



## From the Headmaster

### A Term of Growth and Gratitude

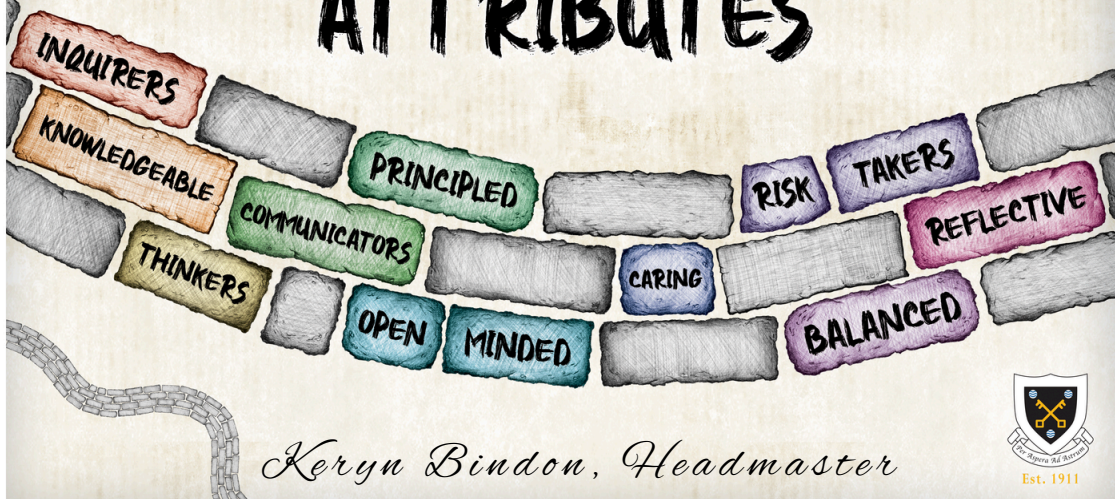
The final week of a remarkable term! We share pride and gratitude for what our students, staff, and parent community have achieved.

This week our Learner Attributes focus has been on the attribute of being "Reflective" - self reflection is the school of wisdom - a perfect end-of-term focus as we reflect on a period brimming with effort and celebration. The past fortnight alone showcased the breadth of experiences here at Southwell, from the delightful Year 4 Production of The Little Mermaid to engaging Speeches and the energetic House Singing. These moments, along with countless others, have enriched our students' lives.

Our Matariki celebration on Wednesday morning, with hot chocolates and togetherness, provided a beautiful and reflective close to the term. None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our staff and parents – thank you for your tireless efforts!

As our students embark on their well-deserved holiday, I wish them all a safe and rejuvenating break.

### LEARNER PROFILE ATTRIBUTES



This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the three 'Wells' of Southwell: Eat Well, Sleep Well, and Exercise Well. Embracing these aspects of wellness will ensure we return refreshed and ready for Term 3.

*Keryn Bindon, Headmaster*





# SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **SCIENCE BADGES - awarded for independent scientific studies**

Ariel McIntyre - Water Science, Aria Low - Astronomy, Kevin Zhang - Astronomy



## **BOARDER OF THE WEEK**

Awarded to William Glenn, for being calm, sensible and super organised



## **YEAR 6 SPEECH COMPETITION**

### **Karen Singh Cup**

1st Briar Ord- Pangolins  
2nd Camilla Al Zuraqi -Oceans  
3rd Elsa Hui - The Christmas Truce



## **YEAR 7 SPEECH COMPETITION**

### **Year 7 Speech Cup**

1st Sienna Culpepper - Why lying is not always wrong.  
2nd Evie Rushbrooke - Lucky girl syndrome  
3rd Eddie Heap - When life gives you lemons, make lemonade



## **YEAR 8 SPEECH COMPETITION**

### **Day Cup**

1st Maia Robinson - Why is our Generation Doomed (or is it)?  
2nd Abir Mahajan - The Power of Dreaming  
3rd Lillyana Andrews-Wright - The Life of Being Short



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## ACHIEVEMENT BAR:



Akain Kuruppuge, Vera Crome, Olivia Currie, Eva Jordan, Georgie Keel,  
Abir Mahajan, Maia Robinson,

## ACHIEVEMENT TIE:



Lucas Li, Fitia Bolger, Stella Penn, Zac Murphy, Lucia Larkin, Suhaavi Sudan,  
Shaylee Beuzeval, Brooklyn Hood, Finley Hooper Smith, Harry Jackson, Harris Li,  
Oscar Rowe, Sophie Buckley, Ayla Hyde, Milly Mortensen, Joshua Nicholson,  
Heston Starkie, Mia Bryant, Ruby Johnston, Alila Jones, Tarah Lulia, Couper Robson,  
Kiefer Shen,

## YEAR 4-6 ACHIEVEMENT BADGES:



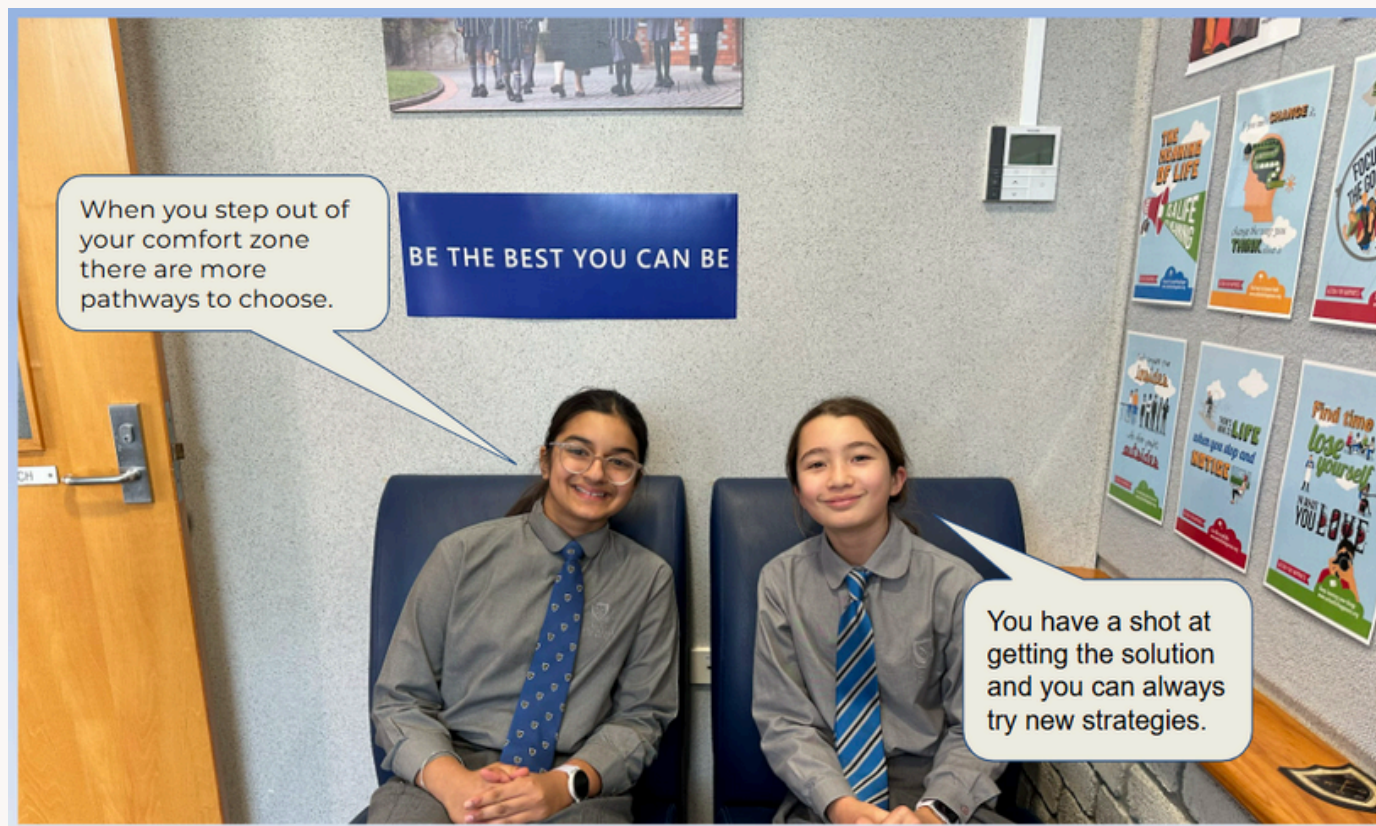
Aiden Zhang, Faeza Ayman, Georgia Donald, Myra Li, Minh Phan, Saachi  
Rathod, Florence Rope, Benjamin Sharman, Ashton Catelty, Spencer Lee,  
Jonty Taylor, Hugo Chen, Jay Chen, Jackson Greene, Jessie Martin,  
Charlotte McKenna, Maddie Wells,



# SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY

THE BELOW IMAGES WERE DISPLAYED ON THE LARGE SCREEN AT ASSEMBLY

## STUDENTS TELL US HOW BEING A RISK TAKER HELPS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS



## WHO ARE RISK TAKERS?





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# SOUTHWELL NEWS- HOUSE SINGING COMPETITION





# SOUTHWELL NEWS

## **Don't Miss Out! Southwell Gala Dinner – Tickets Selling Fast for a Night of Fun and Fundraising!**

Mark your calendars! The highly anticipated Southwell Gala Dinner is just around the corner on **Saturday, 26th July**. This is your chance to enjoy a spectacular evening while supporting a fantastic cause: building a brand-new Year 3 and 4 playground for our students!

Prepare for an exquisite three-course meal, expertly prepared by the renowned caterers, Kahurangi. It's set to be a night of delicious food, great company, and thrilling opportunities, all for a great cause.

We have a limited number of tickets available, and they are selling quickly! Secure yours today and ensure you don't miss out on what promises to be a highlight of our school calendar.

**Tickets are available by clicking [here](#)**

Get ready to bid on some incredible auction items, with something for everyone! Just a few of the exciting lots on offer include:

- The truly unique "KIDS ONLY" Ultimate Sleepover hosted by the Headmaster!
- An adventurous Helicopter ride, fishing, and lunch on the rugged west coast!
- A professional Interior design package to transform your space.
- A fabulous Local boutique spending spree and styling session.
- Indulgent Dining vouchers for some of Hamilton's best eateries.
- Coveted Signed Chiefs and Breakers tops for the sports enthusiasts.

Every dollar raised from this special evening will directly contribute to creating a wonderful new playground for our Year 3 and 4 students, providing them with a vibrant and engaging space to learn and play.

We look forward to seeing you there for a memorable night of community spirit and giving back!





## FROM THE DINING ROOM

**Reminder:** All permanent out lunches will carry over (continue) for next term , unless cancelled via email:

[rohit.govindan@southwell.schoo.nz](mailto:rohit.govindan@southwell.schoo.nz)



## ICAS COMPETITIONS

Click [HERE](#) for the parent letter.



## TERM 3 PARENTS MORNING TEA

**Year 7 & 8:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 8.30am-9am

**Year 5 & 6:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 8.30am-9am

**Year 0 - 4:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 8.30am-9am



The Boys Choir recently performing at St Pauls Cathedral, they always do our school proud and this occasion was no different. Well done.



Please remember to respect our Southwell neighbours when dropping and picking up your children. No parking over driveways, in driveways and on grass berms and road frontages of neighbouring properties. Thank you for your co operation.



### School Caps

From around 1928 up until the mid-1980's it was compulsory for all boys to wear a cap to and from school. "We always wore our caps to and from school. The big 'S' on the front was very identifiable."

Caps were abolished partly because of the poor quality, and partly because local lads were creating problems for boys who cycled to and from school.





A reminder for all Yr 7 and 8 students who are entering the Southwell School Science Fair in Term 3 - all entries are due Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. (Week 1, term 3). If you require a large science fair board and have not yet collected one, please see Ms Voss before the end of Term 2.

All other entries (wall chart, photo, scientific drawing and video) need to meet the requirements of NIWA in their respective categories. Please check this website <https://waikatosciencefair.org.nz/student-info/> and scroll down to find the student handbook.

## CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

### ONLINE ABUSE AND HARASSMENT

**Online bullying - what parents need to know**  
for advice for whanau about what to do if your child is being bullied online, or is bullying other online, with the [advice from Netsafe](#).

#### **Safeguarding tamariki against online grooming**

As tamariki become more independent online, they can connect and communicate with people they don't know. Read [Netsafe's advice](#) for young people and whanau on how to identify and combat online grooming effectively



#### **What parent need to know about deep fakes**

Highly realistic image or video of an individual's likeness can be easily manipulated using artificial intelligence and advanced technology. Find out more about [how to spot deep fakes online](#) and what to do if you identify a deep fake, to help keep you and your communities safer.

#### **Trolling and tamariki**

Trolling is an online behaviour that involves sharing, commenting or posting deliberately proactive content to evoke an emotional reaction, create conflict or disrupt conversations. Find out how to identify online trolling and what you can do if you or your tamariki are being trolled with the this [advice for Netsafe](#).

**Have you been affected by online harm? Contact the Netsafe helpline for free confidential advice: 0508638 723.**





## THE POWER OF PAGES : NUTURING A LOVE FOR READING

If a child shows signs of reading for pleasure, act quickly (James Russell)  
Just how many books does it take to instill a life-long love of reading into a child?

The answer might be hundreds or even thousands, but might also be just one. I did some research. Here are some of the benefits of reading for pleasure, ranked from the obvious to the downright mystical:



*advanced vocabulary  
better reasoning skills  
enhanced social connection  
more likely to be involved in the arts & sports  
better mental health  
better able to cope with life challenges  
more likely to make better choices around eating  
& smoking more likely to volunteer  
more likely to vote  
reading for pleasure has even been connected to a longer lifespan*



If there's a better way to help humans live happy, healthy lives, I don't know what is. Books should be prescribed like medicines. Click [HERE](#), to read the entire blog post.

We hope this encourages you to promote some Reading For Pleasure time with your children during the holidays.

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### CHANGES TO THE TRUST BOARD, FOUNDATION & ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Following the recent AGM's The Trustees for the Board, Foundation and the Alumni Committee have been updated and can be viewed on the School's website.



## SUCCESS CONTINUES FOR THE SOUTHWELL CHESS TEAM



The Hamilton Intermediate School Chess competitions at Berkley Intermediate saw our A team(**Alexander Lee, Zayne Sebastian, Jaden Lee, Ryan Jia and Jacob Li**) taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place and qualifying for the Nationals, our B team secured 4<sup>th</sup> place and **Alexander Lee** was awarded the Best Girl Award for exceptional performance.

The strength of our chess team is continually increasing, alongside their ongoing success. Congratulations to Mr Jia and the team.



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## TERM 3 BOARDING EXPERIENCE

Available to current Year 6-8 Students

Weekly: \$480 or Full Term: \$4,250

Costs inclusive of care, food, laundry & activities

Find the short term boarding application form on the 'Boarding' page of our website.

Applications encouraged before Monday 14 July 2025.

Completed application forms or short term boarding enquiries can be directed to:

[becky.russell@southwell.school.nz](mailto:becky.russell@southwell.school.nz)





# SOUTHWELL NEWS

## HELP KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE: VOLUNTEER FOR MORNING DROP OFF DUTY

Student safety during drop-off and pick-up is a top priority, and we rely on the invaluable support of our parent and caregiver volunteers to achieve this. We're currently seeking assistance for our morning traffic management and safe crossing zones in the PAC car park for Terms 3 & 4.

This role helps ensure a safe and orderly flow for both vehicles and pedestrians.  
Your contribution would involve:

**Days: Monday to Friday (school terms only)**

**Hours: 8:00 AM - 8:20 AM**

**Task: Stationed on the footpath in the loading zone, you'll guide students safely out of cars and ensure they use the correct crossing points.**

If you can spare 20 minutes a day to contribute to our students' safety, please get in touch with Damian Mills ([damian.mills@southwell.school.nz](mailto:damian.mills@southwell.school.nz)) indicating the days you are available. Your support is greatly appreciated!



UNIFORM SHOP  
TERM 2 HOLIDAY HOURS  
OPEN:  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
July  
9am - 4pm.



### 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!

7th - 11th July 2025, 9am - 4pm daily  
Held at Southwell School,  
200 Peachgrove Road  
Claudelands

View our website; [www.artzonshow.co.nz](http://www.artzonshow.co.nz)  
or contact Hayley on either  
[artz@artzonshow.co.nz](mailto:artz@artzonshow.co.nz) or 09 294 7129





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