



# Southcity Christian School



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## Principal

Bev Bishop

## Teachers

Room 1 – Bryan Theobald  
Room 2 – Tim Popping  
Room 5 – Jess Norman and John Talsma  
Room 4 – Tracy Hankins  
Room 6 – Cathy Ulyett and Rachel Corban  
Room 7 – Valerie Thompson  
Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson  
Room 9 – Ilse Nolan

## Teacher Aide

Maria Tasker

## Office

Lisa Zegwaard

## Caretaker

Paul Anderson

## 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2022. Term 1 Week 1.

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6 v 10-11*

### *From the Principal;*

**Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).**

Welcome back after a summer holiday of spectacular weather!

We would like to welcome Mr Tim Popping, Mrs Tracy Hankins, and Mr John Talsma who are new to our staff. We hope they will be very happy at Southcity. Mrs Jessica Norman returns to Southcity in a part time capacity. We also congratulate Miss Lock on her wedding. She will return to us as Mrs Nolan.

Classes and staffing will appear further in the newsletter.

We also welcome Nathan, Sophie, Anaya, Ireliia, Jasvee, Tuakana, Joshua, Louis, Aishani, Nora, Evana, Arabella, Arielle, and Stephen to Southcity. We hope that they and their families will be very happy at our school.

Newsletters are sent home fortnightly, by email and also in print, to the eldest child within a family at our school. If there is urgent information, newsletters may be sent more frequently.

Very important information regarding access to school and our classrooms will follow further in the newsletter. Please take careful note.

We look forward to a great term together.

Have a great week  
Manaaki te atua (God Bless)  
Bev Bishop

## 2021 Term Dates

2022 Term 1: 1 Feb – 14 April

2022 Term 2: 2 May – 8 July

2022 Term 3: 25 July – 30 Sep

2022 Term 4: 17 Oct – 14 Dec

We do request that your holidays be planned during the school holidays where possible.

## Class Configurations

All classrooms have a coloured number outside their doors.

Room 1 - Year 7 & 8 Mr Theobald

Room 2 - Year 5 & 6 Mr Popping

Room 3 - Library

Room 4 - Year 2 & 3 Mrs Hankins

Room 5 - Year 4 & 5 Mrs Norman on Mon, Tues & Fridays. Mr Talsma on Wed and Thursdays

Room 6 - Year 3 & 4 Mrs Ulyett on Mon, Tues & Wed mornings. Mrs Corban on Wed afternoons, Thur and Fri.

Room 7 – Year 2 Mrs Thompson

Room 8 – Year 1 Mrs Gibson

Room 9 – Year 1 Mrs Nolan

## Covid 19 / Omicron

As per government ruling, all students and their teachers from Year 4 upwards must wear a mask when indoors.

Please send your child with an appropriately sized mask and assist them with the correct use of the mask (nose and mouth must be covered, mask must not be fiddled with etc). Reusable masks will need to be regularly washed.

Because Room 6 is a combination class, we will not enforce mask wearing, but those students who wish to, may definitely wear their mask.

Students will be given plenty of outside time without masks on.

## Sun Safety

During Terms 1 and 4, it is compulsory for all students to wear a wide brimmed hat when they are outside.

These need to be clearly named and need to be at school every day. (Perhaps have a school hat and a home hat.) We have a “No Hat, No Play” policy which is strictly enforced.

Please put sunblock on your children before school. We also have a sunblock container in the playground, from which students may apply additional coverage. If children have special sunblock, they will need to apply this themselves before heading outside.

It is an expectation that all students arrive at school / leave school with their shoes on. Please do not allow them to leave the property barefoot. Please name shoes either on the sole or inside, so if found, they can be returned to your child.

## Adult Access to School

Most schools across the country have engaged in a “kiss and drop” at the gate, and parents are not permitted onsite.

It is not appropriate for us to do this at Southcity because of the busy road. We will allow parents onsite, but this must be kept to a very short time onsite.

If your child is able to walk into school on their own, i.e. if they are old enough, please let them do so.

Pick up at the end of the day is allowed from 2.45pm. Your child will not be permitted to leave before this, unless it has been arranged with the office. Please ensure that your child has been picked up by 3.15pm at the latest.

We are not allowing adults into the classrooms – so at pick up time, make your way to the classroom door / window. Knock sufficiently loudly and stand where you can be seen. Your child will be sent out to you. Please leave the premises as soon as you can. Do not congregate to chat.

For Rooms 8 and 9, go around the building to the ranch sliders on the field side. Knock on these and stand where you can be seen. Your child will be sent out to you.

All adults accessing the school grounds must wear a mask, and must scan the QR Code. All classrooms have our QR Code outside them.

Please understand that these measures are to restrict transmission of the virus, and not because we do not want to connect with you. We could be in a serious predicament if any staff test positive, as staff would all be close contacts and would have to isolate.

## Car Park

Our Car Park is a very busy place. Be aware that no child is allowed to be on the carpark without an adult.

Please use the gravel pathways provided alongside the grass, in order to walk safely into school.

Cross the car park **ONLY** in the vicinity of the office doors. Do not cross anywhere else. Please ensure that whomever picks up your child is shown this instruction and is aware of it.

Our car park is a one way. Entrance is at the rugby club end. Please do not ever think of coming in the exit gate!

If you cannot get a park, please go around again. You may not double park or idle in the car park waiting for a space to open up. This creates a bottleneck of cars who cannot get in or out.

Please think of others.

## Meet the Teacher

Each teacher will hold a short information session for parents to explain how the classroom is run.

There will be two sessions containing exactly the same information. This is to provide the opportunity for parents to attend in different classrooms.

Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February

3.15pm until 3.45pm – Session 1

3.50pm until 4.20pm – Session 2

Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide childcare at school, so your children will need to sit quietly with you in the classroom for this half hour session.



## *The Friends of Southcity*

are a group of parents who want to positively contribute to our school community in a variety of ways.

If you would like to meet other school parents, make new friends, contribute to school community, pray for our school and families, be encouraged, support school staff and serve our school, then come and join us!

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