



Southcity Christian School



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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 March 2022. Term 1 Week 7.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"
1 Thessalonians 5 v 16-18

From the Principal;

Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).

A big thank you to those parents who are keeping their children home when sick, and to those who have notified us when their child has tested positive. The Ministry of Education requires us to notify them of daily positive numbers of students and staff.

We continue to be reminded that the Covid peak has not yet reached us. When it does, we could be in a tricky situation if large numbers of staff become infected. Please be advised in advance, that should many staff become infected at the same time, we may have to take drastic measures regarding school attendance. What this may look like is uncertain at this time – but it may be an inconvenience to you!

Also, please note that should our case numbers increase dramatically, I may be unable to notify you of these as I have done in the past.

We hope and pray that all those who are currently infected are not too unwell, and are returned to full health in record time.

Just a reminder too, that the isolation period has been reduced to 7 days. Household contacts need to test on Day 3 and Day 7, and if negative and symptom free, may return to school on Day 8. Day 0 is the day that symptoms start, or the day you test positive.

Have a great week
Manaaki te atua (God Bless)
Bev Bishop

2021 Term Dates

2022 Term 1: 1 Feb – 14 April

2022 Term 2: 2 May – 8 July

2022 Term 3: 25 July – 30 Sep

2022 Term 4: 17 Oct – 14 Dec

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

Staff Professional Development

The teaching staff were all involved with Written Language professional development on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week. This was excellent professional development and will change the way the students learn about the creation of sentences, and ultimately, will impact on the quality of their written language. Once teaching gets underway, you may hear your children talking about the "Sentence Train".

Scholastic Flyers

A new set of flyers are on the table in the office foyer.

A reminder that these are not Christian books, so please be circumspect when choosing these.

Orders and payment are due at the school office by 9am on Tuesday the 22nd of March.

Last Day of Term 1

There is just a month from today, until we finish school for the Easter Holidays. School will close on Thursday the 14th of April, at 3pm. Good Friday is the following day – with Easter weekend and Anzac Day falling in the school holidays. School will reopen on Monday the 2nd of May at 9am.

School Board of Trustees

Today 3pm is the cut-off time regarding the request for a by-election. If 10% of the eligible parent body voters have asked for a by-election to be held, then we will hold one.

Should this not happen, the Board will fill the vacancies by selection (i.e. by asking people).

Cricket Sessions

We have been very blessed to have staff from Waikato Cricket providing lessons for our students. All classes have had two sessions, and will have a further two before the end of term.

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.

Help While Isolating

If you are struggling or needing help with something while isolating, please feel free to contact the Friends of Southcity who may be able to help, for example with picking up your online grocery order and doing a contactless delivery. We would like to help you if we are able.

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