

Southcity Christian School



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Principal

Anna Pieterse

Teachers

Room 1 - Bryan Theobald

Room 2 – Tim Popping

Room 5 – Jess Norman and Maria McClennan (and John Talsma who is currently away)

Room 4 - Tracy Hankins

Room 6 –Rachel Corban and Sophie Vink

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

Caretaker

Eion Field

26th of April 2023. Term 2 Week 1.

From the Principal;

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome back to Term 2.

It is always exciting and a pleasure to welcome new students and their families to Southcity. We pray that your time at our school is full of blessing. We count it a privilege to work in partnership with our families to support our children's growing understanding and deepening of relationship with Christ.



As we remember ANZAC Day yesterday and the sacrifices that were made by those that have gone before us and those that continue in service, I am reminded that we have a truly amazing God. The sacrifice of our Soldiers is to be acknowledged and remembered but the sacrifice of our loving Heavenly Father is to be celebrated and cherished without that we would live eternally separated from him. Jesus was the only one that could meet the requirements and pay the full price for our freedom.

Once again welcome back to school and I pray that this term is full of blessing and deep learning.

As we learn, we grow. Let us grow together.

Anna Pieterse

2023 Term Dates

2023 Term 2: 26 Apr - 30 Jun

2023 Term 4: 9 Oct – 15 Dec

2023 Term 3: 18 Jul - 22 Sep

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

Service Learning

Kohikohi ngā kākano, whakaritea te pārekereke, kia puāwai ngā hua.

Gather the seeds, prepare the seedbed carefully, and you will be gifted with abundance of food.

This whakatauki links closely with our theme for this term. God is the owner of the Earth and through his design both within the natural and physical world and within the Spiritual world we can see the importance of gathering and planting the seed.

I am reminded of the parable of the different types of soil that the seed was scattered in <u>Matthew 13:1-23</u> Which type of soil am I? What is the condition of the soil in the hearts and minds of our school community?

This term we are embarking on a school-wide Service-Learning project, Garden to Table. We will be drawing on much learning linked to the Biblical narrative of the garden and the table. This is going to provide great opportunities and authentic context for our students to learn and to grow in the act of serving others. We will be sending out a link early this term to get feedback from parents that is related to our project.

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Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly on Friday the 28th of April.

This will in held in Room 9 at 2pm.

All are welcome.

Dates to Note

28 Apr: FoS Meeting

04 May: Prayer Meeting

18 May: Coffee Morning

05 Jun: Kings Birthday – Public Holiday

30 Jun: Term 2 ends

17 Jul: Teacher Only Day

18 Jul: Term 3 begins

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.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is this Friday, the 28th of April, at 9am in the staffroom. Babies and pre-schoolers are welcome. 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.



Coffee Morning

If you are new to Southcity this year (or even if you've been around for a while!) and would like to meet some other school parents, you are invited to join us for a cuppa and a catch up!

Babies and pre-schoolers are welcome.

Thursday 18 May 2023 9am - The School Library