



From the Acting Headmaster

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

As Term One draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on a period filled with energy, enthusiasm, and significant growth within our school community. It has been a pleasure to witness the students embrace their learning, participate with energy in sporting and cultural activities, and continue to embody the Southwell spirit. It has been inspiring for all of us to see.

This term has also provided a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable role that grandparents and special people play in the lives of our students and the wider Southwell family. Their wisdom, experience, and unwavering support contribute significantly to the fabric of our school. The joy and connection evident during our Grandparents' Day today were truly heartwarming, and a testament to the special bond between generations. These moments are precious and reinforce the importance of family within our Southwell community.

On a personal note, while I had hoped to be stepping into the Headmaster role permanently, I have genuinely enjoyed the opportunity to serve as Acting Headmaster this term. It has been a privilege to lead our dedicated staff and work alongside our bright and engaging students. I am incredibly grateful for the support I have received from the Southwell community during this time.

As we head into the term break, I wish you all a restful and rejuvenating time with family and friends. May you return refreshed and ready for another term of learning and growth.

Ngā mihi nui

Damian Mills, Acting Headmaster

SOUTHWELL 2025 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS



Year 5 Boys-Mr. & Mrs. Henry Bruton Cup **Year 5 Girls - Thomas Cup**

- 1.Daniel Bell
- 2.Eden Chen
- 3.Sebastian De'Ath

- 1.Willa Crome
- 2.Equal Ella Schuster
- 2.Equal Tessa Spencer
- 2.Equal Frankie Wu



Year 2 Boys - Bev Boyes Cup

- 1.Arlo Ogle
- 2.Elijah Potter
- 3.Connor Wells

Year 2 Girls Naylor Cup

- 1.Sophia Rawcliffe
- 2.Gabby Purser
- 3.Norah Ukra



Year 1 Boys - ION Cup

- 1.Rey Khobchandani
- 2.Franco Polzleitner
- 3.Ozzy Bain

Year 1 Girls - Southall Cup

- 1.Equal Harriet Williams
- 1.Equal Fleur Willison
- 3.Porscha Allen

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCIENCE BADGE



Bella Jiao for independent scientific studies in Zoology

This has been awarded to **Kiefer Shen** for being friendly and easy going.

BOARDER OF THE WEEK



Year 7 & 8 PENNANTS

Awarded for excellent all round effort in Homeroom subjects in Term 1



7TR - Emma Brighthouse & Martin Su
7GML- Lucy Bourke & Roddy Tan
7JMC - Evie Rushbrooke & Caleb Winter
7BH - Olivia Kay & Keanu Gault
7DH - Archie Tapper & Eden McCaffrey
7RvH - Amelia Burman & Johnny Cridge



8KMA - Alex Lee & Kevin Zhang
8CH - Ella Wang & Jaden Lee
8DR - Sophie Browning & Wilson Wang
8PH - Maia Donald & Lachie Stent
8RS - Suhaavi Sudan & Harry Spencer
8MP - Isoel Gorton & Austin Du



Wind Band 2025

Olivia Hoy, Amelie Charles, Jayden Chen, Justin Guo, Veronica Lee, Bella Tan, Emily Lim, Sarah Ma, Saniya Ahmed, Mia Bryant, Katie Ferrar, Sophia Ma, Abir Mahajan, Charles Short-Tupaea, Theo Trenwith, Kayden Hyde, Jacob Li, Roddy Tan, Alex Lee, Allen Niu, Charlie Russell, Lachlan Stent, Steven Yuan, Marcus Yuen

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String Orchestra 2025

Harper Lin, Feison Qi, Arna Xu, Indie Feisst, Anvi Koundal, Aria Mahajan, Chloe, Cui, Charlie Liu, Jayden Qiao, Mikayla Wang, Lucy Bourke, Scarlett Davison, Sarah Saju, Lola Watson, Xun Cheng, Austin Du, Jenna Zeng, Gabriel Qiu, Kieran Yu, Edwin Zhou, Alex Richards, George Wang, Leo Xu, Olivia Du, Alex Li, Emily Lim, Tharusha Nonis, Felix Tang, Theo Trenwith, Emily Yan, Georgia Hoy, Evangeline Rushbrooke, Evan Hu, Jayden Liu, Aria Low, Sacha McIntyre, Siaana Minhas, Katelyn Packer, Oscar Zhu



Old Boy Garden Monitors
Shaylee Beuzveal, Ayla Hyde,
Harris Li, Blake Enright



Enviro Group Monitors
Charlotte Luxton, Grace Lim



Junior Playground Monitor
Stevie-Lee Lowen, Evan Hu



Media Monitors
Gavin Tang, Charlie Alderton, Milly Mortensen, Tobin Andrew, Archie Johnson, Macie Craig Brown



Tech Monitors
Marcus Yuen, Gemma Frank, Zayne Sebastian, Christopher De'Ath, Louie Hilhorst, Lachie Sherriff, Harry Smith, Jasper Gower, Ike Jensen

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Introducing our 2025 Kapa Haka Group



Achievement Badges

Yumi Grenfell, Tiffany Tan, Varun
Vijay Anand, Frankie Wu



Achievement Ties

Sacha McIntyre, Hugo Spencer,
Grace Hodgson

Year 7&8 Touch Boys winners of the A
Grade trophy in the WTA Hamilton
North Module



Year 7&8 Touch Girls runners up in
the WTA Int & SS Module



Austin Du
playing for
the school



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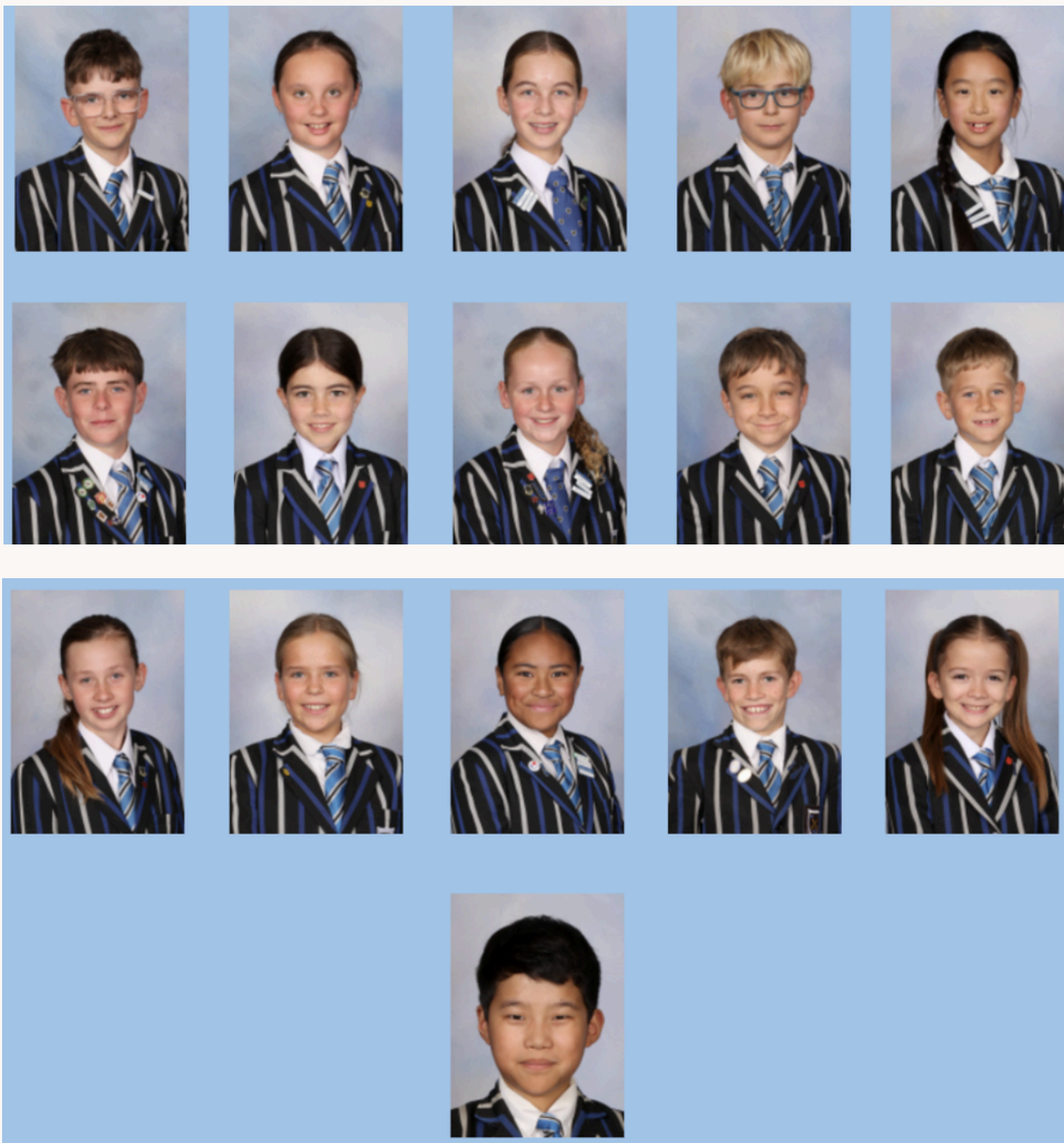
YEAR 5 PRODUCTION - TE KAAHUI MATARIKI



SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY

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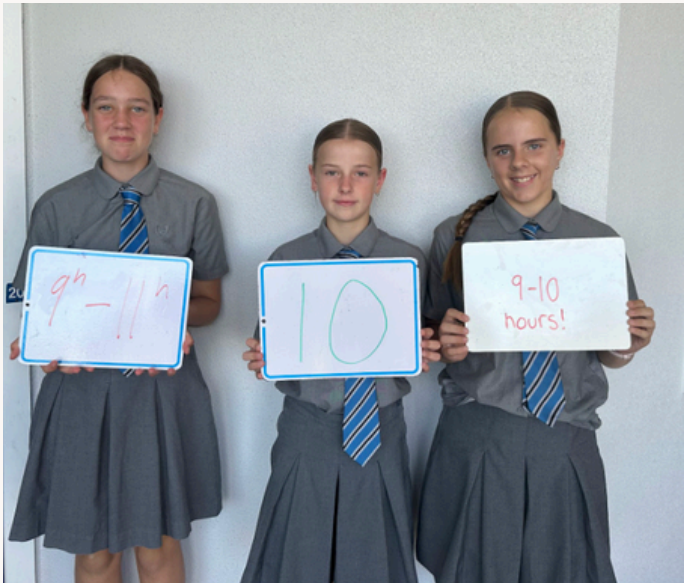
WHO IS THRIVING WITH THEIR LEARNING?



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HOW MANY HOURS SLEEP DO YOU THINK YOU NEED?



How Much Sleep Do I Need?

Age Group	Age	Recommended Hours of Sleep ^{1,2}
Pre-School	3-5 years	10-13 hours per 24 hours (including naps)
School Age	6-12 years	9-12 hours per 24 hours
Teen	13-18 years	8-10 hours per 24 hours
Adult	18-60 years	7 or more hours per night

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Set your child up for success in the digital world by setting online safety expectations at home.

Establish some ground rules for safe use of internet-enabled devices in your home with this handy [Family Safe Online Treaty template from Netsafe](#). Adapt it to meet the unique needs of your family and create family agreement on expectations and acceptable behaviours about being safe and responsible online.

Talking to tamariki about online safety

Regular conversations at home help to minimise the harm if things go wrong online. Research shows that parents are key to the success of children and young people becoming safe, confident and capable in their use of digital technology. Get the kōrero going with [these online safety conversation starters](#) from Netsafe. Need advice about safer internet use? Contact the Netsafe helpline for free confidential advice:



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The Southwell School Board Chairman and Trust Board

invites you to the



Commissioning Service

for

Mrs Keryn Bindon, Headmaster
BEd, Dip Tchg

The service will be held in
In the Great Hall, Performing Arts Centre

Monday 28th April 2025, 9.30am

Morning tea will be served to
family and guests in the
Dining Room following the service

Please RSVP to Janet Reddish, 07 855 2089 or
janet.reddish@southwell.school.nz

by Thursday 24th April 2025

WINTER UNIFORM



A reminder that Term 2 is Winter Uniform changeover, all students will return to school after the holidays in full winter uniform -
grey long sleeve shirts, winter shorts,
culottes/skirts, socks/tights, black formal shoes.
We also have a woolen jersey and winter PE gear options for extra warmth.

If you are new to Southwell in 2025, please remember to pop into the shop to purchase your child's winter uniform.

UNIFORM SHOP-HOLIDAY HOURS

OPEN: Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th April 9am - 4pm.
CLOSED: Easter Monday & ANZAC Day.

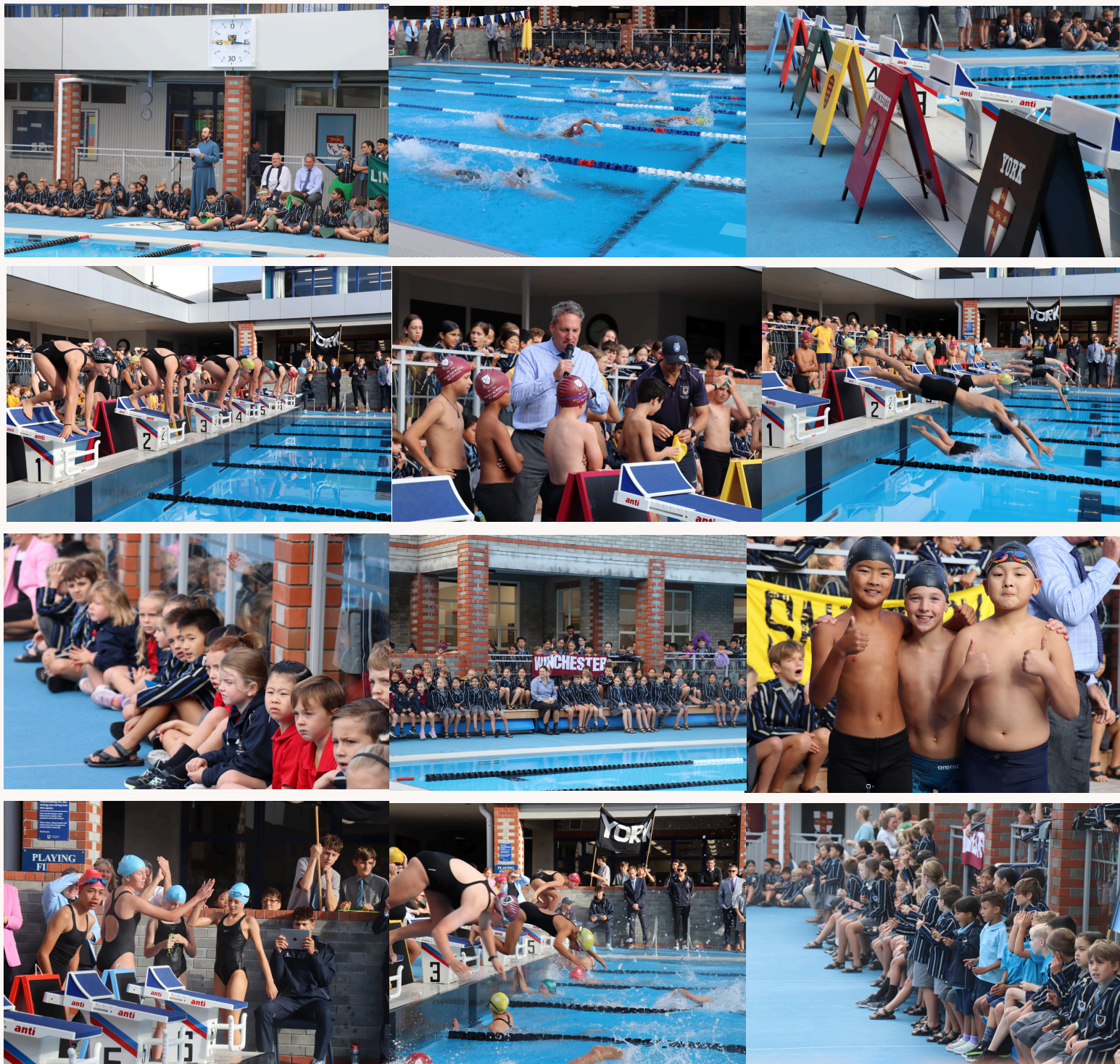
SOUTHWELL 2025 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

On a mist shrouded morning, our school day started in a unique setting for Chapel- The Rita & Ken Davies Pool. Students gathered around the water's edge as Chaplain and Rev'd Pickering led the morning service. Then the excitement ignited as House rivalry took centre stage. House Prefects rallied their teams with chants and cheers, filling the air with energy and school spirit. Laughter, competition and encouragement echoed as swimmers raced through the pool, each House striving for victory.



PG NEVELDSEN TROPHY - HOUSE CHAMPIONS

MICHAEL PORTEOUS TROPHY - SWIMMING HOUSE RELAYS



SOUTHWELL NEWS



WAIKATO FULL PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORT RESULTS

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented Southwell School at the recent WFPSS, what fantastic results. Not only were the individual results impressive, from 301 competing students, Southwell was awarded the top performing school trophy.

*Year 7 Girls Individual
Championship
1st - Charlotte Bell
2nd= - Kenzie Gillbanks*

*Year 7 Boys Individual
Championship
1st - Cruden Kana
3rd - Eddie Heap
4th - Jacob Li*

*Year 8 Girls Individual
Championship
3rd= - Vera Crome*

*Year 8 Boys Individual
Championship
4th - Charlie Alderton*

YEAR 7 GIRLS

50m Freestyle

1st - Charlotte Bell

50m Backstroke

1st - Kenzie Gillbanks

50m Breaststroke

1st - Charlotte Bell
2nd - Kenzie Gillbanks

50m Butterfly

2nd - Chloe Stokes
3rd - Samantha McLeod

100m Freestyle

1st - Charlotte Bell
3rd - Chloe Stokes

100m Backstroke

1st - Kenzie Gillbanks
3rd - Ava Boynton

100m Breaststroke

1st - Charlotte Bell
2nd - Kenzie Gillbanks

100m Individual Medley

1st - Charlotte Bell
3rd - Kenzie Gillbanks

YEAR 7 BOYS

50m Freestyle

1st - Cruden Kana
3rd - Eddie Heap

50m Backstroke

1st - Cruden Kana
4th - Jacob Li

50m Breaststroke

2nd - Jacob Li

50m Butterfly

1st - Cruden Kana

100m Freestyle

1st - Cruden Kana
3rd - Eddie Heap

100m Backstroke

2nd - Eddie Heap
3rd - Jacob Li

100m Breaststroke

1st - Eddie Heap
4th - Jacob Li

100m Individual Medley

1st - Cruden Kana
3rd - Eddie Heap

YEAR 8 GIRLS

50m Freestyle

2nd - Vera Crome

50m Backstroke

2nd - Vera Crome

50m Butterfly

2nd - Vera Crome
3rd - Olivia Currie

100m Backstroke

3rd - Vera Crome
4th - Grace Lim

100m Individual Medley

4th - Vera Crome

YEAR 8 BOYS

50m Breaststroke

1st - Charlie Alderton
2nd - Terrence Yan

50m Butterfly

3rd - Dacey Woodyard
4th - Xavier Leith

100m Freestyle

4th - Dacey Woodyard

100m Breaststroke

1st - Charlie Alderton
2nd - Terrence Yan

100m Individual Medley

3rd - Xavier Leith

Year 7 Freestyle Relay - 1st

Cruden Kana, Eddie Heap, Charlotte Bell, Kasia Bennett

Year 7 Medley Relay - 1st

Samantha McLeod, Eddie Heap, Charlotte Bell, Cruden Kana

Year 8 Freestyle Relay - 1st

Vera Crome, Charlie Alderton, Olivia Currie, Dacey Woodyard

Year 8 Medley Relay - 1st

Dacey Woodyard, Vera Crome, Charlie Alderton, Olivia Currie

SOUTHWELL NEWS

TOUCH DOWN



What an incredible achievement for both the Year 7&8 Boys Suns and the Year 7&8 Girls Stars teams! Winning the A Grade trophy in the WTA Hamilton North Module and finishing runners up in the WTA Int & SS Module, is no small feat - well done to all the players for their hard work and dedication.

A huge congratulations as well to all the Southwell teams for being awarded the Awhi Trophy, recognising their outstanding attitude, whanau spirit, harmony and integrity. This reflects not just talent but also great sportsmanship and teamwork.

A special mention to Mrs. Bagley for her invaluable contribution - your efforts behind the scenes don't go unnoticed.



YEAR 1 & 2 SWIMMING SPORTS

Week 8 saw our youngest students compete in their swimming sports. Despite their size, their heart, energy and enthusiasm was big and bold. Thank you to the supporters who came to support the morning of competition. Congratulations to our champions!



THE KING AND QUEEN OF THE HOUSE MANU COMPETITION



House Manu Competitions made a huge splash amongst our students. The judges panel and splash o'metre were critical in determining our winners.

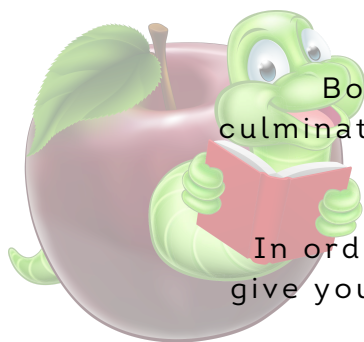
Join us in congratulating Harry Jackson (Durham) King and Nieve Driscoll (Winchester), newly crowned King & Queen of the Manu!



Please encourage your child to return overdue books to the library before the holidays, AND, more importantly, have a chat with them about their reading plans for the holidays. This is something which we will have spoken about at school, so they shouldn't be too surprised.

Setting some time aside each day to read for pleasure is beneficial in so many ways... not least, it is a way to relax and switch off. Don't forget the Wheelers ePlatform is an alternative way of reading that might suit your child.

BOOK CHARACTER DAY



Book Week is always a highlight of the Southwell calendar - culminating in the colourful, crazy, Book Character Day. This year it is on Friday, 9th May, it is always an amazing day.

In order to reduce the stress around sourcing a costume, we like to give you plenty of warning...the Easter holidays is always a great time to get sorted! If you need any inspiration click [HERE!](#)

SOUTHWELL GALA DINNER

grapes, garlands & great company

Our biggest school fundraiser is on the horizon.

More information to follow regarding tickets sales. Keep updated via our school FB page and upcoming newsletters.

SAVE THE DATE!
26.07.25



DEPARTMENT

Science badges have been ordered for this term. Once they have been delivered to School, they will be distributed to the students.

The next opportunity to order badges will be early in Term 2.



PREFECT'S *perspective*

This week we welcome Abir and Vera, who share with us their perspective on Term 1 activities and school life

A busy day, a fun week, an exciting month and just like that term 1 is over! There have been many great things that have happened this term. There was camp, the prefect commissioning, we had many sports and swimming events, music tryouts, sports teams being finalised, Grandparents' day, and many more fun events!

This term we have learned a lot about leadership and what the definition of a good leader is. Our definition of a good leader is that they are never scared to stand up for what they believe. Someone who is always humble and kind. Someone who will always do the right thing, no matter what the outcome may be. Leadership is never about being the boss. It's about leading others and supporting them. That is our definition of a true leader.

A special thanks to Mr Mills for all the support to the head prefects and making new ideas and initiatives come to life with his support and positivity.

We have met and seen many leaders around school, in the year 1 & 2 playground, in the year 3 & 4 hub, in senior classes, and during all school events. We have seen you all shining with bright smiles and giving your best, everyday. And we want to thank you for inspiring us by showing great Southwell values.

May you all have an amazing and restful holiday! Have fun and stay safe! See you all next term!

By Vera and Abir.



Day boy's diary entry on 28 February 1967

"Lunch time was 'Chaos'. Had no time to eat lunch. New milk system started. Wasted a lot of time. We had art after lunch and I got a house point. Had cricket in the hot sun. Then went to Campbell Fraser's swimming pool with some of the gang. Arrived home at 5.30 to do a pile of prep. Watched "Coronation Street" on the tele, then went to bed."

Grandparents & GrandFriends Day

Grandparents' Days is always a special day in our school calendar. It is a heartwarming occasion where our students proudly welcome their grandparents into their school world, sharing the spaces where they learn, play and grow.

Seeing the joy on the children's faces as they guide their grandparents through classrooms, showcase their work and introduce them to teachers is truly wonderful. It's a day filled with storytelling, laughter and cherished moments that strengthen the bond between generations.

Despite the weather, we are grateful to all the grandparents who joined us, making this event so memorable. Your presence enriches our school community, and we look forward to welcoming you again next year!



Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

