



Southcity Christian School



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Room 9 – Madge Le Hane

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14th February 2024. Term 1 Week 3.

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to week three

Today we have our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon and we are looking forward to hosting you and connecting with you. There will be two sessions: 3.15pm to 3.40pm and 3.45pm to 4.10pm. All presentations will be in your child's classroom. Unfortunately, due to Mrs Le Hane being unwell, there will not be any Room 9 presentations. We welcome you to attend one of the presentations. The two sessions will be the same so if you have more than one child at the school, you can attend two different sessions. Please be aware these sessions are to discuss general classroom expectations and information - this is not the time to talk to the teacher specifically about your child. If you would like to meet with the teacher to discuss your child, please make an appointment with them for another time. Please make every effort to meet your child's teacher today.

In our 'My life Rulz programme this week the rule they are looking at and learning about is:

Rule 2 - I can get used to the place I am in and still grow.'

These are such good life rules, ones that will help build resilience and a steadfastness in our tamariki.

Request for Payment – Attached to this newsletter is the Request for Payment of Attendance Dues. Please pay the dues by the end of this term, either online or in the office. If you have any questions about these, please see Lisa in the office.

Assembly: Whole school assemblies are fortnightly on Friday **mornings**. The next assembly will be Friday, the 23rd of February starting at **9.10am**. This will be held in Room 8 (the old Room 9). All are welcome.

2024 Term Dates

Term 1

Tue 30 Jan – Fri 12 Apr

Term 2

Mon 29 Apr – Fri 05 Jul

Term 3

Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep

Term 4

Mon 14 Oct – Fri 13 Dec

Pick up Times - We continue to have staggered pick up times. If you have children who are only in Rooms 4, 6, 7, 8, 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 or 5 or children in both Senior and Junior School, pick up time is 3pm from the lunch bay. Please don't arrive earlier as we are trying to ease congestion in the car park. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Student Information Sheet – The details that we have on file for your child will be sent home today via an email from Edge. Please check all the details carefully, and email the school office if there are any changes or additions to be made. Please ignore the EOTC Permission tick box as we do not use this at Southcity. If you do not email the office, we will assume that all the details we have are correct.

Out of School Care – Over the last couple of weeks we have fielded emails regarding the before school care arrangements. School is open for children to attend from 8:30am if they are not booked into Kelly Club. Establishing a before and after school care programme on site at our school was initiated because of parent requests. When surveys went out the response was very favourable. Many people said they would enrol their child. I am very aware that finances are tight but my priority is to ensure that your child is safe and cared for. My staff cannot provide supervision before 8:30am. I have a duty of care to ensure the safety and well-being of all at this school. This is the best scenario to achieve this.

If you are needing to drop your children to school before 8:30 am please book them into Kelly Club (this is a paid service). We will be taking children there for supervision if they arrive to school before 8.30am, and you will be invoiced.

After school children must be collected by 3:15pm, if not they will be taken to Kelly Club and once again you will be invoiced. Staff are in meetings from 3:15pm.

Kelly Club is operating from the space between Rooms 8 and 9. They have got great programmes lined up and provide a snack for your children in the afternoon.

YOU CAN BOOK ONLINE NOW at www.kellyclub.co.nz. Just type in Southcity Christian School and register through the link.



Printed Newsletter Opt-in Option – Today we have printed out one newsletter per family which will come home with your oldest child at Southcity. We would prefer not to print the newsletter each fortnight as a lot of families do not read the printed version, and it is a waste of time and resources. However, a few parents have expressed their preference for the printed format. Therefore, we will have an opt-in option for printed newsletters. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the fortnightly newsletter via your child, please let me know by emailing office@southcity.school.nz. This can be updated or changed at any time by emailing me your preference. Newsletters after this one will only be printed for those who have opted in. All newsletters will be emailed to parents whether or not you opt in.



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 16th of February 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 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