



Southcity Christian School



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Room 7 – Lindsay Basalyga

Room 8 – Bessie Brickell

Room 9 – Madge Le Hane

Teacher Aides & ESOL

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Caretaker

Eion Field

10 April 2024. Term 1 Week 11.

Kia ora e te whanau

We have made it to the last week of the term. I would like to congratulate our tamariki for the way in which they have persevered this term and stuck at their learning. Ka mau te wehi!

Some children need special mention as they have achieved their Bronze A.R.O.H.A Awards this term:

Hosea Still Room 7

Amos Rakai Room 4

Arabelle Ramiro Room 6

Anaya Naidu Room 6

Aiden Peter Room 6

Boaz Bearman Room 5

Pax Dobbs Room 4



I am sure there are more students' names waiting in the post-box, however the above are the students who have been presented with their A.R.O.H.A Certificate in assembly this term.

I am looking forward to awarding certificates this week for our Kupu Challenge.

Just a reminder that we will be on holiday from the 13th of April (this Saturday) and returning to school on the 29th of April. We hope that you have a great two-week holiday and come back refreshed for the new term.

Next term we'll be hosting the WaiBop Christian School Music Festival at HamSouth Baptist on the Wednesday the 3rd of July: such an exciting opportunity for our students and our school. More information will be released next term.

Our character trait this week that we have been focusing on in devotions has been 'Perseverance'. God has not promised us that all things in life will be easy. In fact, we know to be prepared for adversity in this world, but we have hope as we have been told that our Saviour has overcome this world. We have a God that knows what it is to be fully human, who has experienced all that we experience. We have The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, living in us. (Romans 8:11). Let us live with courage.

We pray God's richest blessing over Mr Theobald and his fiancé with their upcoming wedding.

Hearing and Vision Testing - A Vision Hearing Technician from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the vision check is to identify previously undetected vision defects. All Year 7 students will have a long distance vision check. Other students may also be called up for testing. If any parents/caregivers do not want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision defect, they should let the school know. This will not be a complete vision examination, but a simple screening test. When a result is unsatisfactory, the school will pass on contact details for the student, such as home address and date of birth, and parents/caregivers will be asked to seek further advice. Our Service may share health information gathered in this way with other Health Professionals involved in the student's care.

Caretaker Position - We are looking for a part-time caretaker to join our team, someone who can uphold our special character and who shows initiative. Please read the ad below and pass on to any one that you think will be interested.

Southcity Christian School is seeking a part-time caretaker who will be able to uphold the Special Character of our School.

In our opinion a great caretaker understands three core principles;

1. The neat appearance of the school is imperative and reflects on us all.
2. Children are at the heart of everything we do. You need to be able to work in close proximity to students.
3. A helpful personality is a necessity. Staff members will ask for help with a huge variety of tasks. You need to be flexible and prepared to help.

If you think you can 'nail' these principles, here are some other roles;

- Weed eating, leaf blowing, spraying.
- Building security and alarm management.
- Health and Safety checks and related maintenance jobs.
- Engaging with contractors, e.g. arborists, plumbers, electricians.
- Supervision of existing contracts, e.g. lawn mowing, rubbish removal.
- Moving furniture, relocating classrooms, building flat-pack furniture.
- Maintaining playgrounds and structures (some basic building required).
- Unfortunately, our caretaker is required to clean up after the occasional toilet or vomiting accident.

All school sites are strictly no smoking and no vaping. The days of work will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm with an hour for lunch. Salary is in accordance with the Caretakers and Cleaners Collective Agreement (that can be found online). Applications close when a suitable applicant is found. A CV and a cover letter introducing yourself should be sent to principal@southcity.school.nz. Visits are welcome, but please phone ahead to arrange a time.

ADVICE FOR FAMILY & STAFF WITH CONCERNS FOR VISION, HEARING OR EAR HEALTH IN STUDENTS

If you are between visits from the Vision & Hearing technician, this guide will help you inform teachers/families on where they can go for help and advice.

VISION – Vision Hearing Technician

We run free clinics for children aged 4 – 17yrs at 51 Gallagher Drive, Hamilton, where we do distance vision screens for children who have not been screened yet. Phone **07 838 3565 x 22095** to book an appointment. For any further vision concerns, we advise the family to book an appointment with an Optometrist, who will do a comprehensive vision and eye health exam.

HEARING - Vision Hearing Technician

We run free clinics for children aged 4 -17yrs at 51 Gallagher Drive - Hamilton, where we do hearing screening assessments. If a PASS is not achieved, depending on the results we will advise if we need to rescreen at a later date or if we are going to refer on to either a GP, Ear Nurse or to Audiology. Phone **07 838 3565 x 22095** to book an appointment. If a full diagnostic hearing assessment is required then the family will need to book in to a private audiology clinic.

EAR HEALTH – Ear Nurse Service / GP

For children aged 0-17yrs that are having trouble with their inner ear health, we recommend they see either their GP or an Ear Nurse. The Ear Nurse service provides glue ear assessment & management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks and treatment for discharging ears. Families can either book an appointment by phoning **07 838 3565 x 22179** requesting an Ear Nurse clinic appointment at 51 Gallagher Drive - Hamilton OR they can be found out in the community in the Mobile Unit. Use this QR code to find an up-to-date schedule of their planned visits or you can access it by checking out the webpage: www.waikatodhb.health.nz/childrensearchclinic

