

Southcity Christian School



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Principal

Bev Bishop

Teachers

Room 1 – Bryan Theobald

Room 2 – Tim Popping

Room 5 – Jess Norman and John Talsma

Room 4 - Tracy Hankins

Room 6 – Cathy Ullyett 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

11 April 2022. Term 1 Week 11.

'But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.'

Isaiah 53 v 6

From the Principal;

Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).

We welcome Adriel who has recently started in Room 8. We hope that he and his family will be very happy at Southcity.

As we contemplate the enormity of the message of Easter, we think of the sadness at the foot of the cross, but also of the joy at the resurrection of our Lord.

We pray that you may have a blessed Easter, and that your children (and hopefully you too) will have a very restful holiday.

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.

End of Term 1 / Start of Term 2

School will close at 3pm on Thursday the 14th of April for our school holidays.

Children will attend school in uniform even though it is the last day of term.

School will start at 9am on Monday the 2nd of May, after the holidays.

New Staff Members

We welcome Mrs Gayle Young, and Mrs Maria McClennan as new Teacher Aides at our school from next term. We hope they will be very happy as part of our staff.

Attendance Dues

As we are an integrated school, the Proprietors (Southcity Educational Charitable Trust) are legally allowed to charge Attendance Dues for children attending Southcity Christian School. This is a compulsory charge paid to the Proprietors, and not to the school. Our office receives the payments on behalf of the Proprietors.

We have been advised by the Proprietors that our Attendance Dues charge will increase to \$900 + GST per year, from the start of Term 3. This is an increase of \$1 per child per week.

Those parents who have already paid the Attendance Dues in full for the year, will NOT be affected by this increase in 2022. It will be applied to their Attendance Dues from the start of 2023.

Lost Property

There are a number of drink bottles (unnamed), P.E. shorts, a navy T-shirt, and an unnamed hat in the lost property box.

This is located in the foyer of Room 1 (up the stairs alongside the staff car park).

Please feel free to check if they belong to your child.

Covid

Thank you so much for the willingness to notify us of positive cases, and for maintaining the required isolation rules.

To date, we have had 68 students as positive cases, along with only four staff members. Every class has been affected. This is 42% of our school.

We do hope that after our return to school next term, cases will diminish.

School Uniforms

As the weather starts to change, it is a good opportunity to remind parents, and inform those who don't know, of our uniform expectations during the cooler months.

Girls: Girls may wear navy leggings or tights under their skirts or culottes. Trousers or track pants are not part of our uniform.

Boys: Boys may wear short or long cargo pants during the cooler weather.

All Students: Short or long sleeved polo shirts may be worn. If wearing a thermal, this should be navy or black, and should not be visible (i.e. do not wear a long sleeve thermal under a short sleeve polo).

Only the school polar fleece may be worn. No puffer jackets, other jackets, or other sweatshirts/hoodies are allowed.

All classrooms are heated.

Rain jackets: Where possible, these should be navy or black. They are not worn in the classrooms.

Footwear: Please do not allow students to wear sandals and socks. Closed black shoes with navy socks are regulation. (Please try to ensure shoes are plain black.)

Hair: When hair reaches a student's collar, it needs to be tied up. Hair ties, ribbons, bows etc should all be navy or black.

Be reminded that students often dress for the temperature before school. As the day warms up, they can overheat if they wear too many garments under their shirt.

Please name all items of clothing! This helps items to easily be returned to your child.

A reminder too, that students <u>MAY NOT</u> dye/bleach their hair while being educated at Southcity. The school also does not allow additional piercings – i.e. more than one hole in each ear, or piercing in other parts of their visible body.

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

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. 027 427 4483 southcityfriends@gmail.com

