



# Southcity Christian School



**13<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. Term 3 Week 9.**

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Room 1 – Bryan Theobald

Room 2 – Tim Popping and  
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Room 5 – Jess Norman and  
John Talsma

Room 6 – Rachel Corban  
and Sophie Vink

Room 4 – Tracy Hankins

Room 7 – Valerie Thompson  
and Jacina Stapleton

Room 8 – Jeanne Gibson

Room 9 – John Talsma and  
Maria McClellan

## **Teacher Aides**

Anna Dobbs

Catherine King

Laura Lankshear

Maria McClellan

Maria Tasker

Gayle Young

## **Office**

Lisa Zegwaard

## **Caretaker**

Eion Field

Kia ora e te whanau

Greetings to you all. Te Wiki o te Reo Māori is this week. The theme of Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori - making the language stronger continues. I am extremely proud of how our students have taken up the Kupu challenge over the last two terms.

It is with great pride that I inform you and celebrate with the school community, two students achieving their platinum award which is their final award in our challenge. Kua pai te mahi- Joanna Paul and Warona Linyama (Room 1) for your achievement. You have set a fantastic example to the rest of the school.



**School Community Consultation** - Please take the time to complete the [Survey](#) as this will help us to form our strategic direction for the next three years. Our mission is to partner with you as parents and caregivers to help our tamariki reach their full potential.

**Assembly:** There will be a whole school assembly this Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. This will be held in Room 9 at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Pick up Times** - Just a reminder if you have children who are only in Rooms 4,6,7 or 9 please pick them up at 2:45pm from outside Room 8. We ask for prompt and quick collection to help ease congestion in the car park.

If you are collecting children from Rooms 1, 2 and 5 or children in both Senior and Junior School, pick up time is 3pm. Please don't arrive earlier as we are trying to ease congestion in the car park.

We appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you for quickly adapting to this change.

**School Wide Cultural Dress Day** - On Tuesday 19th September (next week) we will be holding a Cultural Dress Celebration day at school. If your child has clothing that is traditionally worn from their own culture this is the day for them to wear it to school. We do not want people spending lots of money on outfits, so please just check on items you can wear from home. If your child does not have anything culturally significant to wear, mufti will be acceptable for that day. Let us come together and celebrate who God has created us to be.

**Before and After School Care: Urgent Response Required** - Please take the time to fill out this [survey](#). I am meeting with proprietors and a possible provider to see if having onsite before and after school care is a viable option for our Kura. This meeting is tomorrow. The Survey will close at 11:30 am tomorrow morning.

**Calendar Art** - the students have created some wonderful pieces of art. An email has been sent to parents with instructions on how to order. Please place your orders by Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, next week. 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.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](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)

# Southcity Parent Prayer Meeting

Join us in praying  
together for our school  
and school community

**9-10am**

**Thursday 12 October 2023**

**(Week 1)**

**In the School Library**



## Dates to Note

22 Sep: Last day of term 3  
9 Oct: First day of term 4  
12 Oct: Prayer Meeting  
23 Oct: Labour Day – no school  
26 Oct: Foodbank Drive and Mufti Day  
13 Nov: Teacher Only Day  
13 Dec: 7pm School Prize Giving and Production  
15 Dec: Last day of school for 2023  
30 Jan: First day of school for 2024

## Foodbank Drive

**Thursday**

**26 October 2023**

**Term 4 Week 3**



We will be having a food collection drive  
to donate to the Hamilton Combined  
Christian Foodbank, who support families  
in need in the Waikato.

If you are able, please bring a  
non-perishable food or toiletry item to  
school for us to donate to the foodbank.