



From the Headmaster

An exceptional 2025 academic year comes to a close, and we reflect on a year of positive growth, change and community care.

Our learners have embraced the opportunities, values, and high expectations that Southwell is known for. This year, our students have risen to every challenge with resilience and enthusiasm, making 2025 a year of incredible achievement.

In my first year here as Headmaster, the kindness, excitement, and belief you have shared have been the foundation upon which we have built a deep and continuing commitment to this community. Thank you for welcoming my family and me so warmly.

It is with a mix of excitement and sadness that we farewell our Year 8 leavers this week. While a chapter has closed, you will always be a cherished part of the Southwell family. Go well; we know you will fly!

I wish all our families, staff, and students a blessed Christmas season. May this time be filled with togetherness, love, and time to recharge.

Enjoy the summer break! We look forward to seeing you back in 2026, ready for a brilliant new year.

Keryn Bindon, Headmaster



SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERM 4, 2025 YEAR 8 TIE RECIPIENTS



Isobel Gorton, Marcus Yuen, Mya She, Alex Dons, Samuel Sheppard, Jamie Barrett, Blake Enright, Emma Sinclair, Harry Smith, Dacey Woodyard, Ella Pritchard-Gunn, Brax Bayley, Macie Craig-Brown, Jennifer Li, Ryen Li, Mitchell Merritt, Paige O'Connor, Zayne Sebastian, Lachlan Sheriff, Tom Comins

TERM 4, 2025 YEAR 7 TIE RECIPIENTS



Amelia Burman, Georgia Hoy, Sam McLeod, Leah Munro, Charlotte Bell, Kasia Bennett, Mia Botha, Sienna Culpepper, Ryan Jia, Amelia Li, Poppy Pearson, Hannalise Stratford, Isla Anderson, Mackenzie Fleming, Francesca Matich, Stan Stewart, Sofiya Taylor, Indie Harvey, India Davison, Kahurangi Deane, Hannah Grayling, Addi Hawthorn, Kayden Hyde, Blake McIntyre, Sofia Raza, Sienna Smith, Caleb Winter, Sarah Yang, Saniya Ahmed, Chloe Aviles Young, Olivia Aviles Young, Lucy Bourke, Zara Boyden, Emma Brighthouse, Sophie Cashin, Audrey Crompton, Dylan Daws, Keanu Gault, Kenzie Gillbanks, Shiya Gong, Conor Norman, Isla Russell, Frankie Spencer, Ellie Stacey-Bryant, Martine Zender, Eddie Heap, Juno Knauf, Olivia Kay

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

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TERM 4, 2025 ACHIEVEMENT BADGES



Sylvie Grant, Ella Schuster, Amelie Charles, Willa Crome, Chloe Cui, Elney Botha, Veronica Lee, Hannah Li, Arthur Ma, Ana Schick, Maddi Tubbs, Mikayla Wang, Faryn Bourke, Justin Guo, Adelaide Oehley, Jasmine Rope, Eve Simnor, Xavier Thorburn, Harper Bellamy, Lottie Bourke, Avana de Groen, Deagon Everton, Mila Germann, Bonnie Hawthorn, Nina Johns, Vivienne King, Bob Langsford, Kendall Merritt, Quinn Munro, Romily Savage, Georgia Stark, Emily Stevenson, Kaylee Xie

TERM 4, 2025 YEAR 8 BARS



Sophia Ma, Bianca Tanuvasa, Terence Yan, Sacha McIntyre, Lillyana Andrews-Wright, Siaana Minhas, Kevin Zhang, Fitia Bolger, Austin Du, Evan Hu, Anabelle Martin, Katelyn Packer



Touch Southwell Suns
Winners of the Waikato
Touch Assn Hamilton
North Div A 7/ 8 Boys

Touch Southwell Stars
Runners Up of the
Waikato Touch Assn Int &
Sec School 7/ 8 Girls A
Division

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SPORTS COLOURS



Girls Cricket - Olivia Currie, Chloe Aviles-Young, Olivia Aviles-Young, Libby Germann

Boys Cricket - Akain Kuruppuge, Jack Farrar, Heston Starkie, Zayne Sebastian

Athletics - Ethan Bennett, Stan Stewart, Sam Benjamin, Kasia Bennett, Hannalise Stratford, Sam McLeod, Antoneo Nooyen, Louie Hilhorst, Wilson Wang

Athletics Re-awarded: Jack Farrar Rocco Williams Olivia Currie, Shaylee Beuzeval, Nieve Driscoll

Water Polo - Jasper Gower, Charles Short-Tupaea, Emma Sinclair, Evie Rushbrooke

Inline Hockey - Theo Chen, Jack Baldock

Tennis - Rylee Vining, Riku Bryant, Harper Lovegrove-Mitchell

Tennis Re-awarded: VeraCrome

Touch - Nieve Driscoll, Macie Craig-Brown, Ruby Johnston

Touch Re-awarded: Sophie Buckley, James Schuster, Nathan Gunderson

Basketball - Harris Li, Lucas Li, Nixon Maber

FAIRFIELD CLUSTER SCHOOLS ATHLETICS RESULTS



Jasmine Rope, 2nd - High Jump Y4 Girls,

Eve Simnor, 1st - Long Jump Year 4 Girls

Faryn Bourke, 2nd - 800m Year 4 Girls

Kaden Smith, 3rd - Cricket Ball Throw
Year 4 Boys

Saachi Rathod, 3rd - Cricket Ball Throw
Year 5 Girl

Willa Crome, 1st - 800m Year 5 Girls

Lottie Bourke, 3rd - 800m Year 5 Girls

Daniel Bell, 1st - 800m Year 5 Boys

Emily Cooper, 3rd - Long Jump Year 6
Girls

Emily Aquilina, 2nd - 800m Year 6 Girls

Cooper Burman, **Rupert Hammonds**,
Jacob Shen, **Jaeden Potter**, 2nd - 100m
Relay Year 6 Boys

SOUTHWELL ASSEMBLY

THE BELOW IMAGES WERE DISPLAYED ON THE LARGE SCREEN AT ASSEMBLY

STUDENTS TELL US ABOUT BEING THANKFUL



WHO SHOWS A THANKFUL HEART





2025 Itinerant Concerts



Earlier this term, we celebrated a year of learning with our end-of-year itinerant concerts. Over 300 students took to the stage, performing either in groups or as soloists, showcasing the wonderful progress they have made throughout the year.

For many children, this was their first time performing in front of an audience, a moment that requires real bravery! It was just lovely to see them step forward with confidence and share what they have been learning. For our more accomplished young musicians, the concerts offered an opportunity to demonstrate the rewards of dedication and practice. Their performances provide inspiration, and highlight the vibrant performing arts community here at Southwell.



The Performing Arts team here at Southwell would like to thank all our talented itinerant music teachers for their guidance, encouragement, and support in the lead-up to these concerts. Their expertise and commitment make our annual Itinerant Concerts possible, and help our students grow as performers.

A special thanks to Angela Smith and Cindy Xia for providing wonderful piano accompaniment for so many of our students.

We're already looking forward to seeing and hearing what next year brings!



YEAR 8 FUN DAY



YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS PANTO



YEAR 3-4 CULTURAL CONCERT



YEAR 0-2 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE



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2025 PRIZEGIVING

FOR THE FULL LIST OF 2025 PRIZEGIVING RECIPIENTS
PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#)



To our 2025 leavers WELCOME to Alumni



To all our 2025 leavers,

As we celebrate the end of your child's Southwell journey, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every student, parent and caregiver. This marks a significant moment not just for your children, but for you as a family, because you now join our Southwell Alumni community.

The idea of Alumni may not make complete sense yet to your children, and that's completely normal. It's something they will grow into over time, especially as they move through high school, reconnect with classmates, and begin to understand how Southwell continues to be part of their story.

One of the defining features of Southwell is that our Alumni community includes not just former students, but also the families who stood behind them. You supported events, volunteered, fundraised, cheered from the sidelines, and offered your time, talent and resources in countless ways. Because of that, it feels both right and important that our Alumni family includes you. Your involvement has helped shape Southwell, and your connection continues beyond your child's final day.

And as an alumnus, you can expect:

- Opportunities to return for reunions, special celebrations, sports days, and major Southwell moments.
- Updates and stories through The Chronicle magazine and our digital platforms.
- Ways to contribute when your children are ready, from sharing their achievements to volunteering.
- A community that celebrates achievements, how big or small.

The Alumni tie, scarf and pin received aren't "farewell or leavers" items; they are the beginning of a lifelong connection.

So to our parents and caregivers, **thank you** for your trust, support and involvement over these past years. And to our 2025 leavers, congratulations on reaching this milestone.

Today is not the end of your Southwell story. It's your welcome into a lifelong Alumni family.

Please keep in touch

Follow our Alumni social channels, look out for The Chronicle in the new year, feel free to visit us at any time, or simply anytime you'd like to reconnect reach out to alumni@southwell.school.nz

Have a lovely Summer, celebrating your achievements at Southwell and your next chapter.



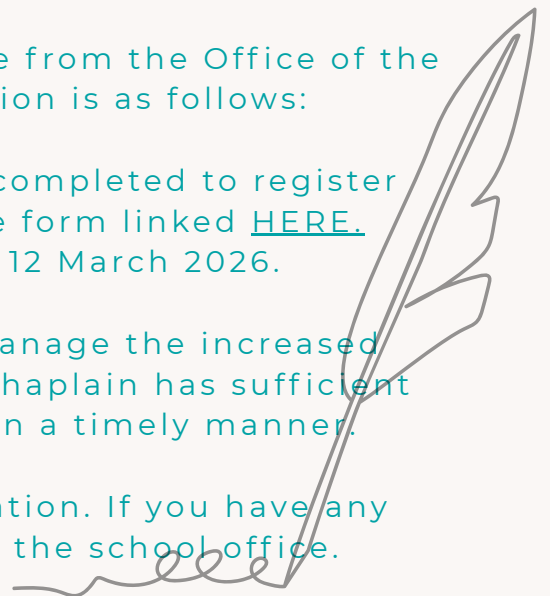
2026 CHARACTER REFERENCES FROM THE SOUTHWELL CHAPLAIN

Please note, the process for obtaining a reference from the Office of the Chaplain for a child's 2027 school application is as follows:

1. Registration Form: A specific form must be completed to register your need for a reference. You can find the form linked [HERE](#).
2. References will be called for by Friday, 12 March 2026.

This process has been implemented to help manage the increased demand for references and to ensure that the Chaplain has sufficient time to provide these references to families in a timely manner.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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from the
LIBRARY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LIBRARY TEAM

Avoid the Summer Reading Slide by encouraging your child to read regularly throughout the summer holidays.



FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will close for the year on **Wednesday 10th December 2025**, reopening on **Tuesday 27th January 2026**.
Opening hours: 9am - 4pm.

Second hand uniform items can still be dropped off at reception.

Loan Uniform

We also have a number of other outstanding loan uniform items, particularly PE gear and striped shirts. Please check your children's uniform for anything labelled "Uniform Shop" and return to us before the end of the term.

Happy Holidays

Tess & Gillian

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

This summer, we'd love your family to help the Science department!

Instead of tossing materials that could be recycled or landfilled, please consider collecting them for us. Just make sure everything is washed and ready for reuse.

Thanks!

Southwell Rash Shirts

\$65



A rash shirt is a great addition to your child's school swimming gear for added sun safety.

These are a great way for both boys and girls to stay protected while in the water.

Rash shirts are available for \$65 at the Uniform Shop. Please email the uniform shop if you would like your child to purchase one.

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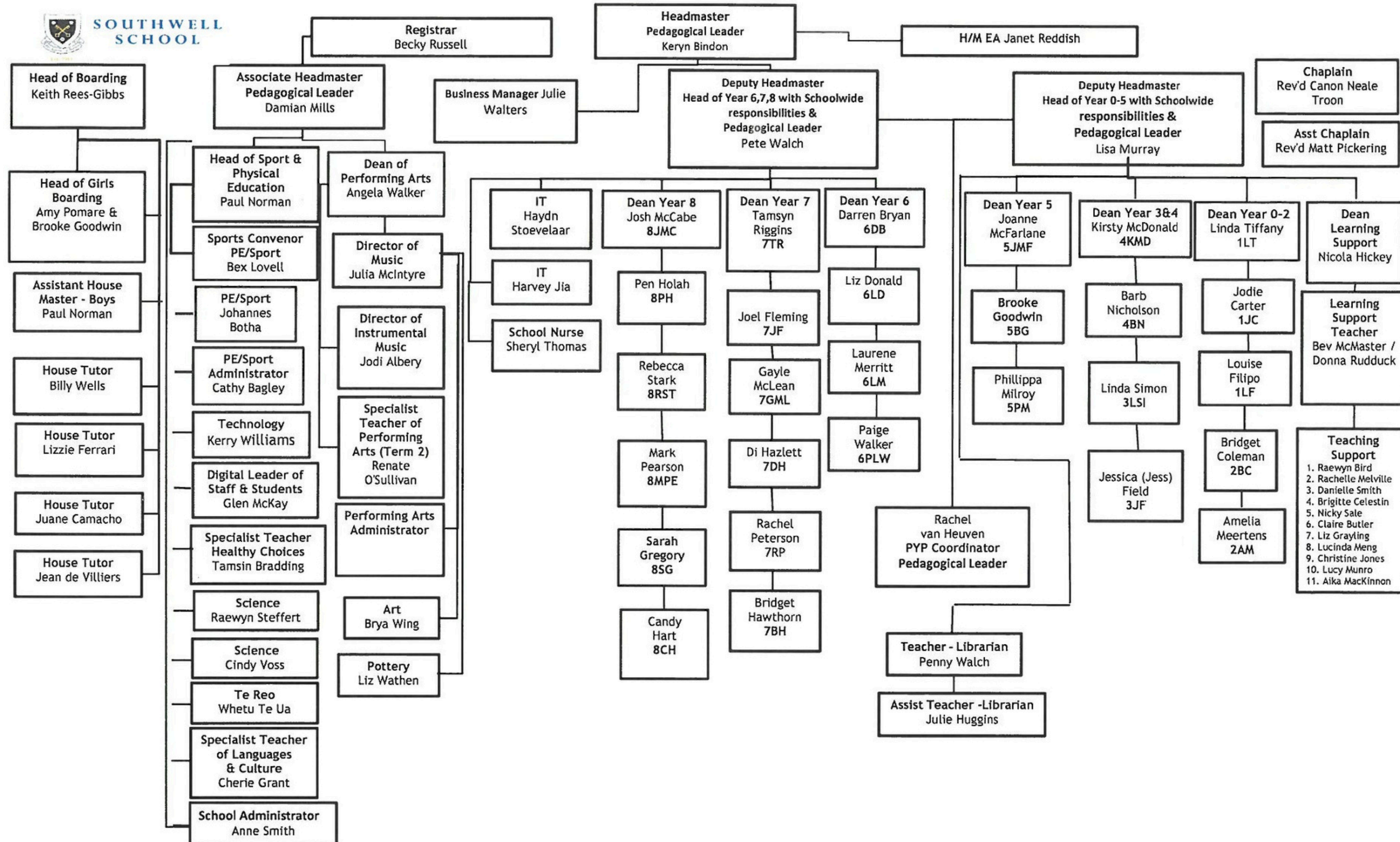
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
19 - 23 January

SOUTHWELL SCHOOL

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Southwell School Organisation Chart

Term 1, 2026





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!

SOUTHWELL NEWS- SNAPSHOTS



SAVE THE DATE

4 March 2026 | 5pm



AN EVENING OF CUISINE, COMMUNITY AND CHARITY

Southwell School Performing Arts Centre

Drinks, canapés, live & silent auctions, followed by the random draw of your dining venue.

Tables of 10 – \$1,800

Includes a 3-course dinner at a supporting restaurant. Dinner beverages not included.

Tickets on sale from
www.galabid.com/wsc26



All proceeds raised go to
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Charities New Zealand



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House Charities
New Zealand

For more information contact waikatosupperclub@gmail.com



Baroque Beginnings Fundraising Dinner

Join us for a special evening supporting Hamilton Gardens' next chapter.

Friday, 13 March 2026
6pm to approx. 10:30pm
The Pavilion, Hamilton Gardens

Parking: Gate 1
Dress code: Black tie
Tickets:
\$185 per person
\$1750 per table for 10 guests (save \$100)

Featuring: Anna Mowbray, entrepreneur and Zuru founder, in conversation with Lucy Ryan, plus a live and silent auction. Includes a three-course dinner and wine service.

RSVP to confirm your place to fohgbaroque@gmail.com

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PRIZE GIVING IN THE EARLY DAYS

Southwell Prize Giving was always held on the Oval. There was little shelter from the sun, apart from the big army tent near the flagpole where they put cups of tea, lamingtons and people recovering from sun stroke."