



# 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

Catherine King

Laura Lankshear

Maria McClennan

Maria Tasker

Gayle Young

## Office

Lisa Zegwaard

## Caretakers

Paul Anderson

Errol Bishop

Eion Field

## 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. Term 3 Week 1.

*'Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I  
will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify  
your name forever' Psalm 86 v 11 - 12*

***From the Principal;*** Kia ora koutou katoa (Greetings to you all).

Holidays can be special times to connect with your children, and in my case, grandchildren. How the little ones change from week to week!

Late last term as part of my devotions with the teachers, I read this from Rhema's Word for Today:

To My Grown-Up Son by Alice E. Chase: My hands were busy through the day, I didn't have much time to play the little games you asked me to, I didn't have much time for you. I'd wash your clothes; I'd sew and cook, but when you'd bring your picture book and ask me, please, to share your fun, I'd say, "A little later, son." I'd tuck you in all safe at night, and hear your prayers, turn out the light, then tiptoe softly to the door, I wish I'd stayed a minute more. For life is short, and years rush past, a little boy grows up so fast, no longer is he at your side, his precious secrets to confide. The picture books are put away, there are no children's games to play, no goodnight kiss, no prayers to hear, that all belongs to yesteryear. My hands once busy, now lie still, the days are long and hard to fill, I wish I might go back and do, the little things you asked me to.

When Joseph brought his sons to visit his father, Jacob, the old man said "Bring them to me so I may bless them" Genesis 48v9. Mums and Dads – get involved before your window of opportunity closes!

We welcome the following students who will start at Southcity today.

Room 8 - Joshua, Hazel, Joshua

Room 4 – Allie

Room 7 – Shaun

Room 2 – Siobhan

Room 5 - Rebeca

We hope that they and their families will be very happy at Southcity.

Have a great week

Manaaki te atua (God Bless)

Bev Bishop

## 2022 Term Dates

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.

## Learning Conferences – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of August

These will be held on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August – next week.

We hope that you have shared your child's report with them, as this is an opportunity for the student, parent/s, and teacher to talk together about the student's learning.

Bookings will open online, tomorrow at 11.30am. You will be sent an email with instructions on how to book.

Please Note: School will close at 12.30pm for all students on both days. Please pick your child up promptly as we have no staff available to look after them. No child may be left at school without a supervising adult.

Please Note: Mrs Gibson is away, so there will NOT be Learning Conferences for Room 8. She will make alternative arrangements when she returns. However, Room 8 students must still be picked up at 12.30pm on both these days.

With the exception of Room 8, the teachers like to meet with all parents / students from their class.

## Attendance Dues Increase

As previously notified, Attendance Dues will be increased to \$900 + GST per year, from the start of this term.

This increase will be reflected on your Request for Payment, which will come home with the next newsletter, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August.

## Advance Notice: Teacher Only Day

Please be advised that Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September will be a Teacher Only Day. This is in alignment with the 'accord' negotiated by the Teachers' Union. Teachers will receive Professional Development on this day.

## Masks

The Ministry of Education has strongly recommended that masks be worn by students from Years 4 to 8. However, we will leave this decision up to the individual parent and student. Should a student wish to wear a mask, these are available in the classroom.

## Scholastic Book Club

Flyers are available in the office foyer.

Orders and payment are due to the office by 9am on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August – next week.

## Fridge Available

Southcity has a white fridge (no freezer) which is surplus to our requirements. It is in very good condition and works well. There are a few marks on the outside which occurred when moving it.

We would like \$150 for the fridge.

Please feel free to view it in the staffroom. It is currently switched off. Register your interest with Lisa at the office.

## 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)

### Community Meals

There are times when the Friends of Southcity organise some meals or baking for a school family if we hear about a need, such as when a family welcomes a new baby. We are needing some more volunteers who are willing to help with this. If you would like to contribute to this ministry by supplying a meal or baking when the need arises, or to find out more information on how this works, please contact Olga on 027-427-4483 or [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)

## *Southcity Parent Prayer Meeting*

Join us in praying  
together for our school  
and school community

**9-10am**

**Thursday 28 July 2022**

**(Week 1)**

**In the School Library**



