



Southcity Christian School

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Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson
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Teacher Aide

Maria Tasker

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Caretaker

Paul Anderson

28th of February 2022. Term 1 Week 5.

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41 v 10

From the Principal;

Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).

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

As the daily Covid cases continue to rise, it is understandable that many of you may be anxious about sending your child/ren to school.

Southcity currently has very few cases, and none of these are because of child to child infections. In all of our cases, except one, the parent has tested positive, and the child, as a household contact has become infected. We have been notified of one further positive case, and the parents of the class concerned have been notified via email.

While I cannot give permission for you to keep your child home, we do understand that for some of you, this is your choice.

Should you be keeping your child home because you are anxious, because they are a close contact, or because have Covid, please let the office know, and register with Lisa for home learning to be provided.

Please understand that home learning will not mirror what is happening in the classroom. Also, please understand that there will not be a face to face (i.e. Zoom) component with home learning at this time. My teachers are present full time at school, and fully focused on teaching those in front of them.

Should a teacher become ill – the provision of home learning will cease while they are on sick leave. They are NOT expected to work while they are sick.

This horrid virus is affecting all of us in some way or form. Please know that my staff and I are doing our utmost to keep your children safe at school. Please be kind to us!

Have a great week

Manaaki te atua (God Bless)

Bev Bishop

Education Outside the Classroom

In light of the Covid situation, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our whole school swimming lessons at Gallagher Pools. These were scheduled to take place in late March.

The annual Inter Christian Schools Athletics Day for Years 4 to 8, has also been cancelled by the organisers. We do hope, if possible, to run a Southcity Athletics Day for those students.

We have been fortunate, however, to secure the services of Waikato Cricket, and our classes have been involved in taster sessions and lessons.

Covid Framework Phase 3

As mentioned in my email last week, any close contact (i.e. classmate) of a positive case, is not required to isolate. Please see attached information for contacts.

It is important that you notify the school if your child is at home because of a household contact. If your child then becomes positive, it is vital that you inform the school. We need to notify the Ministry of Education of any positive cases in our school.

Contact Details Form

Attached to this newsletter are the details which we currently hold for your child. Please check these carefully - especially phone numbers and emails – sign the form and return to school by Friday 4th of March (this week).

If your child is not attending school this week, please email Lisa and she will send you an electronic version to check.

Please sign and return the form even if there are no changes.

Advance Notice – School Photographs on 9th of March

Group and individual photos will be taken on Wednesday next week.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 9am, otherwise they may miss out on their photo being taken.

Please ensure too, that your child is in the correct uniform, shoes/socks are regulation – no jandals, hair is neatly brushed – and uniform is clean.

Each child will receive a PhotoLife flyer which details the ordering and payment system. This is all online and NO payments are made to the school. A further flyer containing your child's unique key code will be sent home after photo day.

Orders placed before a specific date will receive free delivery to the school.

Soil Contamination update

The Proprietors have had further samples of soil tested to ascertain how deep the contamination may be, and what likelihood there is of the contamination leeching into other areas.

Some preliminary results have been received, but unfortunately we have still not yet been able to ascertain the way forward from here.

This means that the temporary fences will remain in place until we know what our next steps are.

This is as frustrating for us at school, as it is for you. The play area is limited and we no longer have use of the majority of our land.

Please pray for answers regarding remediation, and for this to be way less expensive than the figure of \$5 million that has been mentioned.

If you have any questions in this regard, Mrs Bishop is happy to tell you what she knows, and what has already been shared with parents.

Friends of Southcity

The Friends of Southcity

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. If you would like to find out more, please contact Olga on 027-427-4483 or 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 be added to the prayer chain 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

Parent Coffee Morning

The parent coffee morning planned for Tuesday 1 March is being postponed. We will hopefully be able to host this at a later date.

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.

