



# Southcity Christian School



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## **Principal**

Bev Bishop

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Room 5 – Jess Norman and  
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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 Aides**

Catherine King

Laura Lankshear

Maria McClennan

Maria Tasker

Gayle Young

## **Office**

Lisa Zegwaard

## **Caretakers**

Paul Anderson

Errol Bishop

Eion Field

## **30<sup>th</sup> of May 2022. Term 2 Week 5.**

*'He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress.'* Psalm 91 v 1 - 2

### *From the Principal;*

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

We welcome Tinashe who recently joined Room 8. We hope that she and her family will be very happy at Southcity.

This is the start of week 5, which signals the halfway point of this term. Plenty has happened already, and we feel sure the rest of the term will keep us all "on our toes".

Covid continues to affect our students and staff, but most certainly not to the degree that it happened last term. Term 2 has felt almost "normal". Long may it last!

We thank those parents who are keeping their children home when sick. We understand that this is often a balancing act with work and other commitments, but it prevents a rapid spread of illness across the classes.

Thanks to the Friends of Southcity for a lovely coffee morning for parents, held last Thursday. We appreciate the effort that went into the organization of this.

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

## Whanau Hui

Please note that we will hold a hui for our Maori Whanau (families), this Thursday at 3.15pm in the library. Refreshments will be served, and any students or siblings coming along with parents, will be supervised in Room 4.

We look forward to you joining us.

## Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June is a public holiday and school will be closed.

We will be back to normal operations on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

## Matariki Long Weekend

Later this month, Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June will be a public holiday for our first celebration of Matariki.

School will be closed on this Friday as well.

## Assembly – this Friday

Please note the new time. Assembly will start at 2pm in Room 9. We are trying to have children out by 2.45pm and available for pick up.

## Attendance Dues Increase

As we are an integrated school, the Proprietors (Southcity Educational Charitable Trust) are legally allowed to charge Attendance Dues for children attending Southcity Christian School. This is a compulsory charge paid to the Proprietors, and not to the school. Our office receives the payments on behalf of the Proprietors.

We have been advised by the Proprietors that our Attendance Dues charge will increase to \$900 + GST per year, from the start of Term 3. This is an increase of \$1 per child per week.

Those parents who have already paid the Attendance Dues in full for the year, will NOT be affected by this increase in 2022. It will be applied to their Attendance Dues from the start of 2023.

## 2021 Term Dates

2022 Term 2: 2 May – 8 July

2022 Term 3: 25 July – 30 Sep

2022 Term 4: 17 Oct – 14 Dec

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

## Special Character at Southcity

The Proprietors, Southcity Educational Charitable Trust, are the guardians of the Special Character at our school. They have recently revised the Special Character statement / expectations, which is included for your information.

Please note: The Proprietors have determined that the limit of enrolments for Catholic, Non-Protestant, and Non-Preference families has been reached for 2022. Applications for these places will be closed until at least the end of 2023. The Proprietors will however, allow the enrolment of siblings of current students who fall into these categories.

### Southcity Christian School - Special Character Statement

The Special Character of Southcity Christian School is determined by the Statement of Faith and the Guiding Principles for Education as contained in the Proprietors' Trust Deed, and defined in our agreement with the Crown. The Southcity Educational Charitable Trust shall have the right to determine from time to time, what is necessary to preserve and safeguard the Special Character.

#### Our Special Character means that:

- We are a non-denominational school, with a Protestant focus, with families from a wide variety of mostly evangelical churches. A condition for preference enrolment is that the church and family have a statement of faith similar to that of the school, and that the parents attend church on a regular basis.
- We believe that parents are the first teachers and that education is ultimately the responsibility of parents.
- We work in partnership with parents and encourage their involvement.
- We deliver the New Zealand Curriculum from a Biblical worldview.
- We employ committed Christians as our teaching staff.
- We seek to provide an environment where students, parents and staff experience Godly relationships.
- We rely on the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.
- We exercise the right to live and teach the values of Jesus Christ, as expressed in the Bible and in the practices, worship and doctrine of the wider evangelical Protestant church.
- We are happy to enrol students from non-Christian or non-Protestant homes. Non-preference enrolments are limited by our Integration Deed, and the Proprietor determines the limit of non-Protestant families. This is in order to maintain our Special Character as defined above.

#### The staff at Southcity Christian School aim to nurture students who are:

- Recipients of an excellent Christian education.
- Compassionate to the needs of others.
- Determined to live as honest, just and righteous citizens.
- Confident of God's hand on their lives.
- Developing in their Biblical worldview.
- Genuine and enthusiastic about sharing their faith in Jesus Christ.
- Confident in developing all their God-given abilities.

The above is summarised in our school vision statement.

**"To know, love and serve God."**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:southcityfriends@gmail.com)

# Foodbank Drive

Thursday 23 June 2022



Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item to school for us to donate to the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank.

#### Donation ideas include:

- A can of tinned fruit/vegetables
- A can of spaghetti/ baked beans / corn /tomatoes
- A box of cereal
- A packet of pasta or rice
- Jam/Marmite/Peanut Butter
- Nappies/toilet paper/soap
- Paper shopping bags

