



# Southcity Christian School



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Room 6 – Rachel Corban  
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Room 4 – Tracy Hankins

Room 7 – Lindsay Basalyga

Room 8 – Bessie Brickell

Room 9 – Madge Le Hane

## **Teacher Aides**

Anna Dobbs

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Laura Lankshear

Kaitlin Reichenbach

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## **Office**

Lisa Zegwaard

## **Caretaker**

Eion Field

## **31<sup>st</sup> of January 2024. Term 1 Week 1.**

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to Term 1 2024

We are so excited for this year and all that it holds for us as a school community and for our students. Thank you for choosing to partner with us.

Please remember that in Terms 1 and 4 hats are expected to be worn. If your child does not have a hat, they will be sitting under the shade sails at break times. Remind your children they can put on sunscreen at break times - it is out by the library.

We will be having a “meet the teacher afternoon” in Week Three so please save the date February 14, 2024 from 3:15 to 4pm. This is an opportunity for you to hear how your child’s class works and a time to ask questions. More information regarding this will be emailed out closer to the time. If you wish to make an appointment to meet individually this is the time to do it.

Please note that Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February is Waitangi Day, a public holiday so the school will be closed. School will be open as usual on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>, and from Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Assembly:** Whole school assemblies will now be held on Friday **mornings**, but still fortnightly. The first assembly for 2024 will be NEXT Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of February starting at the new time of **9.10am**. This will be held in Room 8 (the old Room 9). All are welcome.

### 2024 Term Dates

Term 1

Tue 30 Jan – Fri 12 Apr

Term 2

Mon 29 Apr – Fri 05 Jul

Term 3

Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep

Term 4

Mon 14 Oct – Fri 13 Dec

**Pick up Times** - If you have children who are only in Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8, or 9 please pick them up at 2:45pm from outside Room 8. We ask for prompt and quick collection to help ease congestion in the car park.

If you are collecting children from Rooms 1, 2 and 5 or children in both Senior and Junior School, pick up time is 3pm from the lunch bay, under the shade sails. Please don't arrive earlier as we are trying to ease congestion in the car park.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

**Out of School Care** - We are very blessed to have Kelly Club at our school. If you are needing to drop your children to school before 8:30 am please book them into Kelly Club (this is a paid service). We will be taking children there for supervision if they arrive to school before 8.30am, and you will be invoiced. Classes are only supervised from 8:30 am due to meetings we have before school.

After school children must be collected by 3:15pm, if not they will be taken to Kelly Club and once again you will be invoiced. Staff are in meetings from 3:15pm.

Kelly Club is operating from the space between Rooms 8 and 9. They have got great programmes lined up and provide a snack for your children in the afternoon.

YOU CAN BOOK ONLINE NOW at [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz). Just type in Southcity Christian School and register through the link.



**School Theme** - This term one Theme across the school is **God is Loving**. Our Character trait for this week is **Attentiveness**. Key questions you can ask at home are:

- What does the Bible say about being attentive?
- What did Jesus show us about being attentive?
- What is our response going to be?

This year we will be continuing to develop our Te Reo Māori Programme and we are also introducing a new programme called "My life Rulz". Talk with your children and find out about these as the term progresses. Each week your children will be learning a new rule. This is the first rule:

## Rule 1

**I belong here. I do belong.**

**Scholastic flyers** are now available in the office foyer near the photocopier. These flyers give parents access to a range of books at a discounted rate (this is not compulsory, just a service that is offered by our school). However, as Scholastic is not a Christian organisation, we suggest you screen the books before purchasing.

You can place your order with cash or Eftpos payment in the school office by Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. Alternatively you can order online at the scholastic site

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

A flyer for a parent prayer meeting. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. On the right side, there is a close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in prayer, with a black wristband visible on the left wrist. The text is centered and reads:

***Southcity Parent Prayer Meeting***

Join us in praying  
together for our school  
and school community

**9-10am**

**Thursday 22 February 2024**

**(Week 4)**

**In the Staffroom**

A flyer for 'The Friends of Southcity'. The background is white with large, green, detailed illustrations of various leaves and branches. The text is centered and reads:

***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!

Contact Olga at [southcityfriends@gmail.com](mailto:southcityfriends@gmail.com)  
or 0274274483

### **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).