



# Southcity Christian School



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Room 4 – Tracy Hankins

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Room 8 – Bessie Brickell

Room 9 – Madge Le Hane

## **Teacher Aides & ESOL**

Mandy Croucher

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## **Caretaker**

Eion Field

**27 March 2024. Term 1 Week 9.**

Kia ora e te whanau

As we enter into our Easter Celebrations, I am forever grateful that God sent his son to show you and I that he loves us and wants to be in a relationship with us. He knew what would happen, He knew that he would be crucified yet He chose not to retaliate. He chose to enter into this world and live among mankind. God truly is love and Christ was the love embodied.



With Easter in mind we would like to invite you to our whole school Easter Celebration Service on Thursday morning at 9:15am in Room 8. Our students will be presenting and contributing to this assembly.

Please make arrangements for your children on Tuesday after Easter (the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April) as school will be closed.

I would like to thank those who came to last night's picnic dinner. We are grateful for your support and appreciated making connections and conversations with you all last night.

Today we have our senior school at the Inter Christian Schools Athletics day. We know that our students will represent our school well, thank you to the parents who have been able to support our students at this event today.

**Assembly** – After the Easter Celebration Service, the next assembly will be Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 9:10am in Room 8. You are very welcome to attend.

### **From the Proprietors:**

We give thanks that the Ministry has conditionally approved our application to increase our maximum roll from 200 to 220. This has been an ongoing process, requiring support of neighbouring schools, plus interviews and consultations with the Ministry over the past 6 months. Their conditions include the need for us to boost our office areas and the size of our staffroom.

This will mean a few changes around the school:

- We will be installing a temporary building (portacom) near the workshop/gym, which will become our library for the time being.
- The existing library will be converted back into an additional classroom.
- The front reception area will be modified to create an additional office space.
- The staff room will be tweaked slightly, giving our staff some much needed breathing space.

We will organise this work to cause minimal disruption, probably during the April and winter school holidays.

Demand for Christian education continues to soar, and we would love to be able to provide this opportunity to more families in our community. Significant work has also been done regarding a 10-year growth plan for our school. As the first phase of this we are working on the design for two more classrooms and look forward to sharing this with you all in the coming months.

**Upcoming Teacher Only Day** - On the 31st of May 2024 we will be having a Teacher Only Day. There will be no supervision available at school, please make other arrangements for your children on that day. Or take an extra-long weekend!

**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.

Our next meeting is this Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of March at 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 [fos@southcity.school.nz](mailto:fos@southcity.school.nz)

### **Dates to Note:**

*28 March: Easter Assembly*

*29 March: Easter Friday = **no school***

*1 April: Easter Monday = **no school***

*2 April: Easter Tuesday = **no school***

*12 April – last day of Term 1*

*29 April – first day of Term 2*

*13-17 May: Junior Swimming*

*20-24 May: Senior Swimming*

*31 May – Teacher Only Day = **no school***