



Southcity Christian School

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Room 7 – Valerie Thompson
Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson
Room 9 - Ilse Nolan

Teacher Aides

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Office

Lisa Zegwaard

Caretaker

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29th of March 2023. Term 1 Week 9.

From the Principal;

Kia ora e te whanau

I would like to take this opportunity to let our school family know that Mr Bryan Theobald and Mrs Jeanne Gibson have been appointed as Assistant Principals.



We are very grateful for the roles that they both play in our School. They along with myself, form the leadership team for our Kura.

If you have any concerns, please remember your first port of call is your child's classroom teacher. If the issue is not resolved, please contact Mr Theobald if your child is in the Senior School (Rooms 1, 2, or 5) or Mrs Gibson if the concern or query relates to the Junior School (Rooms 6, 4, 7, 8, or 9).

We really do appreciate the prayer support that as families you give to our school and ask that you uphold our leadership team in prayer.

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: 26 Apr – 30 Jun

2023 Term 4: 9 Oct – 15 Dec

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

School Values

Over the last few weeks I have been talking with our Board, Students, and Staff about the core values of our Kura. It is not surprising to me that one of the main values that was repeated again and again was Love. We have the greatest privilege to not only be recipients of God's love but we also get to share that same love.

In John 13 we are given a new commandment:

...**34** Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. **35**By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

I am so encouraged that this is a core part of who we are and it is how the world will know that we belong to Christ. Over the next term we'll be actively synthesizing and refining our core values as we complete this process. Please don't hesitate to talk with me about what you see are the core values. So far they are looking something like this:

At Southcity we show AROHA (Love)

A- Attentiveness

R- Respect and Resilience

O- Obedience

H- Humility

A- Authentic Achievement

We are refining this and each of these values will be supported by other character traits and values that link closely with each of these core values.

What's Been Happening

Last week our Seniors went to camp. They had a fantastic time and I loved going out in the evenings to connect with our students, parents and teachers. Our children participated in a range of activities which included kayaking- very popular from all accounts, rock climbing and the crate climb, swimming pool, Archery and Slug guns, Burma Trail and of course making smores around the campfire. School camps are something which I value. Growing up in camping, it has definitely become a highlight of the school year for me along with our students.

This week we have Junior Swimming, what a great and important experience this is for our tamariki being that we are an island nation. Swimming is a life skill and ensuring our children grow in skill and confidence around and in water is an essential for us as educators.

Today our Senior School attend the Christian interschool Athletics at Porritt Stadium. This is an event that our students look forward to and a great way for us to connect for our schools in our Community of Learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents that have supported us this term and volunteered their time to help us. Without your support we would not be able to do the things that we have been doing. Your help is very much appreciated. May you know God's richest blessing.

Reminders

- Car park etiquette is important; we want to keep everyone safe. I see so many close calls on a daily basis. Please be mindful and careful when you are reversing out of car parks or into them. Try and keep the traffic moving through our car park. Please don't stop and block the entry if there is no park the first time you come in, go around again.
- Lateness: I have noted that we have a number of continual lateness patterns occurring across the school. In the first instance I will come and speak with you about it. After that I will ask for our Attendance Officer to make contact with you. Children who are continually late fall behind and this makes it very difficult for them to make the progress that they need to.

We have our school holiday fast approaching but more importantly our school holidays begin with Easter. As we look to Easter, let our focus rest on Christ and the sacrifice that he made for us. He is our redemption and our bridge to our heavenly Father. In that alone let us give all the glory and honor to God. He made a way where we could not.

John 3:16 Comes to mind, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that none should perish, but have eternal life".

I pray that this is a reality for you all. It is a free gift and all we need to do is accept it. Take time with your children and speak to them as I'm sure you will about the significance of Easter.

We pray that you have a safe and blessed holiday time with your children. School returns on Wednesday 26th of April.

Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly next Wednesday the 5th of April.

This will be held in Room 9 at 2pm.

All are welcome.

Dates to Note

27 – 31 Mar: Junior Swimming

29 Mar: Christian Schools Athletics Day for seniors

24 Apr: Teacher Only Day

25 Apr: ANZAC Day

26 Apr: Term 2 starts

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.

Next meeting

The next meeting is this Friday, the 31st of March, at 9am in the staffroom. Pre-schoolers are welcome.

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.