

Week 2, Term 2 – 9th May 2025

# SOUTHWELL NEWSLETTER



## From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Caregivers and members of our community,

Term 2 has started really well. Thank you to the staff, students, parents and wider community for your support and welcome as Headmaster.

Welcome to the new families and staff members joining us in Term 2.

This week, we celebrated another amazing Book Week, focussed on the magic of reading throughout our school! Our library team, along with our dedicated student librarians, put in a tremendous effort to create a lively and engaging week, filled with diverse reading activities for everyone. Their passion and hard work made each day a success!

Our library is a vibrant hub, the heart of our school, fostering both learning and connection.

Buzzing with activity, it's a space where stories come alive. This week's celebrations highlighted the incredible power of reading to expand our students' vocabularies, broaden their knowledge, cultivate empathy, and ignite their imagination and creativity.

The week finished today with our annual 'Book Character Day', a joyful expression of reading, student spirit, and staff enthusiasm. It was the perfect way to round off another memorable Book Week!

With the term ahead including: engaging learning experiences, class and cultural trips, fixtures and school wide moments of celebration, I look forward to seeing us all embrace the opportunities Term Two offers.

Ngā mihi nui

*Keryn Bindon, Headmaster*



# SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SWIMMING COLOURS



Charlotte Bell, Kenzie Gillbanks, Chloe Stokes, Cruden Kana, Eddie Heap, Jacob Li, Dacey Woodyard. Reawarded: Oiliva Currie, Vera Crome, Charlie Alderton, Xavier Leith



**Y7 ASC Monitors**  
Olivia Kay, Ava Boynton,  
Jayden Liang, Amy Rose  
Hooper



**Y7 Pottery Monitors**  
Dilnoor Janda, Bella Bai, Isla  
Anderson, Pip Ormrod,



**Y7 Flag Monitors**  
Tommy Rowe, Zara Boyden



**Y5/6 Lost Property Monitors**

Hannah Li, Ekam Bola, Ellvin Chheang, Faeze Ahmed, Jacob Shen, Florence Rope, Arya Bange, Felix Tang, Bob Langsford, Ashton Catley, Ethan Barrett, Sarah Ma, Romy Savage, George Campbell, Alex Richards, Thom Davison, Asher Bourke, Quinn Munro, Blair Barrett, Ella Schuster



**Y7 Music Monitors**  
Lucy Bourke, Sofiya Taylor,  
Riley Dodds,  
Shiya Gong, Inida Davison,  
Ellie Stacey-Bryant



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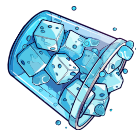
## CHESS BADGES



**Level 1 Pawn Badge:** Elliot Beer, Veronica Lee, Mila Gregory, Andy Shi, Charlie Liu, Felix Tang, Jayden Qiao

**Level 2 Knight Badge:** Edwin Zhou, Kieran Yu, George Wang, Marcus Yuen

**Level 3 Bishop Badge:** Ryan Jia, Jaden Lee **Level 4 Rook Badge:** Alexandra Lee



## Ice Bucket Challenge



St Peter's Cambridge and Mr Speedy challenged Southwell to the USC Ice Bucket Challenge. The #speakyourmind challenge reminds us to check in with friends, family, schoolmates, colleagues and others in our community. The challenge was accepted as our student leaders and Senior Staff took the opportunity to embrace the icy bucket and backed it up with chilly dip, to highlight the importance of connecting with those around us and appreciating that internal struggles and mental health can be supported and made lighter - just by checking in.

We then nominated Huntley School and Hereworth School to do the same.

## IMPORTANT



The Top Field will be closed for Terms 2 and 3. This area will not be a parking option during this time.

We ask that during the busy drop off and pick up times, your children are using designated crossing spaces. It is critical for their safety and visibility for other drivers.

Please also be mindful of the **No Parking** signs located within the parking areas. It is important these are respected and adhered for the safety of our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



## COMMISSIONING OF HEADMASTER

Monday, 28th May 2025, will be woven into the tapestry of Southwell's history as we formally commissioned our 9th Headmaster, Mrs Keryn Bindon, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our school.

It was a significant occasion, not just a ceremonial milestone, but a celebration of legacy, leadership and our future. Her vision for Southwell balances tradition with innovation, ensuring that while we honour our past, we are fully prepared to embrace the future.

Congratulations to Keryn and her family as they celebrate this special occasion, we look forward to her commitment to educational excellence and a vision for the future that is firmly rooted in the values that have long defined Southwell - integrity, curiosity, resilience and community.





# SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY

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## STUDENTS TELL US WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO ASK QUESTIONS





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## WHO IS AN INQUIRER?



## Holy Baptism: 15 June 2025



Baptism is about entry into the community of Christian believers, and about being marked by God in a special way. It assumes a commitment to grow into the faith on the part of those being baptised and their supporters. Baptism is about new beginnings and new life as a follower of Jesus, and it marks the start of a journey of faith that is life-long. If this is something your family has considered, and you would like to register your child to be baptised on 15 June, please click [HERE](#) and fill in the details (by Friday, 23 May) to receive further information.

## First wedding in All Hallows Chapel

In 1932, Headmaster HG Sergel wrote: "One of the most charming incidents of the year was the celebration of the first marriage in our Chapel. Gerald Taylor, an Old boy, asked me whether I would lend the Chapel to him as he was going to be married. Naturally, I was only too pleased to let him have it, with the result that a delightful wedding took place."

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## STUDENTS TELL US HOW THEY BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE?





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## WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE?



# BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE



### 25 Years of Girls at Southwell

Southwell Preparatory School for Boys became co-ed in 2000. Enrolments were strong and 116 day girls and 8 girl boarders joined the school in that year. The Roll in Term 1, 2000 was 483. Twenty-five years later Southwell is commencing this year with 642 students.



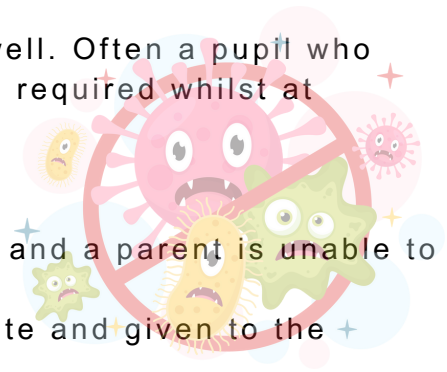
# SICK PUPIL GUIDELINES

## PLEASE KEEP THIS NOTICE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

In order for pupils to gain maximum learning they need to be well. Often a pupil who seemed well at home can find it difficult to cope with the focus required whilst at school.

Parents need to have:

- An alternative person available should their child be unwell and a parent is unable to care for them.
- Your alternative person's contact details should be up to date and given to the administration staff.



In consideration of other pupils and staff at Southwell School, the following criteria has been developed:

ILLNESS	RECOMMENDED RECOVERY TIME
Vomiting	Until 24 hours after LAST vomit
Diarrhoea	Until 24 hours after last runny bowel motion
Conjunctivitis	Until eye discharge has ceased
Measles	For at least 4 days after onset of rash
Whooping Cough	For 5 days after antibiotic treatment commenced
Mumps	For 9 days or until swelling has gone
Chicken Pox	For 7 days from the onset of the rash or when the scabs are dry
School Sores	Until 24 hours after antibiotics started
Streptococcal Throat	Until 24 hours from commencement of treatment
<u>Covid 19</u>	Please check the current requirements on the Ministry of Health website

These guidelines have been developed to ensure the pupil is completely well before returning to school, and therefore less likely to become unwell again. The guidelines are also in place to protect other pupils and the staff at Southwell School.

**Medication Policy:** If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please can you bring it to school in the container it has been dispensed in by the pharmacy—it is helpful if the pharmacy can dispense into two lots (one for school and one for home) and drop it into the clinic. On the first day the medication is to be given at school you will need to complete a 'Medication Request' form —available from the office of the clinic.

**Nut Allergy:** We have several pupils who are ANAPHYLACTIC if they have nuts. Some of these pupils are anaphylactic even if they are exposed to nuts (peanuts in particular). We would ask that you avoid sending food to school which contains nuts e.g. mixed nuts, muesli bars, peanut butter sandwiches, nutella sandwiches etc. They do not have a minor reaction, but a serious reaction they can die from. These pupils have EpiPens (prepackaged adrenaline) at school with them, because of the serious nature of their allergy.

**Summer Hats:** Please can these be bought to school every day for Term 1 and Term 4.

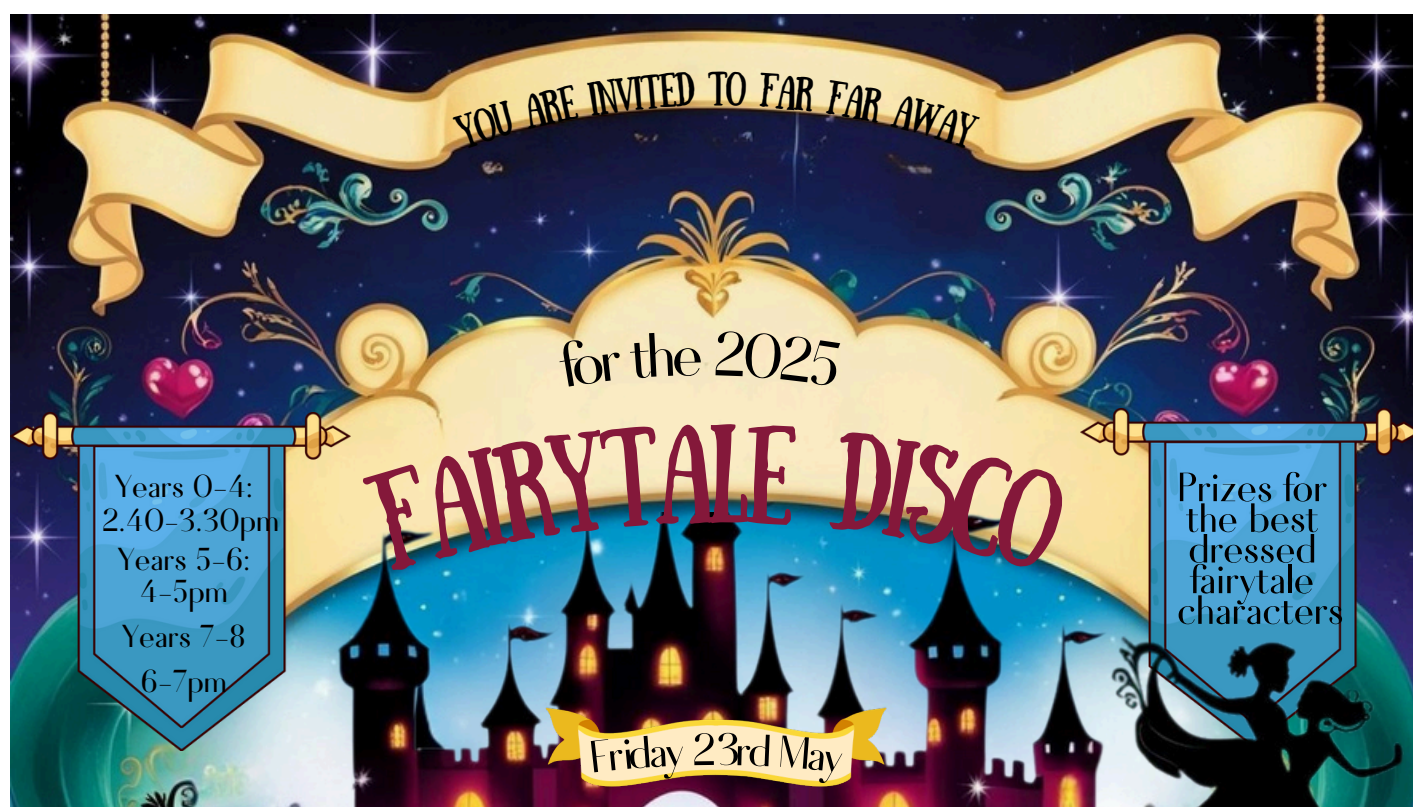




In today's digital world, young people are more connected than ever, using technology for education, social interaction, and entertainment. While the internet offers incredible opportunities, it also presents significant risks, including cyberbullying, online predators, exposure to inappropriate content, and excessive screen time.

Cybersafety is about equipping children and adolescents with the skills and knowledge to navigate the digital landscape responsibly. This includes fostering open communication between parents and children, implementing appropriate parental controls, educating young people about privacy and online etiquette, and encouraging a balanced approach to technology use. By promoting digital wellbeing and responsible online behaviour, we can help young people harness the benefits of technology while staying safe in an increasingly connected world.

Learn more here: <https://southwell.nz.schooltv.me/newsletter/cybersafety-nz>



The annual **Southwell School Disco** is happening on Friday, 23 May, in the Great Hall.

Years 0 to 4 from 2.40 pm - 3.20 pm

Years 5 and 6 from 4 pm - 5 pm

Years 7 and 8 from 6 pm - 7.15 pm

If you do NOT wish for your child to attend the disco, please complete the [OPT OUT](#) form before Wednesday, 21 May.

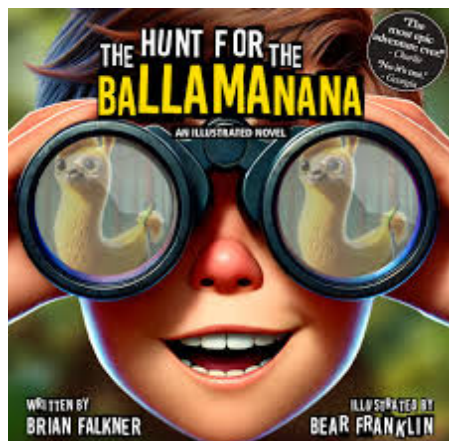
Cost of tickets is **\$17.50** and will be charged to your school account.

Physical tickets are not required as a full roll will be taken upon entry into the Great Hall.





## Author Visit - Brain Falkner



Bonus Author Visit for Year 7 & 8's Monday, 12th May.

Acclaimed children's author Brian Falkner is visiting us as part of his Ballamanana World Tour of New Zealand. His books have captivated young readers across the globe, Brian will be working directly with students to unlock the secrets of compelling storytelling—drawing on decades of experience as an internationally published author and writing coach, “I love showing young people that writing isn't a mysterious gift—it's a skill you can learn,” says Brian.

The visit coincides with the launch of his latest middle-grade novel, *The Hunt for the Ballamanana*, a wild and hilarious adventure filled with mutant plants, bizarre animal hybrids, and two very brave kids who must save their parents—and the world—from a mad scientist on a hidden island. The book features some of Brian's most imaginative creations to date, including the unforgettable kangarooster and the terrifying Racticus—a dog-sized cactus-rat hybrid that's already become a fan favourite among readers.

*The Hunt for the Ballamanana* is published by Red Button Press and is available in bookstores now. If your child would like to order their own copy of ANY of Brian's books, click [HERE](#) for details on how to order. Website: [www.brianfalkner.com](http://www.brianfalkner.com)

## 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.



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## TUITION FEES

A friendly reminder that Term 2 tuition fees are due by May 12th, this apply's to those families who are not on a direct debt arrangement or have paid fees in advance.

Thank you.



## Book Week & Book Character Day

Book Week at Southwell is always a highlight of the school year - a five day celebration of reading, literature and the love of books. The week has been filled with energy, creativity and a shared passion for reading, all leading up to the much anticipated Book Character Day on Friday.

Students enjoyed a wide range of literature rich activities, including visits from inspiring authors, a lively Book Quiz, Book Week Olympics and Book walk. Each event brought stories to life and deepened our students' connection to the world of books.

It was a wonderful week that truly celebrated our love of reading and reminded us all of the magic found in the pages of good book.

Special thanks goes to Mrs Walch, Mrs Huggins and their team, for their hard work and commitment making Book Week so fun and memorable for us all.





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# SOUTHWELL SNAPSHOTS

