

Week 9, Term 3 – 20 September 2024

SOUTHWELL NEWSLETTER



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Guardians, and members of our community

This evening we conclude our six show Opera season of Mary Poppins. Thank you to our students, staff, and parents involved for the incredible effort that has gone into this stunning show. From prop making, painting sets, rehearsing lines and scenes, Dining Hall dinners, applying and removing hair and makeup, to transporting our students over many months, thank you! The teamwork involved has been immense.



Congratulations to the students who received awards for excellent effort at this morning's end-of-term assemblies. Pictured below are our students who received their Achievement Bars.



Thank you for your support of our students and staff through Term 3. I trust that our students and their families have some quality time together over this Spring break and that our students return ready to embrace an action-packed Term 4.

Yours sincerely Jason Speedy

OPERA - MARY POPPINS

Our production of Mary Poppins has been an incredible success this term! From the vibrant performances to the magical set design, our talented students have truly brought the story to life. We are so proud of their hard work, dedication, and creativity. A heartfelt thank you to the families for their unwavering support and to the school staff for their dedication behind the scenes—your efforts have been key to making this production a memorable one for everyone involved. Together, we've created something which is Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!



OPERA - MARY POPPINS



A collage of 20 photographs showing students in various costumes and outfits, likely from a school event or competition. The images are arranged in a grid-like fashion, with some larger and some smaller, showcasing a variety of creative costumes including Disney characters, historical figures, and modern fashion. The students are of diverse backgrounds and are smiling and posing for the camera. The costumes range from simple t-shirts and skirts to more elaborate, full-body outfits with props and accessories. The background of the photos varies, showing indoor school settings and outdoor areas. The overall theme is creative expression through costume design.



AWARDS, BADGES, SPECIAL CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year 3 Values Badge Certificates



3AP

Mila Pert, Christopher Lim, Anvi Koundal, Olivia Hoy, Amelia Enright, Angus Everton, Zara Donald

3JDM

Aria Mahajan, Arlo Lee, Rylah Jones, Arielle Hughes, Olivia Haringa, Henry Gerring



3AP

Charlotte Copeman, Brock Bowden, Faryn Bourke, Elliot Beer, Boris Bain, Dylan Arnall,

3JDM

Eva Gatenby, Indie Feisst, Johnny Comins, Mac Burns, Amayra Brar

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Year 4-6 Achievement Badges



Kasia Bennett, Logan Dodds, Rizak Kaur, Yamaan Mohammed, Kian Raman, Sofia Raza, Darci Barnes, Lucy Bourke, Eden McCaffrey, Roddy Tan, Karys Jones, Ryan Jia

Achievement Bars



Angela Wang, Amba Wood, Nico Shuitemaker, Nobel Chen, Olivia Lou, Fiachra Kelly, Addison Lundy, Samuel Wang, Millie Bradding, Daniel Checketts, Hemi Gregory, Griffin Liu, Millie McCaffrey

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Achievement Ties



Jessica Cowie, Akain Kuruppuge, Michelle Shi, Emma Hu, Gemma Laidlaw, Lyra Reynolds, Hannah Ellison, Willa Mills, Leah Sharman, Leva Jia, Zoe Shepherd, Mia Stretch, Lucas Tang, Arnav Brar, Zara Gollan, Penny He, Sofia Pearson, William Singleton, Mandy Su, Roman Tan, Susan Wang, Grayson Wareham, Vera Crome, Olivia Currie, Rebecca Eden, Katie Ferrar, Evan Hu, Sam Irwin, Eva Jordan, Georgie Keel, Sienna Sarty, Kameron Wang, Kingsley Zhou, Chelsea Davies, Rose Faber, Lucy Hoyte, Jessica Li, Crystal Su, Liadan Baker-Seoighe, Liam Bennett, Vincent Crompton, Abir Mahajan, Oliver Mitchell, Izzy Oliphant, Esther Sentch, Will Yearbury, Harrison Baldock, Christine Gong, Xavier Leith, Darcy Meertens, Maia Robinson, Edward Scott, Isaac Simnor, Ruby Smith, Charlie Tapper, Flynn Wansbrough, Luke Williamson, Myla Wilson, Terence Yan, Tom Savage, Ronan Piso

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Sports Colours



Football

Kate Rickman, Millie McCaffrey, Nieve Driscoll,
Liadan Baker-Seoigh, Griffin Liu, Percy Carver,
Sophie Aquilina, Finley Mackie, Riley Russell, Hemi Gregory



Hockey

Sebastian Potter, Gordon Chen, Andrew War
Nico Schuitemaker



Netball

Lyra Reynolds, Mackenzie Taylor, Emma
Harper



Cross Country

Charlotte Hoy, Olivia Currie, Vera Crome,
Eva Jordan



Rugby

Will Yearbury, Tamati Deane, Charlie
Tapper, Aorangi Potaka



Gymnastics

Nathan Gundersen

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2024 Altrusa - Young Citizen of the Year



Millie Bradding

This award is for one selected Year 8 student who has shown: Courtesy, Attitude & Initiative, Sportsmanship, Community Work in & out of school, Scholastic improvement (attitude & application to schoolwork)

Waikato/BOP Tumbling



Yumi Grenfell

2nd place (Silver medal) in the Silver Division - 8 year old group

Year 7 & 8 Chess Team



Austin Y Guo, Kevin Zhang, Jaden Lee, and Alexandra Lee won a Silver medal.

Alexandra Lee was awarded 1st Place Overall and 1st Place Overall amongst all female participants.

Assembly - Piano Performance



Taimi Wu

Taimi played piano for the whole school as they walked into assembly on Friday 13th September

Waikato Speech Finals



Zavier Leith - First Place Year 7 Boys and Lillyana Andrews-Wright - Runner up Year 7 Girls
Millie Bradding - Finalist Year 8 Girls

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Boarder of The Week



Libby Germann

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Nate Lugton

Aims Games Success



Gold Medal
- Squash
Hemi Gregory

7 Gold Medals
- Swimming
Charlie Alderton
100m Medley, 50m Fly, 100m
Breaststroke, 50m Free, 50m
Backstroke, 50m
Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle

Cross Country Award



Year 2 Boys Third Place
Riley Wu

Karate Nationals Championship

Mya She
Bronze Medal - Female Team Kata Event

Shore School Sydney - Teacher Exchange

We enjoyed having Miss Willis from Shore School in Sydney on exchange at Southwell last week. Miss Willis has such a positive enthusiastic personality and is enjoying a range of year group Homeroom classes, Specialist classes, the Boarding House and activities on the sports field.



From the Nurse

We have a student starting school next term who has received Chemotherapy for cancer. As a result her immunity is compromised.

Please can you notify the School nurse as soon as you are aware of any contagious diseases that your child/ren might have.

This will enable us to make an informed decision about the immune compromised student coming to school on that day.

Please email direct to:

sheryl.thomas@southwell.school.nz

Parking Notice

A reminder to our parent community to please be role models of courtesy when parking in and around Southwell.

Please do not park on broken yellow lines or over neighbouring driveways.

We are constantly dealing with complaints from our neighbours and school parents.

Thanks to those people who are parking sensibly and safely.

A Guide to TikTok for Parents and Guardians

Netsafe and TikTok have put together a guide for New Zealand parents and guardians, to support them as they help teens navigate the online platform.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the guide.

Itinerant Concert information

Click [HERE](#) to view the Itinerant Concert information

From the Library

**Committing to
Reading for
Pleasure**

Reading for Pleasure is a fundamental habit for our children to develop, preferably before they head to High School, where they will be distracted by all manner of new excitements!

It is a proven fact that if our children develop R4P before heading to high school, they are likely to pick up reading again once they are out the other end!

Click [HERE](#) To watch a video of Mrs Walch sharing some thoughts and ideas on helping to support your child develop their R4P habit (aimed at Year 4 and up).

Uniform Shop

School Holiday Hours

Monday 7th - Friday 11th October 10am - 4pm daily

Summer Uniform

A reminder that Term 4 is summer change over. All students will return to school next term in their summer uniform - short sleeve grey shirts, girls culottes, boys summer shorts, sandals, sunhat, togs.

If you are sending your child to the Uniform Shop to update their uniform, please ensure you provide them with a note, fill out our eForm, or email

uniform@southwell.school.nz to give your permission.



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