



Southcity Christian School



19th of July 2023. Term 3 Week 1.

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Room 7 – Valerie Thompson

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Kia ora e te whanau, welcome back for Term 3.

Our staff had a great start to the term, meeting with colleagues from our Community of Learning. We were warmly welcomed and hosted at Bethlehem College. We are privileged to be part of a body of Christian Schools across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. We met with several hundred other Christian educators, it was a day filled with encouragement and learning. It is such a blessing to make connections with other teachers and educators who are working in the same areas as we are.

It is a blessing to have new families joining our kura (school) this term and we pray that your time with us is indeed blessed. It is a great privilege to partner with all of you as parents in helping to develop your children to their full potential.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our staff, Mrs Jacina Stapleton. She will be working in Room 7 on Mondays for this term. We are excited to have her join us. Please make her feel welcome and we look forward to all that she brings to our school.

At the end of last term, myself and our leadership team attended the New Zealand Christian Schools Association Conference in Christchurch. I had the privilege of leading a workshop which focused on teacher well-being. It was a fantastic experience and a great opportunity for us to learn and grow together as a team.

Cross Country: On Friday the 1st of September (rain date: Monday 4th September), we will be holding our Cross Country. We are excited to be able to use this as a 'Run4Bibles' Fundraiser. 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 will be sent out on Monday the 7th of August. Forms and any sponsorship or donations will all be due back on Friday the 15th of September. What an amazing opportunity we have to partner with the Bible League to see children in South Africa have access to their own Bibles.

Assembly: There will be a whole school assembly this Friday, the 21st of July. This will be held in Room 9 at 2pm. All are welcome.

Learning Conferences Looking ahead, Learning Conferences will be held on Wednesday the 2nd and Thursday the 3rd of August, in week 3.

Please Note: **School will close at 12.30pm for all students on both days.** Please pick your child up promptly as we will not have staff available to look after them. No child may be left at school without a supervising adult.




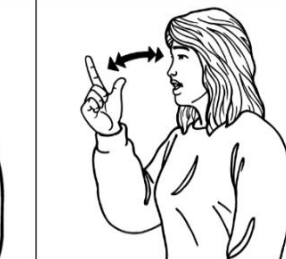
We hope that you have shared your child's report with them, as Learning Conferences are an opportunity for the student, parent/s, and teacher to talk together about the student's learning. The teachers expect to meet with all parents / students from their class.

Bookings will open online in the Skool Loop app, tomorrow at 9.30am. You will be sent an email with instructions on how to book.



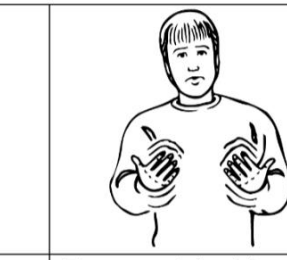
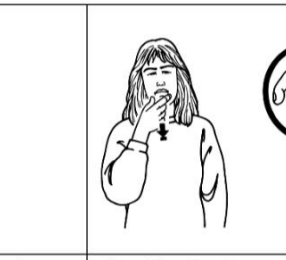
Scholastic Flyers are available in the office foyer. Orders and payment are due to the office by 9am on Tuesday the 25th of July. Or, you can order online, details on the flyer.

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. Each word will have the sign language paired with it.

Week 1

Maori words and sign			
			
Bible/ Paipera	Church/ whare karakia	School/ kura	Teacher/ kaiako

Week 2

Maori words and sign			
			
Exhausted/ngenge	Excellent/ tino pai	Too much/nui (rawa)	Sad/ pōuri

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 21 July, 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.

Southcity Parent Prayer Meeting

Join us in praying
together for our school
and school community

9-10am

Thursday 27 July 2023

(Week 2)

In the School Library

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 10 August 2023
9am - The School Library