



Southcity Christian School

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Principal

Bev Bishop

Teachers

Room 1 – Bryan Theobald
Room 2 – Tim Popping
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Room 4 – Tracy Hankins
Room 6 – Cathy Ulyett and
Rachel Corban
Room 7 – Valerie Thompson
Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson
Room 9 - Ilse Nolan

Teacher Aide

Maria Tasker

Office

Lisa Zegwaard

Caretaker

Paul Anderson

14th of February 2022. Term 1 Week 3.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4 v 6-7

From the Principal;

Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).

We welcome Yosef, who joins Room 8 today. We hope that he and his family will be very happy at our school.

Thank you very much for your patience this past week, with two classes and three teachers isolating. Please be aware that this will probably affect more teachers and classes as Omicron continues to infiltrate throughout our city.

Be warned in advance, that if Omicron takes hold – and possibly infects all our staff – we will be in a situation where all learning will be online, as our school will need to close. This of course, the worst case scenario, but it could easily happen!

Be aware too, that because of the vaccine mandate for teachers, we only have two available relievers. Both of these are only available on some days per week. We are thus forced to join classes if teachers are away. This is not ideal – but we have no other option.

Please ensure that you check your email daily, as things are constantly changing and emails are the best way to update people quickly.

Each new week presents a new challenge! God knows what He is doing, and we trust Him to see us through this time.

Have a great week

Manaaki te atua (God Bless)

Bev Bishop

2021 Term Dates

2022 Term 1: 1 Feb – 14 April

2022 Term 3: 25 July – 30 Sep

2022 Term 2: 2 May – 8 July

2022 Term 4: 17 Oct – 14 Dec

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

Request for Payment

These are attached to your newsletter. Please set up an automatic payment, or make regular payments, so each term's Attendance Dues are paid up by the end of the term.

These Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment which is paid to the Southcity Educational Charitable Trust (our proprietors) to pay the large mortgage and ensure that any new buildings needed, can be provided in a timely manner.

Masks - Years 4 to 8

(Because Room 6 is a combination class, we will not enforce mask wearing, but those students who wish to, may definitely wear their mask.)

Please ensure your child brings a mask to school every day.

Please ensure that the masks fit properly. Some students are wearing the adult blue masks which are too big for their face – and thus do not provide any protection. You can tie a knot at the end of the elastic to ensure a better fit.

Any cloth masks must be named, so when left lying outside, these can be returned.

At most times, students do not need to wear masks outside, but there are occasions when students are outside – along with large groups of parents. In these cases, students have been asked to wear their masks for their own safety.

Smoke Free and Dog Free

Southcity, like all schools in New Zealand, is a Smoke Free Zone – and no smoking or vaping is allowed on our premises. It is now illegal to smoke in your car with children in it – or I expect, before picking up children who will travel in your car.

Southcity is also dog free. Please do not bring your dog and walk them to pick up your child. If you have to have your dog in the car, please ensure that the windows are mostly up – so that the dog cannot frighten children. Also remember how hot a car can become in a short space of time. Perhaps leave the dog at home.

Scholastic Flyers

These are available from the table in the office foyer (on the school side).

The school does not endorse the books being sold – as they are not Christian.

Please be circumspect if choosing books for your child. We offer this as a service to all parents as there are some great cheap books available.

Orders and payment are due to the office by 9am on Tuesday the 22nd of February.

ICT Forms

Please fill out and return the back page of this form. Your child will not be able to access any computer technology until this is returned.

Ignite Music

You will have received advertising material from Ignite Music. They use our premises on a Tuesday, to provide music lessons for your children, on a payment basis.

All bookings, payment etc is direct to Ignite Music. The school has nothing to do with any of the administration for this.

Meet the Teacher

There will be two sessions held in your child's classroom. You may attend whichever one suits you best.

Please wear a mask and seat yourself at an appropriate social distance.

Tuesday the 15th of February **(TOMORROW)**

Session 1 - 3.15pm until 3.45pm

Session 2 - 3.50pm until 4.20pm

Please note – THERE WILL BE NO MEET THE TEACHER FOR ROOM 1 – MR THEOBALD IS AWAY. You will be advised of another date when he returns.

Southcity Christian School Board

Casual vacancy for a parent representative.

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The Board has decided to fill this vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to: Janita Liddington – Presiding member (chairperson) c/- office@southcity.school.nz by 3pm on Monday the 14th of March.



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 or 0274274483