



# 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 Ulyett and  
Rachel Corban  
Room 7 – Valerie Thompson  
Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson  
Room 9 - Ilse Nolan

## Teacher Aides

Maria Tasker  
Laura Lankshear  
Catherine King  
Gayle Young  
Maria McClennan

## Office

Lisa Zegwaard

## Caretaker

Paul Anderson

## 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2022. Term 2 Week 1.

*'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.  
Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one  
another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep  
your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient  
in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are  
in need. Practice hospitality.'* Romans 12 v 9 - 13

### *From the Principal;*

**Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).**

We welcome Mackie, Hosea, Clarissa, and Xavier who will start school today in Room 8. We hope they and their families will be very happy at Southcity.

We welcome Mrs Maria McClennan, and Mrs Gayle Young who start as Teacher Aides at Southcity today. We hope that they will be very happy in their new positions.

We are excited to welcome back Mrs Laura Lankshear and Mrs Catherine King, who return to Southcity after some time away. Laura starts back with us today, and Catherine will join us on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

We hope that the holiday time away was restful for all families, as Term 2 is always a very busy term.

We look forward to all students getting back into their learning quickly and enthusiastically.

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

## 2021 Term Dates

2022 Term 2: 2 May – 8 July

2022 Term 3: 25 July – 30 Sep

2022 Term 4: 17 Oct – 14 Dec

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

## Covid / Omicron

We are aware that some students were infected with Covid over the school holidays. If your child was one of these cases, please can you let Lisa know, so we can keep our data tracking up to date. We had one staff member who unfortunately spent part of their holiday isolating as well.

Please continue to keep your children home when they are sick. By doing this, we ensure that as many students and staff are able to stay well. You must advise the school office via email, app, or phone each day that your child is not attending school.

All positive Covid cases must still isolate for 7 days. Day 0 is the day that symptoms started or when you test positive. Isolating students may attend school from the 8<sup>th</sup> day. They do not need a further test to leave isolation.

Please continue to advise the school of any positive cases in your household.

Masks are encouraged but not required (at Orange) when students are at school. At Southcity, students in Years 4 to 8 will no longer be expected to wear masks in class, but they may continue to wear them if they wish to.

The school is happy to provide masks for these students (available from their class teachers).

Please can all adults on site wear masks when visiting / dropping off or picking up students.

## School Uniform

Please ensure that students wear the correct uniform to school each day. The correct shoes (plain black sandals or closed shoes) must be worn to school and home each day.

Parents please check your child is wearing correct school shoes before they leave home in the morning or leave school in the afternoon.

Please name all clothing, including shoes.

## Car Park Safety

Our car park is a very busy place. Please do not cross it or walk along the centre of it at any time. Cross only at the narrowest point outside the office.

Walk along the gravel pathways provided on the field side and road side. Do not take a short cut to your car.

Keep your child/ren alongside you at all times.

Please advise all people who pick up / drop off your children, of these safety rules.

## Foodbank

A box has been placed under the table in the office foyer, to collect any non-perishable foodstuffs for the Foodbank. If you are able to add a little extra to your shopping basket each week, and provide assistance to those less fortunate, we would be very grateful.

This will be an ongoing collection and the box will be cleared regularly.

## Adults in the Classrooms

From the start of this term, adults will be allowed access into our classrooms.

You are welcome to assist your child with hanging up their bag etc. and settling them into class.

We do request that any conversations with other parents happen outside of the classroom. The teacher may ask you to head outside if you forget.

If you wish to talk to the teacher, please remember that they will be unable to assist you while they are trying to teach. It is preferable to make an appointment for a time when they can give you their full attention.

## Assembly

With a change to the numbers of people allowed together indoors, we are allowed to hold our assemblies again.

Our first assembly will be held this Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of May at 2.10pm in Room 9. Parents and extended family are welcome to attend. Further assemblies will be held fortnightly.

Assemblies will finish by 2.45pm, to ensure those parents who pick up their children earlier, are able to do so.

We do prefer that you do not interrupt our assembly to pick up earlier than this.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:southcityfriends@gmail.com)

## Coffee Morning

*If you are new to Southcity this year (or even if you've been around for a while) and would like to meet some other school parents, you are invited to come and join us for a cuppa and a catch up!*

**Thursday  
26 May 2022  
9am  
The School Library**

