Southcity Christian School



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Principal

Bev Bishop

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Room 1 – Bryan Theobald

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Room 4 – Tracy Hankins

Room 6 – Cathy Ullyett 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

28th of March 2022. Term 1 Week 9.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3 v 16

From the Principal;

Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).

As we count down to Easter, it is the perfect time to remind our families of the true meaning of Easter. It is not all about Easter bunnies and chocolate eggs, but it is about the ultimate price that was paid for mankind. Jesus, God's only Son, was killed in a very cruel way, on a cross, to save each of us from our sins. We could stop at Good Friday and view Easter as a tragedy, but we have to remind ourselves of God's ultimate power and triumph in raising Jesus from the dead! Praise God that Jesus is alive!

Have a great week

Manaaki te atua (God Bless)

Bev Bishop

Last Day of Term 1

School will close on Thursday the 14th of April, at 3pm. Good Friday is the following day – with Easter weekend and Anzac Day falling in the school holidays. School will reopen on Monday the 2nd of May at 9am.

2021 Term Dates

2022 Term 1: 1 Feb – 14 April
2022 Term 3: 25 July – 30 Sep
2022 Term 2: 2 May – 8 July
2022 Term 4: 17 Oct – 14 Dec
We do request that your holidays be planned during the school holidays where possible.

School Uniforms

As the weather starts to change, it is a good opportunity to remind parents, and inform those who don't know, of our uniform expectations during the cooler months.

Girls: Girls may wear navy leggings or tights under their skirts or culottes. Trousers or track pants are not part of our uniform.

Boys: Boys may wear short or long cargo pants during the cooler weather.

All Students: Short or long sleeved polo shirts may be worn. If wearing a thermal, this should be navy or black, and should not be visible (i.e. do not wear a long sleeve thermal under a short sleeve polo).

Only the school polar fleece may be worn. No puffer jackets or other jackets allowed.

All classrooms are heated.

Rain jackets: Where possible, these should be navy or black. They are not worn in the classrooms.

Footwear: Please do not allow students to wear sandals and socks. Closed black shoes with navy socks are regulation. (Please try to ensure shoes are plain black.)

Hair: When hair reaches a student's collar, it needs to be tied up. Hair ties, ribbons, bows etc should all be navy or black.

Be reminded that students often dress for the temperature before school. As the day warms up, they can overheat if they wear too many garments under their shirt.

Please name all items of clothing! This helps items to easily be returned to your child.

A reminder too, that students <u>MAY NOT</u> dye/bleach their hair while being educated at Southcity. The school also does not allow additional piercings – i.e. more than one hole in each ear, or piercing in other parts of their visible body.

Library Books

All library books are due back at school by this Friday, the 1st of April.

Should books be 'lost' you will receive an invoice for \$25 per lost book. Please help your child to look for missing books.

Car Park

Thank you to those parents who are following the car park safety rules, and walking along the pathways and crossing the car park near the exit gate.

For those who continue to walk on the car park, or cross the car park – please be aware that you are putting yourself and your child at risk of getting knocked over! Please stop, and follow the correct procedures.

Check the picture on the office door if you do not understand or ask for instructions at the office.

Covid Changes

From the 5th of April, you will no longer be expected to scan the QR code on our doors.

Masks must still be worn by teachers and children in Rooms 5, 1, and 2. Masks must also be worn by adults when on our school property.

On school property between 9.15am and 2.45pm? If you come onto the property during school hours, you <u>MUST</u> report to the office <u>first</u>. You may not go directly to your child's classroom, to pick them up early, or to drop off lunch etc.

Mums, please ensure that dads know the rules, as they may not read the newsletter.

Foodbank

A box has been placed under the table in the office foyer, to collect any non-perishable foodstuffs for the Foodbank. If you are able to add a little extra to your shopping basket each week, and provide assistance to those less fortunate, we would be very grateful.

This will be an ongoing collection and the box will be cleared regularly.

Request for Payment

There is a Request for Payment attached to this newsletter for those who have not fully paid their Attendance Dues.

Please pay these promptly.

Friends of Southcity

The Friends of Southcity

The Friends of Southcity are a group of parents who serve the school in a variety of ways. Our focus is on supporting the school and helping to build community. If you would like to find out more, please contact Olga on 027-427-4483 or southcityfriends@gmail.com.

Praying for Southcity Christian School

Each week the Friends of Southcity send out an email with prayer points to pray for our school and school community. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain to receive the weekly prayer email or if you would like to send in a prayer request (named or anonymous), please let us know via southcityfriends@gmail.com

Help While Isolating

If you are struggling or needing help with something while isolating, please feel free to contact the Friends of Southcity who may be able to help, for example with picking up your online grocery order and doing a contactless delivery. We would like to help you if we are able. 027 427 4483 southcityfriends@gmail.com

