



# Southcity Christian School



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Room 1 – Bryan Theobald  
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Room 5 – Jess Norman and  
John Talsma  
Room 6 – Rachel Corban  
and Sophie Vink  
Room 4 – Tracy Hankins  
Room 7 – Lindsay Basalyga  
Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson  
Room 9 – John Talsma and  
Maria McClennan

## **Teacher Aides**

Anna Dobbs  
Catherine King  
Laura Lankshear  
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## **Office**

Lisa Zegwaard

## **Caretaker**

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## **25<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. Term 4 Week 3.**

Kia ora e te whanau

We are fast approaching the end of the year. The teaching staff are busy with assessments and preparing for report writing. We also have our production for the end of year that is being worked on.

I am just wanting to let you as a school community know that we have opted in for the government donation scheme. This is a great support to families and means that requests for payment for trips are extremely limited. What a blessing that is for our families!

A few reminders:

- No nail polish to be worn to school. Make sure it is removed for the school week.
- Children **MUST** stay home for at least 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. This helps to limit the spread of sickness within our school community.
- If you collect your child early from school, for whatever reason, **you must sign them out**. The Sign in / Sign out book is located in our office. We request you come to the office first before going to your child's class.
- When your child is absent for any reason, contact the office. We prefer you to do this via the Skool Loop app, however, you can also advise us via email, phone call or a phone message.
- If your child is going with you on an overseas trip, you must inform the office in writing (email is fine) including the dates that they will be away and when your child will be returning to school. This is a requirement from the Ministry of Education.

**2024 Students** - We are again under pressure for enrolments. If you have a sibling due to start school at any time during 2024, please return a completed enrolment form as soon as possible.

If your child will be leaving Southcity at the end of 2023 (not year 8's), please will you let us know in writing as soon as possible (an email is fine).

As we head toward the end of the year let us focus on working together as a community. Looking after each other.

**Assembly:** There will be a whole school assembly this Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. This will be held in Room 9 at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Immunisations** - The Public Health Nurses will be at school in Week 5 to provide dose 2 of the HPV immunisation for the Year 8 students who parents/caregivers consented earlier in the year. If your child is absent there will be a catch up planned within 3 weeks. If parents have any queries or changes contact the Public Health Nurse: Miriam Esteves 0212478972 [Miriam.esteves@waikatodhb.health.nz](mailto:Miriam.esteves@waikatodhb.health.nz)

**We will never allow your child to receive an immunisation with parental consent being given first.**

We are busy sorting class lists and this information is very helpful.

#### Dates to Note

**13 November** – Teacher Only Day. No school for students, please make alternative arrangements.

**13 December** – Prize Giving and production. This celebration will be held at Central Baptist Church at 7pm. Details will be shared later, and it is expected that all students will attend.

**15 December** – Last Day of School. Southcity will close for our summer holidays. Please note that school will close early on this day – at 12pm. Please arrange to pick up your children promptly as staff will be attending a function.

**25 & 26 January** – The school office will be open from 9am until 12pm for uniform requirements.

**30 January** – first day of school for 2024.

**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.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is this Friday 27 July, 9am in the staffroom. Babies and pre-schoolers are welcome. 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 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).

**Community Meals:** There are times when the Friends of Southcity organise some meals or baking for a school family if we hear about a need, such as when a family welcomes a new baby. We are needing some more volunteers who are willing to help with this. If you would like to contribute to this ministry by supplying a meal or baking when the need arises, or to find out more information on how this works, please contact Olga on 027-427-4483 or [southcityfriends@gmail.com](mailto:southcityfriends@gmail.com).

# **Foodbank Drive**

**Thursday**  
**26 October 2023**  
**Term 4 Week 3**



We will be having a food collection drive to donate to the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank, who support families in need in the Waikato.

If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item to school for us to donate to the foodbank.