



Southcity Christian School



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Room 9 – Madge Le Hane

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13 March 2024. Term 1 Week 7.

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to Week 6. Easter is fast approaching and we are so excited to **invite you to our Easter Celebration Service on Thursday 28th of March at 9:10am in Room 8.** I am so grateful that we have a risen saviour and that his death and resurrection has made a way for us to be in relationship with God. We have so much to celebrate and so much to be grateful for. Children are to wear house colours that day.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to some amazing staff members. Mrs Valarie Thompson, who has been on leave for the last two terms, is retiring after an amazing 21 years of service to the school. She has made a difference in the lives of so many children, parents, and staff. We are forever grateful for the role and impact that she has made in our school. We say thank you to Mrs Thompson for all that you have contributed to the life and lives of Southcity Christian School.

Mrs Ilse Nolan, has been on maternity leave last term and this term. She has decided that right now her first priority is that of mother to her precious wee girl. We are thankful for you and the time that you have spent at our school. All the children that have been taught by Mrs Nolan have indeed been blessed. We have been blessed to have her as part of our team and the Southcity family.

Mr Paul Anderson, has been on sick leave for some time, however he is going to be retiring and we do pray that your recovery continues. Thank you for all your help around our school and how you maintained our property and buildings.

Mrs Gibson is going to be finishing at our school at Easter. We are forever grateful for your willingness to come back this term for Mrs Le Hane who has been on sick leave. You have been an integral part of this team and we have all benefited from your leadership and the way in which you have equipped our little people here.

We will miss all of our staff that we are saying goodbye to, and we have been greatly blessed by their contributions to our school. I want to thank them for stepping up to God's calling and for serving at our school for a time such as this.

We welcome Michelle Torckler, our new Teacher Aide, to Room 9. We are grateful for the knowledge you bring to our school and look forward to having you as part of our Southcity community.

Southcity Athletic Day - On Friday this week we have our school athletics day. We invite you to come along and support your tamariki. This will start just after 9am. Our tamariki would be greatly encouraged to have your support. Children to wear house colours for athletics.

Inter Christian School Athletics - On the 27th of March we have our Inter Christian School Athletics Competition at Porritt Stadium. This is for our Year 4 students and up to attend. Please make sure you respond to the information that has already been sent out by Monday 18th of March, 2024.

School Photos – (class and individual) will be taken next Friday, the 22nd of March. Information flyers will be coming home with your child today. If you would like a sibling photo taken (only of current Southcity students) please complete the form and return to the school office by Thursday, the 21st of March.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school by 9am on photo day, otherwise they may miss out on their photo being taken. Please ensure too, that your child is in the correct uniform, shoes/socks are regulation (no jandals), hair is neatly brushed, and uniform is clean.

Ordering and payment will be all online and NO payments are made to the school. A further flyer containing your child's unique key code will be sent home after photo day. Orders placed before a specific date will receive free delivery to the school.

School Picnic - Once again I would like to invite you to our school picnic dinner and shared cultural dessert evening which is being held on Tuesday the 26th of March from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at school. Please bring your dinner, drinks (no alcohol at school) for your family, and a picnic blanket as well as something for our dessert to share. This will be outside if the weather is fine, and inside if the weather is not so fine – there is no postponement. We are looking forward to connecting with you all.

Upcoming Teacher Only Day - On the 31st of May 2024 we will be having a Teacher Only Day, there will be no supervision available at school, please make other arrangements for your children on that day. Or take an extra-long weekend!!

Assembly - There will NOT be an assembly next Friday, the 22nd of March, as we will have school photos happening. The next assembly will be our Easter event 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 closed on Easter Tuesday.

Scholastic Book Club - the second issue scholastic flyer for 2024 is available in the office foyer. Feel free to collect a copy and place an order if interested (this is not compulsory). These flyers give parents access to a range of books at a discounted rate. However, as Scholastic is not a Christian organisation, we suggest you screen the books before purchasing. Orders are due by 9am on Thursday the 14th of March (tomorrow). You can place your order with cash or eftpos payment in the school office, or online at the scholastic site <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

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. 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

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

*31 May – Teacher Only Day = **no school***