



Southcity Christian School



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30th of August 2023. Term 3 Week 7.

Kia ora e te Whanau

What an exciting week we have with Cross Country. Please see further in the newsletter for the details of this whole school event. We would love for you to come along and support our tamariki. For many, this is their day to shine.

Last Wednesday we had our Māori Parent Hui. It was such a great evening to connect with whanau and hear about the aspirations that are held for our tamariki. I would like to thank Melanie and Brendan Dickinson for their support and help to see this evening happen in such a successful manner. Learning te reo Māori is important for so many reasons but the one that stood out to me as part of our discussion was around how language links into our identity. Language is such a precious gift from God and he has given this to us as part of our identity in him. I am looking forward to our journey together in developing our Te Ao Māori Programme across our kura.

This week I would like to take time to honour Mrs. Jeanne Gibson. Mrs. Gibson has taught in our kura for 14 years. She had diligently and lovingly led our junior school and held the position of Assistant Principal this year. At the end of the year Mrs. Gibson will join her husband who has accepted a position in Perth, Australia. We are very grateful that Mrs. Gibson committed to staying with us until the end of this school year. Thank you, Mrs. Gibson, for all that you do and all that you bring to our school. We pray that the next stage of your journey in Perth is blessed. Please pray that we are able to fill the position that Mrs. Gibson leaves with the very best applicant.

We will be holding a **Teacher Only Day** the 13th of November (in Term 4). There will be no supervision at school. Please make alternative arrangements for your Southcity children.

Reminder about Uniform:

- Hair ties and hair clips are to be either navy blue or black.
- Socks are to be blue or black.
- When hair is at shoulder length please tie back.

Assembly: No assembly this week due to Cross Country. It will be held next Friday, the 8th of September, instead.

Calendar Art - the students have created some wonderful pieces of art, which have been sent away for the next step in the process. Information on ordering will come in a separate email. This is a great little fundraiser for our school, and we look forward to seeing all the completed products coming in. The calendars are a great Christmas present and in the past I have certainly loved having these hang on my wall.

Yummy Stickers - our school participates in the Yummy Sticker collection each year. If you have any stickers that have been collected, please send them to the office by Friday the 15th of September. Stickers can be handed in to the school office at any time throughout the year, but especially now when they are sent off for sports goods. Many thanks for all those who have handed in stickers over the years - it is much appreciated!

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.

Our next meeting is this Friday, the 1st of September 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

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





Kupu o te Wiki

(Words of the Week) Our aim is for all our students to learn 100 kupu with actions in the Te reo





Kupu Challenge.

Each newsletter will include the words and the actions students are learning.

Week 7

<u>Maori words and sign</u>			
			
Dance/kanikani	Go/haere	Come/haere mai	Applaud/pakipaki

Week 8

<u>Maori words and sign</u>			
			
Hood/hat/potae	Clock/karaka	Paint/peita	Sing/Waiata

Southcity Christian School Cross Country 2023

Date: Friday 1st September 2023 (postponement date Monday 4th September)

Time: 12.45pm – approx. 2.30pm

If there is a postponement due to weather, it will be emailed to parents and on the school Facebook page around 10am Friday.

Course Maps

Year 1 - 450m



Year 2 (1 lap - 730m), Y3-4 (2 laps - 1.430km)



Y5-8 (Competitive 3 laps - 2.750km, Non-Competitive 2 laps - 1.850km)



Students are to wear their school uniform top and navy/dark shorts. Running shoes are optional.

Students will also need to bring along their water bottles and warm clothes to change into. Please ensure that if your child has asthma that they bring their inhaler.

Assembly Points

Classes/students: Classes will assemble in year groups on the Southcity Christian School netball court between 12.30-12.45 pm.

Spectators:

To allow everyone to see the races from start to finish, to ease congestion and ensure a streamlined event, please note that spectators will be in a different area from competitors (see map). Parents attending the cross country will be on the opposite side (playground side) of the start/finish chute from the students. Parents are not to cross the boundary to see their child. Parents are more than welcome to **bring portable chairs** to watch the races in style.

Race times are approximate; races may run earlier or later than the time indicated.

- 12.45 pm **Year 1 Boys** (450 m)
- 12.50 pm **Year 1 Girls** (450 m)
- 12.55 pm **Year 2 Boys** (730 m)
- 1 pm **Year 2 Girls** (730 m)
- 1.10 pm **Year 3-4 Boys** (1.430 km)
- 1.20 pm **Year 3-4 Girls** (1.430 km)
- 1.35 pm **Competitive Year 5-6, 7-8 Boys** (2.750 km)
 Non-Competitive Year 5-6, 7-8 Boys (1.850 km)
- 1.55 pm **Competitive Year 5-6, 7-8 Girls** (2.750 km)
 Non-Competitive Year 5-6, 7-8 Girls (1.850 km)

Finish between 2.15-2.30 pm

As races are completed

- After their race students are to return to their year group area and remain there until the end of the event.
- At the end of the whole event, once ALL the races are completed, parents will be able to sign their child out with their class teacher.
- Students not signed out will return to their class with their teacher.

Procedure for taking your child/children home after Cross Country

1. Students are to remain with their year group until the end of the event.
 2. Please do not ask to take your child home early, and do not take your child without asking!
 3. At the end of the event parents will be invited over the loudspeaker to take their child/children home.
 4. Parents may then go to the class teacher to sign their child/children out. Students not signed out will return to their class with their teacher.
- It is vital for a proper roll check to take place at the end of the event, so we are aware of the whereabouts of each child. This is for your child's safety.

Run4Bibles

We are excited to be able to use cross country as a 'Run4Bibles' Fundraiser. Students can get sponsorship from family members and friends (we do not suggest students go door to door for sponsorship alone).

Run4Bibles has created a link for the students to create personal profiles, and for sponsors to directly donate. Southcity: <https://bl.org.nz/fundraising-team.php?id=10064> There is also a fundraising target so the students can see how much they have donated to reach this goal.

Hard copies of the sponsorship forms were sent home on Monday the 7th of August, and have also been emailed home. **Forms and any sponsorship or donations will all be due back to the school office on Friday the 15th of September.**