols to communicate ideas and emotions to audiences. Each class will leave school at 9.05am and return at 2.55pm. Students will need to take their lunch and morning tea with them. We would like to take this time to thank the parents that have offered to help with transport and supervision. The classes will be going on the following days:

Tuesday 20th Room 5  
Wednesday 21st Room 1  
Thursday 22nd Room 2

**Prayer meeting dates for term 3**

Monday 8.30am - 9.15am in the library. Your pre-schoolers are welcome.

July 26th  
August 9th  
August 23rd  
September 6th  
September 20th

**Uniform**

Just a reminder that we no longer stock uniform and all uniform must be ordered.

**NEXT BULK ORDER 2 AUGUST.**

Please make sure you check your children's uniform and you have your order in on time. All orders must be in by 9.15am.

The uniform shop is open Monday and Wednesday mornings if you wish to check sizes. Order forms are available from the office.

## Let It Grow.

Back in action again this week!

### Thursday mornings from 8.30 – 9.00am

Parsley, Ake Ake, Hebe, kowhai, grasses, and more are some of the what will be available this week.

There is also a range of larger trees you may be interested in.

i.e. Flowering Cherry (4m in height)

Titoki 1.5m

Kanuka 2m

Upright English Oak 4m and more.

If you have anything to give to the table please pass them onto me any time. **Plants, produce, preserves** or bits and pieces related to the garden would be greatly appreciated.

Many Blessings

Alison Harrison

## Year 7/8 parents and students

Clive Hamill, Principal of Melville High School, will address our students regarding Secondary education at MHS. He will be here (in Room 1) at 9am on Friday 23 July. Interested parents are welcome to attend.

## Sports News

### NETBALL NEWS

**SAINTS** – The games for the remainder of their season are as follows:

|          |           |        |          |                   |
|----------|-----------|--------|----------|-------------------|
| Thursday | 22 July   | 3:45pm | Court 19 | Southwell Stars   |
|          | 29 July   | 3:45pm | Court 11 | Rhode St Ferns    |
|          | 5 August  | 3:45pm | Court 12 | Woodstock Magic   |
|          | 12 August | 3:45pm | Court 12 | Forest Lake Tui's |
|          | 19 August | 3:45pm | Court 12 | Roto Champs       |

Please meet on the court asap after school for your warm up before each game.

**ANGELS** – The Angels have moved from Section 3 in the first round to Section 2 in the Championship round. The girls will be up against some stiff competition and will be working hard for every point they score. If they are fit, this will be a huge advantage to them, so encourage them to go for a 5-10 minute jog around the block each day after school and if they are shooters, to aim for a minimum of 25 goals a day.

The schedule of games for the remainder of the season, albeit the last game, which will be the final are as follows:

|           |        |                        |          |   |
|-----------|--------|------------------------|----------|---|
| 24 July   | 10am   | vs T.K. Reserve        | Court 7  |   |
| 31 July   | 10am   | vs Hamwest Strikers    | Court 9  | (Last round the score against them was 16-17 to them)                 |
| 7 August  | 9:15am | vs Crawshaw Storm      | Court 15 |   |
| 14 August | 10am   | vs Te Arima Red        | Court 8  | (We played them in the grading games and the score was 22-11 to them) |
| 21 August | 9:15am | vs St Josephs Diamonds | Court 13 | (Last round the score against them was 23-6 to us)                    |

28 August – FINALS DAY. To be advised.

### HOCKEY NEWS

#### Results

#### 6 aside Unforgettables

To be advised

#### 8 aside Crusaders

To be advised

#### 11 aside Centurians

Here are the hockey draws for the term. Sometimes they change so I will continue to check on a weekly basis and report to you all by email.

24<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm Water 1 v Hillcrest 3<sup>rd</sup>

30<sup>th</sup> July (FRIDAY) 4.20pm Water 1 v Southwell Black

6<sup>th</sup> August (FRIDAY) 7.30pm St. Pauls v Yr 5/6 Boys Dev

13<sup>th</sup> August (Friday) 7.30pm Water 1 v Saints

28<sup>th</sup> August 12.00pm St. Pauls v Matamata Blue

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept (Fiday) 7.30pm St. Pauls v Peachgrove 2<sup>nd</sup>