



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Caregivers and members of our community,

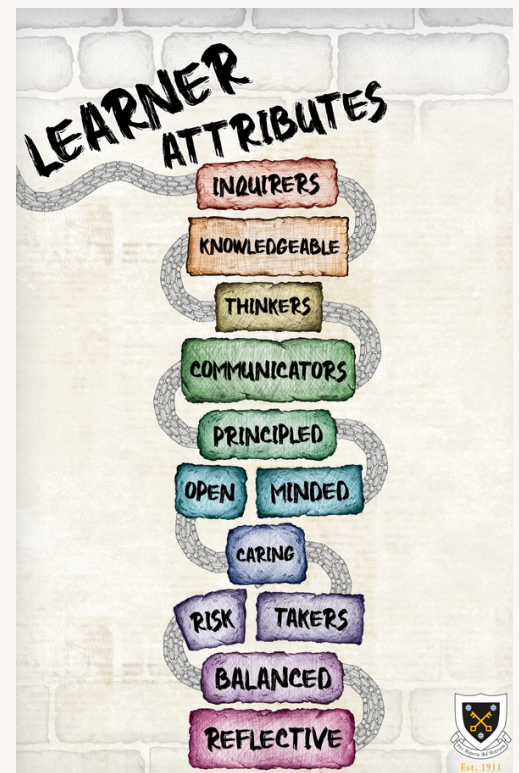
As a school, we are incredibly grateful for our diverse and engaged community. The generosity and support of our families enrich every aspect of school life. This week, it was particularly wonderful to see this spirit of connection at the Year 0-4 Parent Morning Tea. We had a fantastic turnout, with parents of our youngest students coming together over a warm drink and a bite to eat. The opportunity to chat and build connections created a wonderful sense of community, and it was a great way to share a little about what is happening this term.

This sense of community is at the heart of our mission to celebrate every individual. Next week, we will continue this celebration with Languages Week, where we will explore and honour the different cultures that make up our school. One of the highlights will be our Cultural Clothing Day on Monday, August 11. We encourage all students to come to school wearing clothing that represents their cultural heritage.

Celebrating our cultures is an important part of our school's identity. It allows us to embrace different perspectives and traditions, which not only deepens our understanding of the world but also fosters a strong sense of belonging.

Thank you for your commitment to our school community. Your involvement and willingness to connect make our school a truly special place for our children to learn and grow.

Keryn Bindon, Headmaster



SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boarder of the Week



Archie Tapper:
for being intelligent and
sensible at all times

Junior Headmaster



Tessa Spencer:
Tessa is a highly
engaged student
with a curious mind.
Her caring nature
and strong
principles shine
through in all she
does, and she loves
to inquire and
question the world
around her. She is
consistently
optimistic and has
impeccable
manners.

8 Years at Southwell



Rose Faber, Katie Ferrar, Evan Hu, Aria
Low, Tarah Lulia, Oscar Zhu, Allen Niu,
Abir Mahajan, Austin Du

9 Years at Southwell



Harris Li, Chelsea Davies, Georgie Keel,
Esther Sentch, Mischa Shen, Terrence
Yan, Jamie Barrett, Lucas Li, Sacha
McIntyre, Antoneo Nooyen, Couper
Robson, Abby van den Engel

Jump Jam Certificates



Year 5/6: Emily Cooper, Esme Goatcher, Georgia Donald, Elsa Hu, Mila
Germann, Quinn Munro, Bonnie Hawthorn, Ruby Gilbert, Avana de
Groen, Saachi Rathod, Georgia Stark, Emily Stevenson

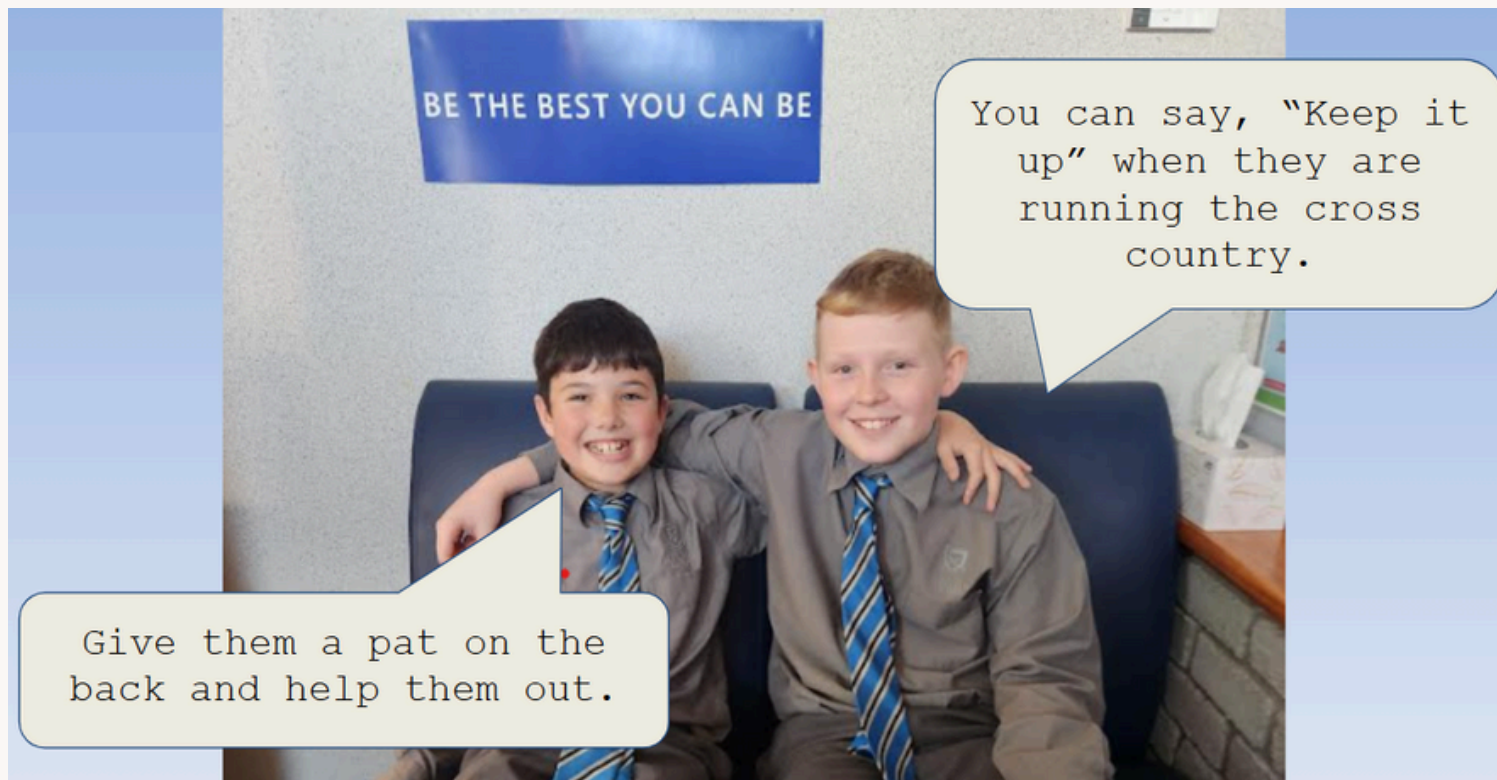


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SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY

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STUDENTS TELL US HOW YOU CAN HELP OTHERS BY ENCOURAGING THEM



WHO ENCOURAGES OTHERS?

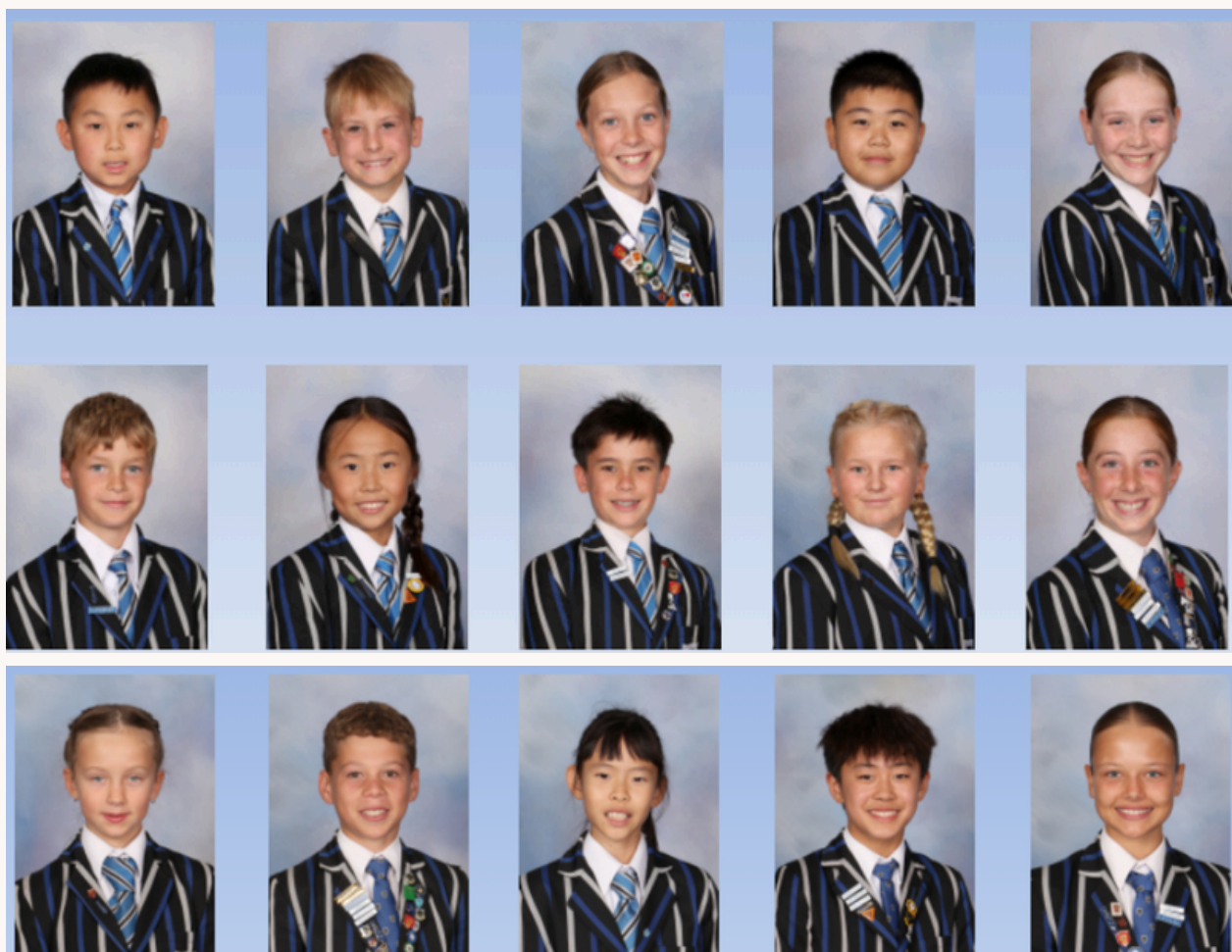


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STUDENTS TELL US ABOUT OPTIMISM



WHO IS OPTIMISTIC?



CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

PARENT WEBINAR: HEADSPACE INVADERS

Netsafe is running a whānau webinar on Headspace Invaders.

Join us for this parent-focused webinar to better understand how false information, identity-based harm and extremist content show up in the spaces young people use. We'll introduce you to our Headspace Invaders platform and how it builds digital skill and confidence for 12-16 year old's. We'll also explore practical ways to support critical thinking, safety and belonging in your whānau's online life. Join us for this free, informative session which will include time for Q & A.



Date and time: 13th August - 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Take this chance to ask your burning online safety questions with access to Netsafe's online safety experts.

Book your seat - click [HERE](#) to register



from the
LIBRARY

Our students have been voting for their favourite New Zealand Book Award books and the results are in.

The Top 3 Nominations are ...

Sad Sushi by Anna Aldridge

Detective Beans and the Case of the Missing Hat by Chen Li

Bear by Kiri Lightfoot

We now wait to see if our voting matches the judges' voting!



Reminder

Our library is a super popular spot, especially with students who love to come in before school to read and play games. We're always happy to open our doors early for these morning visitors! We just have a friendly reminder: while our library staff are there to help, they aren't able to supervise children. We'd really appreciate it if you could chat with your child about tidying up their area before they leave. We want to keep the library a welcoming and tidy space for everyone, and we definitely want to keep offering those early morning hours!

Thanks so much for your help!

SOUTHWELL NEWS



Our Year 5 and 6 Jump Jam team has triumphed at the Waikato regional competition, securing a win in the Open division. As their coaches, Mrs. Hawthorn and Mrs. Jones are incredibly proud of their impressive progress. They've now qualified for the North Island/National Finals in November.
Congratulations, Southwell Jump Jammers!

BANDSLAM: A NIGHT OF ROCK!

What a night! The Great Hall was buzzing with energy as it transformed into a rock venue for BandSlam, a battle of the bands competition. We were incredibly proud to have two Southwell rock bands among the 16 talented groups from various schools who performed. Our students' hard work and dedication truly paid off, and it's a fantastic testament to the strength of our itinerant music program. We're thrilled to celebrate their achievements, which include several impressive awards:

1st Best Guitar: Theo Chen

2nd Best Band: Amp'd Out

2nd Best Female Vocals: Bianca Tanuvasa

2nd Best Bassist: Juno Knauf

3rd Best Other: Jessica Li

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs Albery for her incredible work overseeing the event on the night, and to our entire Performing Arts team for creating these valuable learning opportunities behind the scenes.

A big congratulations to all our students and staff involved!



Lighting for the First Southwell Opera

The first Southwell Opera, HMS Pinafore, was performed in 1922 as a fundraiser to build the Chapel. The stage lighting for this production was provided by two car headlights hooked up to a car battery!



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THE 8 & 9 YEAR CLUB



Every year there is a small group of students that are acknowledged for being members of our school community for their entire primary years. This year these students were treated to a special pizza and ice cream lunch with Mrs Bindon.

CELEBRATING CULTURAL CLOTHING DAY & LANGUAGES WEEK



Get ready for a week of cultural pride and fun!

This year's Languages Week kicks off on Monday, August 11, with our special Cultural Clothing Day. We invite all students to come to school wearing clothing that celebrates their heritage or a culture they respectfully support.

The day will start with a special Chapel service in the Square at 8:30 a.m. From there, we'll spend the day celebrating the many cultures that make our school community so vibrant. Families are warmly invited to join us for the Chapel service.

Throughout the week, we have lots of exciting activities planned:

Monday Lunchtime: Join our Chinese community for engaging cultural activities.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Lunchtimes: Year 6, 7, and 8 students will be sharing traditional Korean cultural experiences and games.

We can't wait to see the school come alive with color and culture during this special week!



MISSION STATEMENT

Southwell School is currently drafting our Mission Statement for the next few years.

Staff have been preparing Mission Statement options and we would appreciate parent input for further refinement.

Please let us know if you would like to be part of a parent consultation workshop, by completing this [form](#). The date of the workshop is yet to be finalised.

SOUTHWELL NEWS



Let the Games Begin! Winter Sports Exchange Season Kicks Off

Term 3 is the term that has our Winter Sports teams are busy with not only local competition leagues, but also the inter school exchanges. We had a visit to St Peter's Cambridge which was an amazing day of competition and fun.

Sports exchanges are bigger than the games themselves, they build new friendships and build a sense of community beyond our school, they generate a strong sense of school pride, and provide opportunities to build resilience, confidence and adapt to new situations.

Well done to our competing students and support staff/ coaches, you have been impressive ambassadors of Southwell.

St. Peter's, Cambridge Exchange





lost... PROPERTY

Has your child lost items of uniform? Our Lost Property is currently bulging and unfortunately many of these are unnamed or names are unidentifiable, making it difficult to return to their rightful owners. Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labeled with your child's name.

**During Week 5 our Lost Property Monitors will be laying out items in the Square between Tuesday and Friday.
Feel free to check for any missing items.**



A FRIENDLY REMINDER

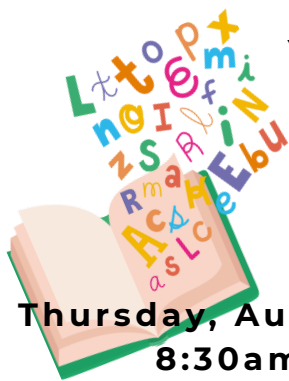
With the exception of service animals, dogs are not permitted on school grounds, including weekends.



ICAS ASSESSMENTS

For those students involved, key dates to remember:

11th - 15th August - English Assessments
18th - 22nd August - Science Assessments
25th - 29th August - Maths Assessments



YEAR 2 LITERACY PARENT INFORMATION MORNING

**Thursday, August 14th (Week 5)
8:30am to 9:10am
Foyer - Performing Arts Centre**

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Year 2 Literacy program, explore interactive stations, discover ways to support your child's literacy development at home, and speak with classroom teachers.

Everyone is welcome—we look forward to seeing you there!

The waste minimisation team at HCC are partnering with the University of Waikato to host a community E-waste drop off event. This is a great opportunity to get rid of any unwanted electronic waste, and make sure it's recycled correctly.

For more information click [HERE](#)

**Community E-waste
Drop Off Day**

Saturday 9 August
10am - 1pm
University of Waikato Gate 2B

We are partnering with Hamilton City Council to provide a FREE E-Waste Drop Off event to encourage responsible recycling and disposal of electronic waste.

Hamilton City Council
THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO

PREFECT'S *perspective*



This week we welcome Abir, Head Boy and Akain, Deputy Head Boy, they interviewed the cultural prefects and asked them about what they do and what goes on behind the scenes.

Georgie:

What do you love most about being a cultural prefect?

I love the confidence I've gained from performing on stage every Friday.

What are your responsibilities?

I lead performances at our weekly school assembly and represent the school at various cultural events. My job also involves directing many rehearsals and serving as a point of contact for students and teachers.

What's your favorite part of the job?

My favorite part is being the MC at school concerts, like the ones for Grandparents' Day and our performing arts concert.

What are you most looking forward to in the next two terms?

I'm really excited about the upcoming opera. I'm the student director and feel a strong connection with the cast. I'm also helping organise the opera party.

Zavier:

What is one thing you love about being a cultural prefect?

The fun atmosphere and the lead-up to the Friday performance.

If you could pick your favourite job as a cultural prefect, what would it be?

Making kids laugh and being the dumb, funny character.

What are you most excited about in these next two terms?

Opera, as it is probably the main cultural event every year, and I'm also excited for the Founder's Day celebration.

Bianca:

What do you love most about being a cultural prefect?

I love seeing the little kids' joy and excitement when we perform. When we're introduced on stage, I can hear them whispering, "YES!"

What's one thing about your role that no one knows?

People don't see all the meetings we have to plan for assembly or the nerves we feel before getting on stage.

We may look calm, but it's always a little scary performing in front of the entire school!

What's your favorite part of the job?

That's a tough one! I guess my favorite job is looking through the opera box and seeing the entries from our youngest students, even the Year Ones. I love seeing their spelling, with funny ones like "Shrecks" and "Ogers."

What are you most excited about in the next two terms?

I'm most excited about performing in the opera. It's always a huge highlight of my year. I love being involved and always have a blast at every rehearsal.

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SNAPSHOTS

