



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Caregivers and members of our community,

The final week of a remarkable and action-packed Term 3 has come to an end! It has been a period of immense growth and learning, not only in the classroom but also through a wide array of sporting events, trips, and of course, incredible theatrical productions.

Tonight marks the final performance of the Southwell Opera, and I would like to extend my deepest congratulations to the entire cast, crew, staff, and the many parents who have dedicated hours to making this show a stunning success. Working together on a project of this scale has pushed many of our students beyond their comfort zones. It is in these moments of embracing discomfort that true growth happens, and the pride they will feel in achieving something they never thought possible is a feeling they will carry with them for a lifetime.

I also want to give a special mention to our wonderful Foyer Theatre Group. This talented group of performers has been instrumental in setting the stage for each opera performance, greeting audiences with their energy and cheeky wit. Performing in such close proximity to the audience requires a special kind of bravery, and it has been a delight to see so many of our students come out of their shells and shine.

As we bid farewell to Term 3, we welcome the arrival of spring. I hope these holidays bring you and your families a chance to rest, soak up the sunshine, and enjoy some quality time together. Thank you for an amazing term!

Introducing the International Baccalaureate (IB), Primary Years Programme (PYP) Keep an eye out for more information in the following pages of this newsletter and in the coming months. Please also mark the dates for the IB parent workshops in your calendar for Term 4.

Keryn Bindon, Headmaster

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Altrusa Young Citizen of the Year ROSE FABER

This award is for one selected Year 8 student who has shown: Courtesy, Attitude & Initiative, Sportsmanship, Community Work in and out of school, Scholastic Improvement (attitude & application to schoolwork).



This year's award ceremony will take place on October 29th at the Hamilton Gardens, where certificates will be presented.

SPORTS COLOURS



Rugby:
James Schuster, Oscar Rowe, Jack Farrar, Zac Murphy



Boys Football:
Rocco Williams, Finley Hooper-Smith, Akain Kuruppuge



Girls Football:
Nieve Driscoll, Emerson Kay, Lulu Millar



Hockey:
Fergus Hammonds, Olivia Currie, Max Zhang, Vera Crome

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Netball:
Stevie-Lee Lowen,
Maia Filipo,
Shaylee Beuzeval



Gymnastics:
Nathan Gundersen,
Ewen Maisoneuve



Cross Country:
Charlotte Bell,
Alexia Sanders-Edwards, Rose Goatcher, Miah Donald, Jack Farrar

Y5 and 6 ACHIEVEMENT BADGES



Hugh Bindon, Sebastian De'Ath, Elise Huang, Devan Prakash, Torika Sea, Sarah Ma, Emily Cooper, Grace Liang, Felix Tang, Esme Goatcher, Nikita Lillas

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

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Y8 ACHIEVEMENT TIES



Stevie-Lee Lowen, Jayden Liu, Bella Ye, Holly Yuan, Evangeline Rushbrooke, Gracie Drummond, Tilly Langsford, Steven Yuan, Mac Dingle, Nieve Driscoll, Lachlan Stent, Henry Opie, Charles Short-Tupaea, Joey Wang, Andrew Tobin, Cheng Xun, Fergus Hammond, Lulu Millar, Victoria Southworth, Thomas Teat, Cooper Yang, Ethan Yang, Scarlett Davison, Holly Hodgson, Karys Jones, Lola Watson, Christopher De'Ath, Antoneo Nooyen, Jacob Li, Eden McCaffrey, Gavin Tang, Gemma Frank, Nathan Gundersen, Rocco Williams, Jasper Gower, Darcy Toye



SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Y8 ACHIEVEMENT BARS



Jessica Li, Katie Ferrar, Lucas Li, Aria Low, Rose Faber, Xavier Leith, Mischa Shen, Alex Lee, Oscar Zhu, Miah Donald, Grace Kim



— Up coming —
EVENT

Can You Help Us Fill Our Goodie Bags?

As part of our Celebrating 25 Years of Girls at Southwell event, we're creating special goodie bags for our Alumni, mothers, daughters and friends. *If you, your business, or someone you know can contribute products, samples, vouchers, or gifts, we'd be so grateful.*

It's a wonderful way to showcase your brand and support a milestone celebration, whether its big or small, it all adds sparkle. Get in touch lisa.topcsove@southwell.co.nz



SOUTHWELL NEWS- OPERA SNAPHOTS



SHREK THE MUSICAL - CAST



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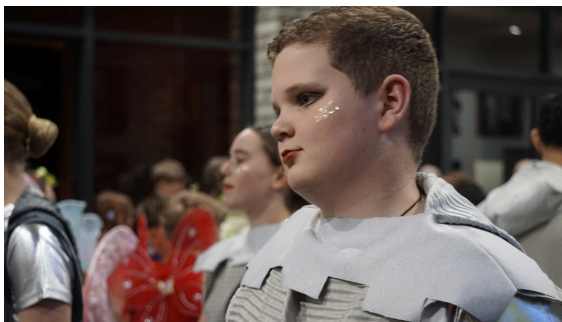


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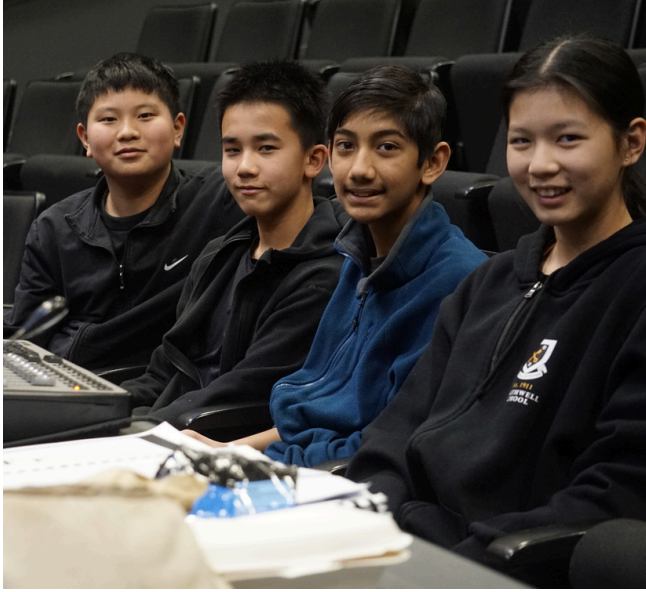


SHREK

FOYER THEATRE GROUP



SOUTHWELL NEWS- OPERA SNAPHOTS



SHREK BACKSTAGE CREW





SOUTHWELL SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP)

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CONNECTING THE DOTS IN OUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for the wonderful feedback we have received since our last newsletter. We appreciate your curiosity and engagement as we take this exciting step. This week, we will explore what the PYP will look like in the classroom and how it will impact core subjects like reading, writing, and maths.

Did you miss UPDATE 1? Click [HERE](#) to read - UNDERSTANDING THE "WHAT" AND THE "WHY"

An Established and Rigorous Framework

The IB is a globally established and highly respected organisation that has been developing its programmes for decades. The PYP provides a rigorous framework for curriculum planning and assessment, ensuring that our teaching is deliberate, well-structured, and purposeful. The focus on inquiry and critical thinking is not a replacement for content knowledge; rather, it is a proven way to deepen understanding and ensure students can apply what they learn.



PYP: Preparing for the Real World

When we think about the future our children will inherit, we know it will be a world defined by change. The PYP is not just about what children learn, but how they learn. The programme coaches students to be adaptable and to use their skills flexibly across all subject disciplines. This approach is far more in line with the adult world they will enter, where we're rarely called upon to use just one skill. The PYP provides a scaffold for children to take greater self-responsibility and to drive their own learning in a way that will serve them long after they leave our school.

What will be different and what will remain the same?

Our commitment to high-quality, explicit instruction remains unwavering. Our structured approach to literacy and mathematics will continue, and foundational skills in reading, writing, and maths will be taught with the same dedication and expertise you have come to expect.



International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP)

The PYP provides a framework to help us connect our literacy and mathematics skills to the wider world. You will see more of our Specialist Teachers (in Science, Physical Education, Technology, Art, Drama, and Music) working collaboratively with our Homeroom Teachers. This means that a unit of inquiry about 'Sharing the Planet' might include a science lesson on ecosystems, an art project using sustainable materials, and a music lesson on creating a soundscape of a forest. The links between subjects will be stronger and more visible to your children.

You will also notice learning will continue to be organised around Big Ideas that cross the subject disciplines. For example, 'Who We Are' or 'How the World Works.' This is where the core of the PYP lies. We expect to hear children asking more questions and talking about the concepts they are exploring in every class.



What's coming up?

Over the next few newsletters, we will be sharing more detailed information:

Newsletter Update 3 (Term 4, Week 2): How the PYP will be tailored to different age groups across our school, from our youngest learners to our Year 7 & 8 students.

Newsletter Update 4 (Term 4, Week 4):
A final overview of the programme, including how it prepares students for secondary school and how it fits into the broader IB continuum.



Upcoming Parent Information Workshops

A friendly reminder, we will be hosting a series of parent information evenings in Term 4. These sessions will be an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the programme's implementation. We will also hold ongoing information sessions in 2026 for new families and provide regular updates as the programme develops over the next few years.

Years 5 & 6 Workshop:

Week 3, Tuesday, Oct 21st, 8.30 am - 9.10 am

Years 7 & 8 Workshop:

Week 4, Wednesday, October 29th, 8.30 am - 9.10 am

Years 0-4 Workshop:

Week 5, Tuesday, November 4th, 8.30 am - 9.10 am

Further information on how to register your interest to attend these workshops will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

We look forward to seeing you there.



25 YEARS OF GIRLS

— Up coming — EVENT

Join us for a special evening as we gather our Southwell family to mark this incredible milestone.

GIRLS ARRIVE 2000

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OCTOBER
FRIDAY

📅 \$25 per ticket

📍 At Southwell School

Celebrating 25 Years of Girls Event

School Tours | Bubbles | Catch-ups | Special Guests

Event Programme:

- 4:45 pm – Chapel Service (optional)
- 5:30pm - Guided school tours
- 6:00pm - 9:30pm - Drinks, canapes, special guests and speakers

This evening will be a beautiful blend of fun, nostalgia, celebration, and inspiration.

Tickets: \$25 – includes all food, complimentary bubbles on arrival, and evening programme.

We'd love to see all **Old Girls, Mothers, Sisters, and Teachers** joining us on this special occasion.

SPREAD THE WORD

Purchase your tickets now

alumni.southwell.school.nz



CLUBCARD FOR SCHOOLS

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



How It Works

By simply scanning your **Clubcard** every time you shop at Rototuna New World, you can help contribute to our school. It's a simple, yet powerful, way to make a difference. The more families that sign up and scan their cards, the more opportunities we can provide for our learners.

How to Get Involved

Getting started is easy:

All you need to do is share your **Clubcard** with 'Southwell School' via this [form](#).

Shop at New World Rototuna and scan your **Clubcard** with every purchase.

Rototuna New World will donate 1% of all sales from registered Clubcards directly to our school. Please share this form with family and friends.

If you do not have a **Clubcard**, simply register [here](#) to join. Then complete this form when you have your **Clubcard** number.

You can rest assured that your personal **Clubcard** rewards, like Airpoints, won't be affected. This is a separate programme funded directly by Rototuna New World.

Questions & Answers

Can extended family and friends participate?

Yes, we encourage anyone connected to Southwell School - grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends-to register their Clubcard with Southwell School via this [form](#) and help support our school.

Will this impact my personal Clubcard rewards?

Not at all. This programme is separate from your personal rewards. The funding comes directly from Rototuna New World based on the sales from all registered Clubcards. You'll continue to collect your usual Clubcard and Airpoints rewards as normal.

Ready to Help?

Register your **Clubcard** with Southwell School today and help us enhance our students' learning experience.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



2025 Itinerant Concerts

Is your child involved in the Itinerant Music and/ or Speech & Drama programme?

Please click [HERE](#) for important information regarding the Term 4 Music/ Speech & Drama Itinerant Concerts



UNIFORM SHOP



SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

MONDAY 29TH SEPT - FRIDAY
3RD OCT
9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

Term 4 is changeover to summer uniform. All students must return to school in full summer uniform; **short sleeve grey shirts, girls culottes & boys summer shorts, sandals, sunhat, togs**

If you are sending your child to the Uniform Shop to update their uniform, please ensure you provide them with a note, fill out our eForm, or email uniform@southwell.school.nz to give your permission.

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