



# Southcity Christian School



**5<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. Term 3 Week 7.**

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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

*"Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the message of Christ. Let nothing in your conduct hang on whether I come or not. Your conduct must be the same whether I show up to see things for myself or hear of it from a distance. Stand united, singular in vision, contending for peoples' trust in the message, the good news, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition."*

*Philippians 1 v 27-28 The Message Bible*

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

As the winter sports season draws to a close, I wish to thank the staff, parent coaches and managers, parents and students for their commitment to netball over this past season. In a game I watched on Saturday, one of Southcity's opposing teams presented a certificate to one of our players for 'good sportsmanship' and the coach thanked our team saying, "Thank you, that was a great game. You were a lovely team to play against." Thank you Halo's – you are carrying the message of God's love through a netball game!

"They will know we are Christians by the way we behave!"

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

2023 Term 1: 31 Jan – 6 Apr

2023 Term 2: 24 Apr – 30 Jun

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

## Cross Country – This Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September

Please see notice later in this newsletter with details about the event. All students will participate.

Please remember we are supporting Run 4 Bibles at this event. Sponsorship money / donations to be returned to the office in a named envelope by 3pm on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

## Principal's Performance Appraisal

Mr Eoin Crosbie (previous principal of Bethlehem College) will be in our school on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. He will be completing Mrs Bishop's performance appraisal. As part of this process, he would like to meet with a group of parents at 2.15pm, and ask them some questions about Mrs Bishop. Could you please let Lisa know if you wish to be part of this group. The meeting will be held in the library.

## Parent Voice – new principal

As the Board considers the appointment of a new principal, parents are being given the opportunity to have a say. The position has been advertised and applicants could come from all around New Zealand, and maybe even further afield.

You received an email from the Board Chair on Monday last week, asking for you to consider what attributes you would like in a new principal.

Please have a say, and email your comment to [botchair@southcity.school.nz](mailto:botchair@southcity.school.nz) as soon as possible.

## Scholastic Books

Scholastic flyers are available.

Please have your orders and payment back to the office by 9am on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

## Teacher Only Day – Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September

Please Note: There will be **NO** school on this day, as teachers will be involved in Professional Development.

Please make other arrangements for your children.

## Academic Results

After our assessments in Term 2 – and your child's results in their report, we have the following overall picture of our results to share with you.

### Reading:

Students above expectation = 30%

Students at expectation = 64%

Students below / well below expectation = 6%

### Writing:

Students above expectation = 26%

Students at expectation = 61%

Students below / well below expectation = 13%

### Mathematics:

Students above expectation = 18%

Students at expectation = 77%

Students below / well below expectation = 5%

These are great results, which we hope will improve still further by the end of this year.

## 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 Christian School Cross Country 2022**

**Date:** Friday 9th September 2022 (postponement date Monday 12th September)

**Time:** 12.30pm – approx 2.30pm on Melville Rugby Club Grounds, next to Southcity School.

**If there is a postponement** due to weather, it will be posted on the school Facebook page and the Skool Loop app by 10.30am.

**Students are to wear** their school uniform top and navy/dark shorts. Running shoes are optional.

Students will also need to bring along their named water bottles.

Please ensure that if your child has Asthma that they bring their named inhaler.



### **Assembly Points**

This year we are fortunate enough to be able to use the Melville Rugby Club grounds as part of our course. The start/finish line will be on the rugby grounds and parents attending the cross country will need to **park at the rugby club**. Parents are more than welcome to **bring portable chairs** to watch the races in style. The club toilets will also be open.

To allow everyone to see the races from start to finish, to ease congestion and ensure a streamlined event, please note that spectators will be in a different area from competitors (see map). Spectators will only be allowed on the rugby grounds, NOT on the school grounds.

**Classes/students:** Rugby ground 1 (classes will assemble in year groups on the field by 12.30 pm and will sit on an allocated tarpaulin).

**Spectators:** Rugby ground 2 (this will be on the opposite side of the start/finish line)

After their race students are to return to their year group tarpaulin and remain there until the end of the event.

At the end of the whole event, once ALL the races are completed, parents will be able to sign their child out with their class teacher.

**Races will be held in this order:**

(Placings will be given for each year's group)

1. Year 1 boys (500 m)
2. Year 1 girls (500 m)
3. Year 2 boys (750 m)
3. Year 2 girls (750 m)
4. Year 3/4 boys (1.5 km) - Junior Boys Cross Country Trophy
5. Year 3/4 girls (1.5 km) - Junior Girls Cross Country Trophy
6. Year 5-8 boys competitive (3 km) - Senior Boys Cross Country Trophy
7. Year 5-8 girls competitive (3 km) - Senior Girls Cross Country Trophy
8. Year 5-8 non-competitive speed walk/jog (2 km)

**Marshalling**

If you are able to assist as a marshal for the year 3-8 courses, which also includes the school grounds, please email [tim@southcity.school.nz](mailto:tim@southcity.school.nz)

**Procedure for taking your child/children home after Cross Country**

1. Students are to remain with their year group until the end of the event.
2. Please do not ask to take your child home early, and do not take your child without asking!
3. At the end of the event parents will be invited over the loudspeaker to take their child/children home.
4. Parents may then go to the class teacher to sign their child/children out.

It is vital for a proper roll check to take place at the end of the event, so we are aware of the whereabouts of each child. This is for your child's safety.

