



Southcity Christian School



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28th February 2024. Term 1 Week 5.

Kia ora e te whanau

We are officially half-way through Term 1. Where has the time gone? We have had a busy start to the year and it is so exciting to see our students engaging in basketball across the school. Well done to all the teams for stepping up and giving basketball a go.

Thank you to all the parents that came to our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon. We have another exciting event coming up this term. We will be having a Picnic dinner with a shared dessert- bring a dessert on 26th of March starting at 5pm until 7:30pm. Bring your own picnic dinner and something to share for dessert. Don't forget your picnic blanket!!

We have our Southcity School athletic day set for 15th of March. More details to come. And following that we have our Inter Christian Schools Athletics day. We will let you know the details closer to the time. It is booked for the 27th of March at Porritt Stadium.

Traditionally we have had swimming in Term 1 however this year it is set for Term 2. Keep that in mind for next term.

School Policies - If you would like to view our school policies, please know that you can access these through [School docs](#). The username is **4125** and the password is **southcity1**

Assembly: Whole school assemblies are fortnightly on Friday mornings. The next assembly will be Friday, the 8th of March starting at 9.10am. This will be held in Room 8. All are welcome.

Easter Assembly: We will be holding a special assembly on Thursday the 28th of March at 9:15am in Room 8. You are very welcome to attend. Our students will be presenting and contributing to this assembly. Just a reminder our school will be shut Easter Tuesday.

Out of School Care – I am extremely disappointed to be announcing the closure of Kelly Club at Southcity Christian School. I worked very hard to get this set up but unfortunately it was not supported as indicated in our surveys that went out last year. The numbers attending the programme are too low for it to be financially sustainable. We need a minimum of 20 children booked in each day for the afternoon sessions, and a minimum of 10 children booked in each morning. I know that the children that were in attendance at Kelly Club loved it. I would like to thank Kelly Club for partnering with us for the first half of this term.

I want to remind you once again that school is open from 8:30am and students are to be collected at 3:15pm. Staff are in meetings before 8:30am and from 3:15pm. **We are not able to provide supervision.**

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.

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 March 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

Dates to Note:

15 March: Southcity Athletics Day

22 Mar: School Photos

26 March: School Picnic

*27 March: Inter Christian Schools
Athletics day (Yr 4 to 8 students)*

28 March: Easter Assembly

*29 March: Easter Friday = **no school***

*1 April: Easter Monday = **no school***

*2 April: Easter Tuesday = **no school***

12 April – last day of Term 1

29 April – first day of Term 2

13-17 May: Junior Swimming

20-24 May: Senior Swimming