



From the Headmaster

This week, we celebrate our winter sports season as it draws to a close - a season that has provided our students with countless opportunities for personal growth. I have been so proud to witness the character our learners have shown, demonstrating the qualities of being good people on and off the field. Through challenging games and tough weather conditions, they have learned the importance of resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you must also go to our community - parents, grandparents and wider family. Your presence on the sidelines, dedication as coaches and managers, and your reliability as number-one-transport-providers have been invaluable. Your unwavering support has created a positive and encouraging environment for our students to thrive.

The final Winter Fixture for the year against Dilworth, took place this week. It was a special opportunity for competition, mateship, and reconnecting with our independent school bonds - a perfect way to look back on a season of sport with fondness and a sense of satisfaction. To those teams who have matches to complete over the next two weeks, we wish you the very best of luck!

As we say farewell to a season of hard work and dedication, we look forward to the sunshine and new team mates ahead in the summer season.



Keryn Bindon, Headmaster

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boarder of the Week



Eva Dingle:
for being positive and
optimistic

Year 5 Speech Finals



Winner of the Year 5 Speech Cup: Willa Crome
2nd Place: Amelie Charles
3rd Equal Place: Daniel Bell & Nina Johns

Year 3 - Values Certificates



Mila Ah Yen, Capri Meister, Milly Finch, Harrison Fink, Kyran Fluhler, April Jones,
Archie Taylor, Matilda Thomson, Olivia Williams, Greyson Willison
Milla Xu, Sophie McKenna



William Lord Cowell, Adelaide Taylor, Bridge Lu, Grace Lee, Evelyn King, Jacob
Hawira, Viva Khobchandani, Aris Li, Samson Lomas, Hugo Stark, Michael Lim, Grey
Phillips

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2025 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



YEAR 2 BOYS PULLON FAMILY CUP

**1st - Elijah Potter
2nd - Louis Hunt
3rd - Mackenzie Woodyard**



YEAR 2 GIRLS HANSEN CUP

**1st - Piper Bourke
2nd - Sophia Rawcliffe
3rd- Tessa Burns**



YEAR 3 BOYS UNDER 8 CUP

**1st - Greyson Willison
2nd- Grey Phillips
3rd - Archie Taylor**



YEAR 3 GIRLS VELZIAN CUP

**1st - Milla Xu
2nd - Milly Finch
3rd - Sophie McKenna**



YEAR 4 BOYS SIMPSON CUP

**1st - Kieran Yu
2nd - Kaden Smith
3rd - Rio Leith**



YEAR 4 GIRLS BALME CUP

**1st - Faryn Bourke
2nd - Adelaide Oehley
3rd - Jasmine Rope**

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2025 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



YEAR 5 BOYS CALLIS CUP

1st - Daniel Bell
2nd - Eden Chen
3rd - Thom Davison



YEAR 5 GIRLS THOMAS CUP

1st - Willa Crome
2nd - Lottie Bourke
3rd - Veronica Lee



YEAR 6 BOYS CROFT CUP

1st - Deagon Everton
2nd- George Campbell
3rd - Rupert Hammonds



YEAR 6 GIRLS SAXTON CUP

1st - Emily Aquilina
2nd - Mikayla Wang
3rd - Emily Lugton



YEAR 7 BOYS HUNTER CUP

1st - Beauden Crome
2nd - Ethan Bennett
3rd - Harvey Williams



YEAR 7 GIRLS MURRAY CUP

1st - Charlotte Bell
2nd - Alexa Sanders-Edwards
3rd - Olivia Kay

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2025 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS



YEAR 8 BOYS CHALLENGE CUP

1st - Rocco Williams
2nd - Antoneo Nooyen
3rd - Jack Farrar



YEAR 8 GIRLS KAY CUP

1st - Vera Crome
2nd - Rose Goatcher
3rd - Miah Donald

2025 - Science Badges Recipients



Suhaavi Sudan (Human Biology), **Jack Hobson** (Human Biology), **Wilson Wang** (Home Chemistry), **Max Zhang** (Entomology), **Marcus Yuan** (Astronomy), **Abir Mahajan** (Astronomy), **Sienna Culpepper** (Forensics), **Zayne Sebastian** (Marine Biology), **Hannah Grayling** (Marine Biology), **Aria Low** (Biosecurity, Antarctic Science), **Bella Jiao** (Botany), **Cooper Yang** (Antarctic Science)

NZ Chess Federation Interschool Comp, 1st Place



Andy, Shi, Charlie Liu, Edwin Zhou, Kieran Yu

NIWA Science Fair - Certificate of Participation



Lucy Bourke, Hugo Spencer, Jessica Li, Aria Low, Sophia Ma, Ariel McIntyre, Amyrose Hooper, Alex Lee, Sienna Minhas, Mia Bryant, Bella Jiao, Evan Hu, Abir Mahajan, Siddarth Nair, Kevin Zhang

SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY

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STUDENTS TELL US ABOUT BEING PURPOSEFUL



WHO IS PURPOSEFUL?

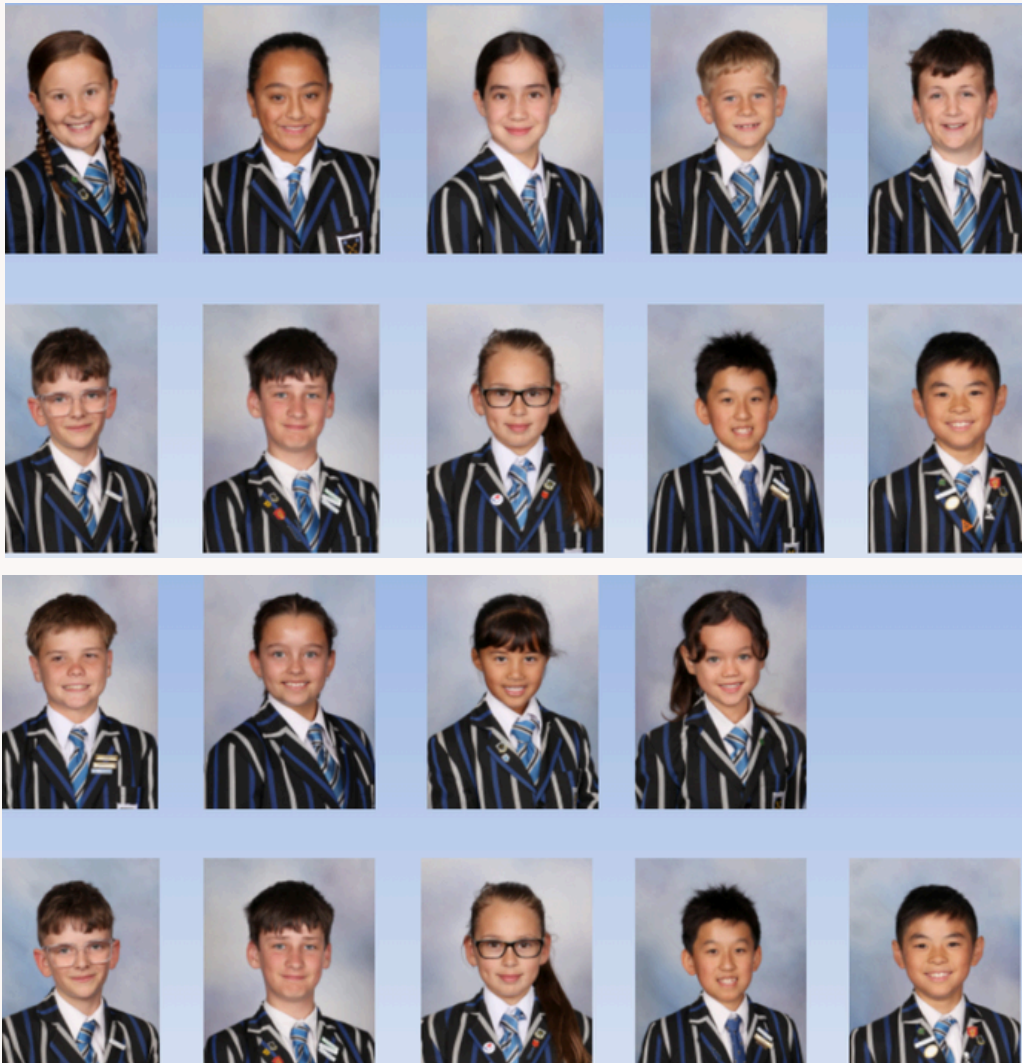


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STUDENTS TELL US ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR:



WHO IS THRIVING WITH LEARNING?



CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

FIRST DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

BUYING A DEVICE FOR YOUR CHILD

Check out this [Netsafe resource](#) with tips on what to look for when buying a device for a child. The resource includes advice when buying a device, teaching your children good security habits and how to set up a new device with your children.

A CHILD'S FIRST DEVICE?

When a child gets their first internet-enabled device, they have independent access to the internet. Check your child's online safety skill level and help them level up with the [First Phones interactive online safety course](#).



A collaboration between Netsafe and 2degrees, First Phones, is designed for parents and children to complete together and up skill children with the knowledge they need to navigate the digital world safely with their first phones.

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 behaviour about being safe and responsible online.

Need advice about safer internet use? Contact the [Netsafe helpline](#) for free confidential advice: 0508638723



Southwell School
Production of



**5TH - 12TH
SEPTEMBER 2025**
CENTRE OF PERFORMING ARTS, SOUTHWELL SCHOOL

**SHREK
THE
MUSICAL**

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire Music by Jeanine Tesori
Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).



from the **LIBRARY**

In the immortal words of our Junior Library Song (written by ex-pupil Zoey Engelbrecht):

"Reading is fun, reading is fun,
reading is fun for everyone..."

Reading for pleasure is declining, yet it's a proven key to success in academics, social skills, and mental health. While we all play a part at school, here's how you can make a difference as a parent.



- **Establish a Routine:** Aim for regular reading, even if it's not daily. Set aside a time that works for your family, whether it's at bedtime or another part of the day. This might mean having tough conversations about screen time, but the payoff is worth it.
- **Fuel Their Interests:** Provide books and materials that match what your child loves. A passion for a topic is the best motivator.
- **Be a Reading Role Model:** Take an interest in what your child is reading and chat with them about it. Read for pleasure yourself and let them see you do it. This is especially vital for male role models, as teen boys are often the most disengaged readers.
- **Ask for Help:** Your school or public librarians are great resources for recommendations. Local bookstores like Books For Kids, Penny's, and Paper Plus are also excellent places to find new titles.
- **Read Aloud:** To raise a reader, start early. "Readers are grown on the laps of adults." Read to your children for as long as they'll let you. Read widely, read often, and talk about what you're reading. You won't regret it.



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YEAR 7 UNIT OF INQUIRY - TRADE TRUTHS



Our Year 7 students have been deeply engaged in their unit of inquiry on Trade Truths. To enrich their learning, they were visited by Ana Wilkinson-Gee, the founder of Holi Boli. This organisation is an ethical sewing production house in India that provides women with fair, safe, and dignified employment. The students seized this opportunity to ask Ana thoughtful, in-depth questions, directly connecting her real-world experience to their research. It was an afternoon of truly meaningful and rich learning for everyone.

YEAR 2 UNIT OF INQUIRY - WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME



Our Year 2 students had a fantastic day of learning at the Te Awamutu Museum. As part of their unit of inquiry, "Where We Are In Place and Time," they discovered how stories and objects from the past help us understand how things have changed and how they shape our world today. The students had a blast with all the interactive and fun activities.

YEAR 1 UNIT OF INQUIRY - HOW THE WORLD WORKS



Our youngest students had a wonderful adventure on their first day trip to Taitua Arboretum. They explored how living things grow and change, a hands-on learning experience that supported their unit of inquiry, "How the World Works."

SOUTHWELL NEWS





LANGUAGES WEEK



2025 SOUTHWELL CROSS COUNTRY

This year's Cross Country event was another huge success for Southwell. The perfect, sunny weather made for a great day, allowing everyone to compete and participate. We saw inspiring individual achievements, and the event once again brought our entire school community together. A special thank you to Mr. Copeman and his team from Property Brokers Cambridge for providing a fabulous sausage sizzle that everyone enjoyed.



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SOUTHWELL GALA 2025

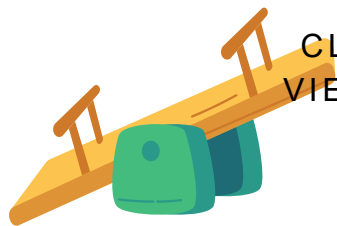
On Saturday, July 26, the Southwell School Gala Dinner transformed the Great Hall into a stunning Grecian-themed banquet hall for an unforgettable evening. Guests enjoyed a delicious feast by Kahurangi Catering and danced to the fantastic DCP Band. The night was expertly guided by our auctioneer and MC, Clinton Donovan.

The school community's incredible generosity was on full display. Funds raised from the auction of donated items total over \$70K. Planning can now continue to the next stage with the goal of creating a new playground for our Year 3 and 4 students.

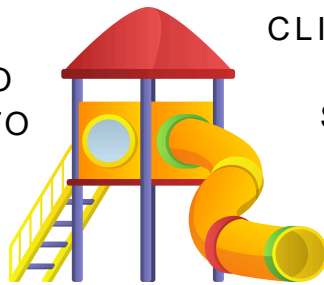
We extend a heartfelt thank you to our generous supporters—Shaw's, Lugtons, Brico, Unite Insurance Brokers, Property Brokers Cambridge, and KiwiBank—and to every donor who contributed an auction item.

Your kindness made this evening a resounding success.

Keep an eye out for further exciting updates in Term 4.



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THE YEAR 3'S
SHARING THEIR
PLAYGROUND
WISHLIST



UNIFORM SHOP

Just a friendly reminder that as Term 3 comes to an end, it's time to get ready for summer uniform in Term 4.

Please check if your child's summer uniform still fits or needs to be updated. If your child started at Southwell this year and doesn't have a summer uniform yet, please visit the shop before Term 4 begins to get theirs.



A reminder from Nursee -

Please do not send your children to school with thermos' filled with hot water.

This increases the risk of burns occurring. If children are having noodles, please prepare at home prior to coming to school. Thank you.

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



The Flood

After days of torrential rain, one Sunday in 1953 the boarders woke to a river (two feet deep) running across the sports field. After Chapel everyone changed into old clothes and while some boys helped with sand bagging, others sailed logs across the football fields!

SNAPSHOTS

