



# Southcity Christian School



**17<sup>th</sup> of October 2022. Term 4 Week 1.**

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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

*'For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.'* Hebrews 4 v 12 - 13

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

Welcome back for a short and busy Term 4.

We welcome the following students who will start in Room 8 today; Dovana, Pyae, and Juliette. We hope that they and their families will be very happy at Southcity.

This is an assessment term, so we request that your children attend school regularly, except if they are unwell. This way, the teachers can be sure of accurate and adequate assessment results for your children.

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

## **Assembly**

There will be a full school assembly this Friday starting at 2pm in Room 9. All are welcome.

## **2022 Term Dates**

2022 Term 4: 17 Oct – 14 Dec

2023 Term 2: 24 Apr – 30 Jun

2023 Term 1: 31 Jan – 6 Apr

2023 Term 3: 17 Jul – 22 Sep

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

## Run 4 Bibles

Thank you so much to all who participated in raising money for the Bible Society's Run 4 Bibles. We raised a total of \$3205, which means that we are donating 457 Bibles.

The largest amount sponsored to one child was \$395.

Well done to all. This was an amazing effort!

## Melville Cultural Festival

On the last day of last term, Rooms 2 and 5 participated in the Melville Cultural Festival.

Their performance as the opening act, was outstanding and well received by the audience. They also performed in the final act, but were tucked away at the back of a large group of performers, and hardly visible.

Grateful thanks to Mr Talsma for his commitment in getting the students onboard, and in the presentation of such a polished performance. Thanks too, to Mr Popping and Mrs Norman, along with a band of willing parents, who supervised the students on the day. Well done to all!

## Property Upgrade

Rooms 1 and 2 have had their beautiful rimu floors sanded and polyurethaned, and both classrooms have received new carpet.

The library has received new carpet and vinyl, and the staff bathroom is in the process of receiving a makeover, with new flooring, new whiteware, and a fresh new coat of paint.

The fencing, and the old vege garden has been removed, and this area will be flattened. Eventually it will be incorporated into the play area for students.

Things seem to be mostly on track, for work on the contaminated land, to commence early next year. Please pray that this will be a smooth process.

Our grateful thanks go to the Southcity Educational Charitable Trust (our proprietors) for this hard work in making the property upgrade happen over the holidays, and for their continued hard work in dealing with the contaminated land issue.

## Term 4 Sunhats

Sunhats are compulsory during Term 4.

Regulation sunhats are available through the office / uniform shop, and only these royal blue hats may be worn.

Please name the hat clearly on the inside.

Southcity has a 'No hat – No play' policy which means your child will have to sit in the lunch bay during playtimes.

Please encourage your child to leave their hat on their hook, at school each day, so they do not miss out on play.

## Advance notice – please diarise

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

The school will not be open for students on that day.

The teachers will be involved in forward planning for 2023, to ensure a smooth transition.

## Prizegiving and Production

Yay! We are able to hold this again for 2022.

Please diarise Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December for this event.

All students will participate. Parents and extended families are welcome.

This function will be held at Central Baptist Church and will commence at 7pm sharp.

## Enrolments for 2023

We are again under pressure for enrolment at Year 1. If you have a child due to start school at any time during 2023, please collect an enrolment form from the office, fill it in and return to us as soon as possible.

If your child will be leaving Southcity at the end of 2022 (not year 8's), please will you let us know in writing as soon as possible (an email is fine).

We are busy sorting class lists and this information is very helpful.

After 25 years of dedication to the school, Mrs Bishop is retiring at the end of the year.

There will be a farewell at Central Baptist Church, 33 Charlemont Street, Whitiara, Hamilton, on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

Guests are able to come at any time between 2:30 and 4pm.

If you are planning on attending Bev's farewell please email the school office for a link to the RSVP site. We would like confirmation of attendees by Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of November to assist us with numbers and catering.

We will bless her with a gift to show our appreciation for her many years of service. If you would like to contribute, you can donate to the following bank account: 12-3122-0239283-04 by the 31st of October 2022.

Southcity Christian School's  
farewell to

*Bev Bishop*

Our wonderful principal is retiring.

You are invited to join us  
in thanking her for her 25 years of service  
to our school community.

**Saturday 19 November 2022**

**2pm – 4.30pm**

**Central Baptist Church  
33 Charlemont St, Whitiara**

Afternoon tea will be provided.

There will be the opportunity for guests to share  
some short stories or words of thanks.

A guestbook will be available for those who would  
like to write a message to Bev.

If you would like to contribute to the community  
farewell gift for Bev, please contact  
[office@southcity.school.nz](mailto:office@southcity.school.nz)

## 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).