



Southcity Christian School

1st of March 2023. Term 1 Week 5.

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Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson
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Catherine King
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Maria Tasker
Gayle Young

Office

Lisa Zegwaard

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Eion Field

From the Principal;

Kia ora e te whanau

We are now half way through the term. We have certainly had an interesting start to the school year. I am very thankful that we can put our trust in God and that he is unshakeable. Let us have unshakable faith.

Psalms 125:1-5 TPT

Those who trust in the Lord are as unshakable, as unmovable as mighty Mount Zion! Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord's wraparound presence surrounds his people, protecting them now and forever.

It is such a blessing to be part of a school community that cares and looks out for each other. As part of building community with our school family we invite you to join us at our Meet the Teacher afternoon, this will be held next Tuesday 7th March from 3:30pm – see further information later in the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there.

Senior Swimming starts next week. Please make sure that the students have their togs, towel and are ready to swim!! A reminder that our Senior Students will be walking down to the pools and that lessons are every day.

I pray that you have a blessed week.

Anna Pieterse

2023 Term Dates

2023 Term 1: 31 Jan – 6 Apr

2023 Term 3: 17 Jul – 22 Sep

2023 Term 2: 24 Apr – 30 Jun

2023 Term 4: 9 Oct – 14 Dec

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

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 or black tights under their skirts or culottes. Trousers, track pants and leggings 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 or other jackets 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 MAY NOT 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.

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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 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.

Measles

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

Assembly

There will be a JUNIOR school assembly next Friday, the 10th of March as our seniors will be at swimming.

This will be held in Room 7 at 2pm.

All are welcome.

Dates to Note

6 – 10 Mar: Senior Swimming

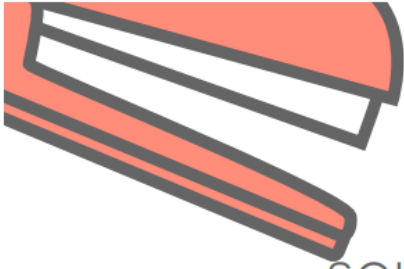
7 Mar – Meet the Teacher

17 Mar: School Photos

22 – 24 Mar: Senior School Camp

27 – 31 Mar: Junior Swimming

29 Mar: Christian Schools Athletics Day for seniors



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MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON



We welcome you to attend one of the presentations. They will be repeated so you can attend both the Junior and Senior School presentations.

Tuesday 7 March | 3:30pm to 4:30 PM

Junior Presentation to start in Room 9

Senior Presentation to start in Room 1

Session One 3:30 - 3:55 pm

Junior Room 9

Senior Room 1

Session Two 4:00 - 4:25pm

Junior Room 9

Senior Room 1

