



# Southcity Christian School



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Room 1 – Bryan Theobald

Room 2 – Tim Popping

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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

## **10<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. Term 2 Week 3.**

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to Week 3. It is great to have our Winter Sports up and running. I am very pleased to let you know that our school fields will soon be opening and that our netball teams will be able to practice on our school netball court.

### **Winter Uniform**

Just a reminder that the tights for our winter uniform are not to be footless. Leggings are not an acceptable part of our uniform.

### **Hui this term**

We have two very important hui coming up this term. Our first, is the Health Hui. Please click on the following link to access a short survey that I wish all families to complete. You have until 10pm on the **31<sup>st</sup> of May to complete the survey:** [Health and Physical Education Community Consultation 2023](#)

It is a requirement that we consult with our community regarding what is important for you in terms of Health and Physical Education Curriculum. The new guideline for Relationships and Sexuality has just been released. This is a key area that we require your feedback on. I will be hosting a meeting that for you to attend in person from **2pm to 3:30pm on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May in our School Library.** I will have the Relationships and Sexuality Guidelines available for you to view and comment on. I have already identified achievement objectives that align with our special character.

Our second hui for the term is for our Māori Families. I would love for each family to be represented. We are wanting to find out what is important for your families and what you are wanting our school to focus on and develop. We will be hosting this at Melville Community House. We will have Kai and Korero. This is on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June at 6pm. Children are welcome. We will be sending out invites to this shortly for catering purposes.

**Assembly:** There will be a whole school assembly this Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. This will be held in Room 9 at 2pm. All are welcome.

### Across School Teacher (AST)

I would like to congratulate Mr Popping on his appointment to the Across School Teacher position within our Community of Learning. Mr Popping will be released two days a week for this position. He will be working collaboratively with schools and teachers across our Community of Christian Schools in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty Region. We are very blessed by what Mr. Popping brings to our school and know that he will be a blessing to the other schools that he will be supporting in this role. Mrs Sophie Vink has been appointed to cover Mr Poppings' release days. Mrs Vink currently is working in Room 6 and we look forward to what she will bring to our senior students.

### Absences

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please contact the school. You can do this via the Skool Loop app, email, or phone. If you are intending to take term time holidays, I must have this in writing (via email is fine). If these are extended over several months, I must have written evidence of when you are returning your child to school. This is a requirement from the Ministry of Education.

### Request for Payments and Check Details Forms

Today envelopes will be coming home with Request for Payment and a Details Check forms enclosed. **Please sign and return the form even if there are no changes.** It is important that we have all your current contact details.

### Upcoming Teacher Only Day

Please mark in your calendar our teacher only day on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of July (the beginning of Term 3). This day is for professional development with our Community of Learning.

### Congratulations


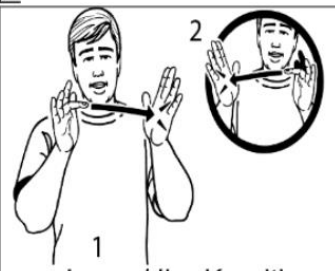


Well done, Sasha Sligo, on being the Music in Schools Runner up for Ignite Music. We are very proud of your accomplishment.




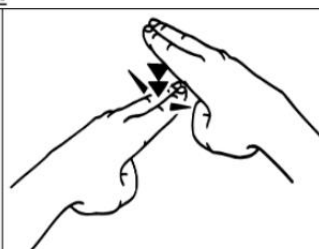


### Kupu o te Wiki (Words of the Week)

This term we have started the Te reo Kupu Challenge. Our aim is for all our students to learn 100 kupu with actions. Each newsletter I will highlight the words and the actions they are learning. We have paired each word to the sign language for it.

### Kupu mo te wiki 3 (Words for Week 3)

Maori words and sign			
 God / Te Atua	 Jesus / Ihu Karaiti	 Teacher / Kaiako	 School / Kura

### Kupu mo te wiki 4 (Words for Week 4)

Maori words and sign			
 Mother /whaea, māmā	 Father/ matua, pāpā	 Hungry / matekai	 Thirsty / matewai

## From the Trust

Kia Ora families of Southcity Christian School.

We, The Proprietors Trust Board, are responsible for managing the development and upkeep of the property and buildings and for decision making associated with the special character of Southcity Christian School.

After a number of years of valued service, Janet Williams is moving on from her role as the Chairperson for the school Proprietors Board. We wish to thank and honour her for work and her leadership of the team. We wish her all the best as she moves into a new season.

We also want to acknowledge Anton Post who has stepped up into the Chairperson role. Anton has worked hard to negotiate and organise the soil remediation work that is currently underway and which we will all be very pleased to have behind us. Anton, we thank you for the way you have offered your service to the school at a time when it has been so desperately needed and for taking on this role as chairperson for the proprietor's board.

We look forward to a new season for our school with freedom to use the grounds again and space to hope for new things. God Bless you.

The Proprietors Trust Board.

## 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 12 May, 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](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 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).



## 2023 Term Dates

2023 Term 2: 26 Apr – 30 Jun    2023 Term 4: 9 Oct – 15 Dec  
2023 Term 3: 18 Jul – 22 Sep    2024 Term 1: 30 Jan

Please plan holiday during the school holidays where possible.

## Dates to Note

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