

Week 6, Term 4 – 8th November 2024

SOUTHWELL NEWSLETTER



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Guardians and members of the community

Term Four is moving fast as our days are filled with all round learning, traditional events and special occasions.

Last Friday as a whole school we officially opened the **Rita and Ken Davies Pool** at 10am, which immediately after the opening saw year levels of our students entering the pool to enjoy and familiarise themselves within it.

Mrs Rita Davies has been associated with Southwell since 1962 when she and husband Ken enrolled their son Mark (1962-1967). Rita firmly believes that every school-aged child should have access to a pool and learn essential swimming techniques and water survival skills. Mark Davies was a keen competitive swimmer, holding both Southwell and Waikato records during his time at Southwell. Rita served as a swim coach at Southwell in the 1960's and consistently advocated for a larger swimming complex at Southwell. Last year Rita approached Southwell with an extraordinary donation to bring this vision to life. Thanks to Rita and late husband Ken's incredible contribution this spectacular pool has been built. In brass letters on the outside of the pool on the brick wall is the name the *Rita & Ken Davies Pool* and on the inside of the same wall is the name of Rita & Ken's late son Mark, in brass letters, named as the *Mark Davies End*. Having mother, father and son so close on the wall is an important aspect of this great space.

Yours sincerely Jason Speedy



Mrs Rita Davies cutting the Swimming Pool cake with Evelyn King (Year 2) at the opening of the Rita & Ken Davies Pool, last Friday

RITA AND KEN DAVIES POOL - OFFICIAL OPENING

Last Friday marked a historic occasion at Southwell School with the grand opening of the Rita and Ken Davies Pool. After many months of planning and construction, we were thrilled to unveil a facility that will benefit generations of students to come. This momentous event is particularly meaningful given the long-standing connection between Southwell and the Davies family, dating back to the 1960s.

Rita Davies, driven by a deep commitment to ensuring every primary school-aged child has access to a pool and a learn-to-swim program, generously approached the school with an extraordinary donation. Thanks to this incredible gift, the vision and legacy of both Rita and her late husband, Ken, have come to life.

The celebration included a Champions Race, the setting of a new school freestyle record in the 50m, heartfelt speeches, and a water chariot delivering the cake through the pool. The event culminated with Mr. Davies officially opening the pool and cutting the ribbon, a moment we will cherish for years to come.

Our deepest gratitude goes to Mrs. Rita Davies and her late husband, Ken, for their incredible generosity and lasting contribution to Southwell School.



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Just two hours after the official opening we had our first learn to swim class in the pool - the children's delight, smiles and laughter were a sight to behold.



ASSOCIATE OF HONOUR AWARD - MR MARK DE LISLE

Congratulations to Mr Mark de Lisle on receiving the prestigious Associate of Honour award. His dedications and contribution to Southwell School's architectural heritage, consistently honouring the 1920's Chapel brick style, has shaped a beautiful and cohesive campus over the past 30 years. This recognition is well deserved for his exceptional contribution to the school's legacy and identity.



AWARDS

JUMP JAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 Jump Jam Team, who won the North Island competition on Saturday in Tauranga. They were also named National Champions by the judges. An awesome effort by everyone involved, a special thanks goes to Mrs Hawthorn and Mrs Jones who supported and coached the team

Team members: Eden McCaffrey, Addi Hawthorn, Karys Jones, Leah Munro, Georgia Donald, Elsa Hu, Emily Cooper, Poppy Pearson Kahu Deane, Sam McLeod, Lola Watson

100 Runs by Percy Carver



Percy Carver -Rangers Cricket Team

Jump Jam Colours & Medals



Eden McCaffrey, Addi Hawthorn, Karys Jones, Leah Munro, Georgia Donald, Elsa Hu, Emily Cooper, Poppy Pearson, Kahu Deane, Sam McLeod, Lola Watson

2024 ATHLETICS WINNERS

Year 0/1 Boys Schultz Cup

1st: Elijah Potter
2nd: Connor Wells
3rd Equal: Arlo Ogle & Aashvik Chudasama

Year 0/1 Girls Heskett Cup

1st: Piper Bourke
2nd: Harper Lin
3rd: Zara Fink

Year 2 Boys Gable Cup

1st: Samson Lomas
2nd: Greyson Willison
3rd: Grey Phillips

Year 2 Girls Hansen Cup

1st: Sophie McKenna
2nd: Adelaide Taylor
3rd: Milly Finch

Year 3 Boys Larner Cup

1st: Christopher Lim
2nd: Kaden Smith
3rd: Noah Ogle

Year 3 Girls Velzian Cup

1st: Eve Simnor
2nd: Jasmine Rope
3rd: Faryn Bourke

Year 4 Boys Colt Challenge Cup

1st: Daniel Bell
2nd: Eden Chen
3rd: Shaun Saju

Year 4 Girls Balme Cup

1st: Frankie Wu
2nd: Yumi Grenfell
3rd: Saachi Rathod

Year 5 Boys Junior Championship Cup

1st: Joacob Shen
2nd: Jaeden Potter
3rd: Cooper Burman

Year 5 Girls Keshvarn Cup

1st: Charlotte McKenna
2nd: Briar Ord
3rd Equal: Esme Goatcher & Mila Gregory

Year 6 Boys Intermediate Championship Cup

1st: Sam Benjamin
2nd: Stan Stewart
3rd: Lachlan Roper

Year 6 Girls Intermediate McKenzie Cup

1st: Kasia Bennett
2nd: Samantha McLeod
3rd: Charlotte Bell

Year 7 Boys Senior Challenge Cup

1st: James Schuster
2nd: Rocoo Williams
3rd: Jack Farrar

Year 7 Girls Lynn Cup

1st: Olivia Currie
2nd: Shaylee Beuzeval
3rd: Nieve Driscoll

Year 8 Boys Challenge Cup

1st: TJ Lilley
2nd: Hemi Gregory
3rd Equal: Percy Carver & James Checketts

Year 8 Girls Cho Cup

1st: Sophie Aquilina
2nd Equal: Charlotte Hoy & Lyra Reynolds

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Cup / Trophy	For	Winner
<u>Gowing Cup</u>	Effort	Hemi Gregory
Meredith Cup	Best Hurdles Performance	Mac Dingle
G. I. Clark Cup	Years 0/1-4 Best 100m Performance	Frankie Wu
<u>Larner Cup</u>	Years 5-8 Best 100m Performance	TJ Lilley
Nicholls Cup	Best 200m Performance	TJ Lilley
Lawrence Dingle Cup	Best 800m Performance	Daniel Bell
Reeves Cup	Best 1500m Performance	Charlotte Bell
Broad Jump Cup	Best Long Jump Performance	Jasmine Rope
Challenge Cup	Best High Jump Performance	TJ Lilley
Girls' Trophy	Tug of War (Girls)	Durham
Roger Trent Trophy	Tug of War (Open)	Durham
Calver Cup	House Relays	Winchester
French Cup	House Champions	Canterbury

2024 NEW RECORDS BROKEN

Name	Event	Record
Charlotte Bell Previous - Olivia Currie (2023)	Year 6 Girls 1500m	5m 33.00 6m 15.33
Daniel Bell Previous - Ryan Lawrence (2012)	Year 4 Boys 800m	2m 52.47 2m 54.1
TJ Lilley Previous - J Mann (2006) & Avinash Patel (2021)	Year 8 Boys High Jump	1.58 m 1.57 m



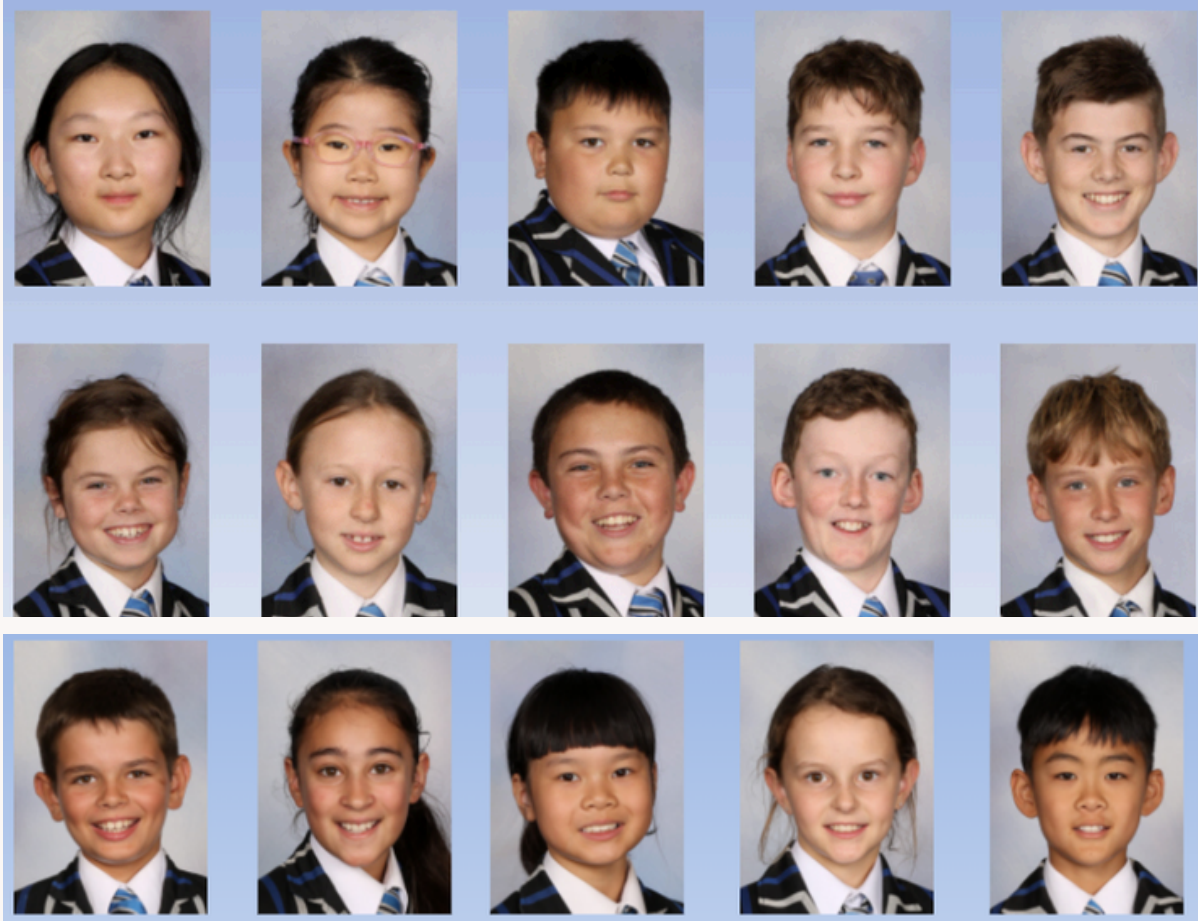
2024 ATHLETICS DAY



AWARDS, BADGES, SPECIAL CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELOW IMAGES WERE DISPLAYED ON THE LARGE SCREEN AT ASSEMBLY

WHO IS BALANCED? WEEK 5



WHO IS ORGANISED? WEEK 6



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STUDENTS TELL US ABOUT BEING ORGANISED



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Year 7 and 8 Pennants

for consistently displaying good values, kindness and effort in
Homeroom classes



7TR - Annabelle Martin & Heston Starkie
7GML - Sianna Minhas & Ryen Li
7KMc - Holly Yuan & Xun Cheng
7BH - Sophie Buckley & Tom Comins
7DH - Alila Jones & Brax Bailey
7RvH - Ella Wang & Jack Farrar

8KMA - Taimi Wu & Finley Mackie
8CH - Izzy Oliphant & Adrian Jacome
8DR - Maggie Fisher & Adonis Tuhoro
8PH - Ruby Smith & Mack Peckham
8GMK - Myla Wilson & Charlie Tapper
8MP - Zoe Shepherd & Liam Bennett



Chess Colours



Alexandra Lee

Speech Colours



Lilyana Andrews-Wright, Xavier Leith

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Boarder of the Week



Myla Wilson - for being inclusive and caring towards the younger boarders

The Kids Sing 2024 - Waikato/ BOP Region Primary & Intermediate Schools Choir Festival

Adjudicator's Special Award for the Best Performance of the Test Piece - Best Full Primary School - Best Performance of a NZ Composition Special Award, Gold Award - Boys' Choir and Silver Medal - Girls' Choir



FROM CHAPLAIN

In our final weeks of term, beginning Monday 25th November (week 6), students are welcome to bring a wrapped gift and/ or a non perishable food item to be placed at the Altar in our Chapel, All Hallows.

The gifts can be placed at the Altar during the hymn singing section of our time in Chapel. Gifts are accepted during any daily morning service. This giving is extremely powerful as we witness the act of generosity as a close community.

In our final week of term, all gifts and food donations are collected and will be presented to the Anglican Action and Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank, who provide the gifts and food to children and families in our Waikato community who would not otherwise receive a gift or these food sources.

GIRLS CHOIR TRIP 2024

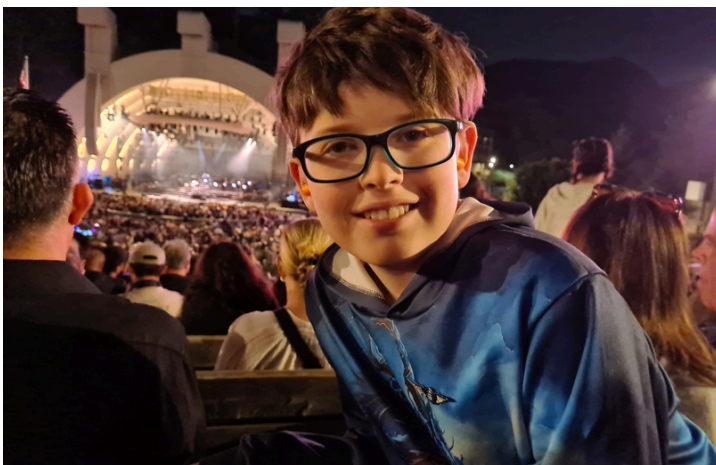


The girls' choir had an unforgettable four-day adventure in the Bay of Islands, filled with cultural experiences, outdoor activities, and community engagements. Their journey began at Waitangi, where they were immersed in history with a cultural performance and a visit to the museum. On day two, they set sail on a ferry tour of the Bay, spotting dolphins, stingrays, and a seal, before enjoying a swim at one of the local islands. The highlight of the day came when the boat took them through the iconic Hole in the Rock, where the girls serenaded everyone with a song.

Next, they visited Russell, where they toured the Pompallier Printery, shopped, and savored delicious fish and chips on the beach. On Sunday, the choir took center stage at St. Paul's Church in Paihia, leading a meaningful service. Their day continued with more adventures in Kerikeri, before wrapping up their trip with a heartwarming performance at a retirement home in Whangārei. It was a perfect blend of music, nature, and community that will surely leave lasting memories.



SNAPSHOTS



If you wish to pay your full fees in advance by 30/11/24, you will receive 4.25% discount. Find our fee schedule on our website.

<https://www.southwell.school.nz/domesticstudent-applications/>. Please ensure your account stays in credit, all additional incidentals are to be paid as per your monthly statement. Invoices will be issued in January 2025.



From the Uniform Shop

Loan Uniforms - as we are nearing the end of term, we have lots of outstanding loan returns. Please check your children's uniform at home for any items that have been borrowed from the Uniform Shop. We ask that you wash and return any loan items ASAP. Thank you.



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 - 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

20th - 24th January 2025, 9am - 4pm daily
Held at Southwell School,
200 Peachgrove Road, Claudelands

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129



FROM THE LIBRARY



Avoid the Summer Reading Slide by encouraging your child to read regularly throughout the summer holidays.

Obviously you can access books from anywhere, but if you want to use the Southwell Library, click [HERE](#) to fill in the form to sign your child up for summer borrowing. Children must be signed up by an adult, just so we can be assured that the books will be returned next year

Students will be invited to come and borrow their books from Wednesday, 4th December. The books will then be issued and delivered to their classroom (hopefully from Friday, 6 December).

If your child would like, they can enter the draw to win a book voucher on their return to school in 2025. Do this by filling in the bookmark which will be included with their issued books.

If you don't want to use the Southwell Library, Hamilton City Libraries also have a Summer Reading programme. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Jacks Paddock

Jack's Paddock is the grassed area alongside the Boarding House. It was named after Jack McMahon who looked after the grounds at Southwell for 25 years from 1960-85. Jack trained his dogs and grazed his sheep and horses in the paddock.

