



From the Headmaster

It has been a remarkable few weeks across the school as our students have traded the classroom for the great outdoors. From our youngest learners to our Year 8 leaders, the energy and growth I have witnessed across our various camps and trips has been inspiring!

The weather has provided a stunning backdrop as our Year 1 students explored the natural wonders of the Taitua Arboretum, and our Year 2s immersed themselves in the magic of Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. Further afield, the Year 3 and 7 teams made the most of the sun while surfing on their water-based camps, while our Year 4, 5, and 6 students challenged themselves through kayaking, bush adventures, and the thrill of waterslides across our local lakes and rivers. Finally, our Year 8 students have returned from the Hillary Outdoors OPC at Tongariro, where they experienced the joy of pushing far beyond their perceived limits.

Well done everyone!

In these environments, we have grown in ways that traditional lessons cannot capture. We have formed deeper friendships, tested our resilience, and realised that we are much braver than we first thought.

None of these life-changing experiences would be possible without the incredible support of our community. A sincere thank you to all of our parent volunteers - your time, energy, and supervision are so appreciated! Last but not least - to our dedicated Southwell Staff - the engine room of our EOTC programme - thank you for making Southwell camps a success.

Keryn Bindon, Headmaster



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Location: Southwell School - PAC Foyer

RSVP: Click [HERE](#) to indicate your attendance

SOUTHWELL NEWS - AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 WIND BAND



New Members: Amelia Daws, Grace Liang, Jerry Li, Otis Finlayson, Georgia Donald,, Gabriel Qiu, Ella Li, Sky Li, Austin Cui, Adi Patel, Phyllis Mai, Fujian Wang
Returning Members: Amelie Charles, Sarah Ma, Theo Trenwith, Bella Tan, Roddy Tan, Kayden Hyde, Olivia Hoy, Veronica Lee, Justin Guo, Emily Lim

2026 ROCK BANDS



New Members: Eden Chen, Ellie Li, Adie Patel, Briar Ord, Ryder Laity, Max Zhang, Lucas Wang, Hannah Li, Kobe Martin
Returning Members: Caleb Winter, Juno Knauf, Theo Chen, Dylan Daws Mia Botha

2026 YEAR 8 LIBRARIAN'S



Bella Bai, Logan Dodds, Sofiya Taylor, Sophie Cashin, Jayden Liang, Jason Gladden, Jack Huleson, Otis Finlayson, Lucas Wang, Amelia Burman, Theo Chen, Wilson Savage, Riley Dodds, Jackson Rawcliffe, Sienna Smith, Lachlan Rope, Stirling Leigh

JUNIOR HEADMASTER

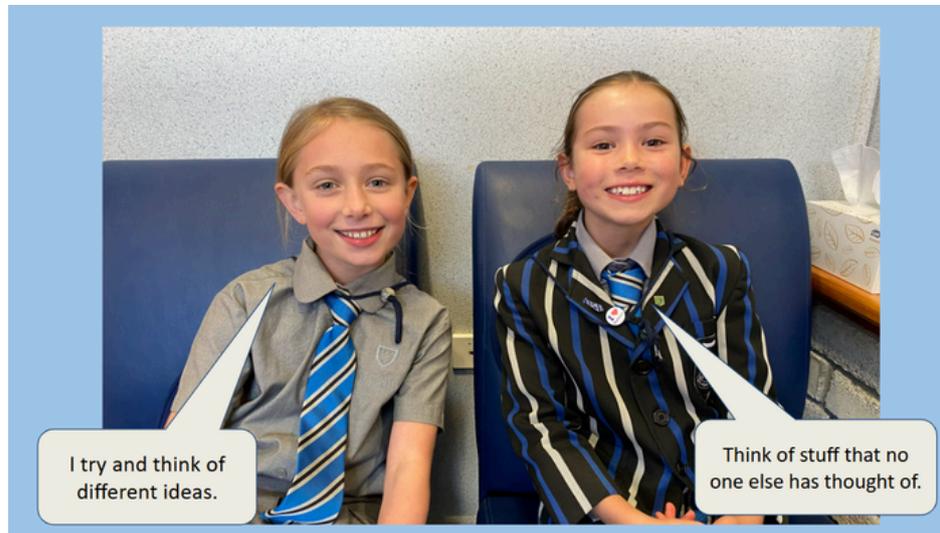
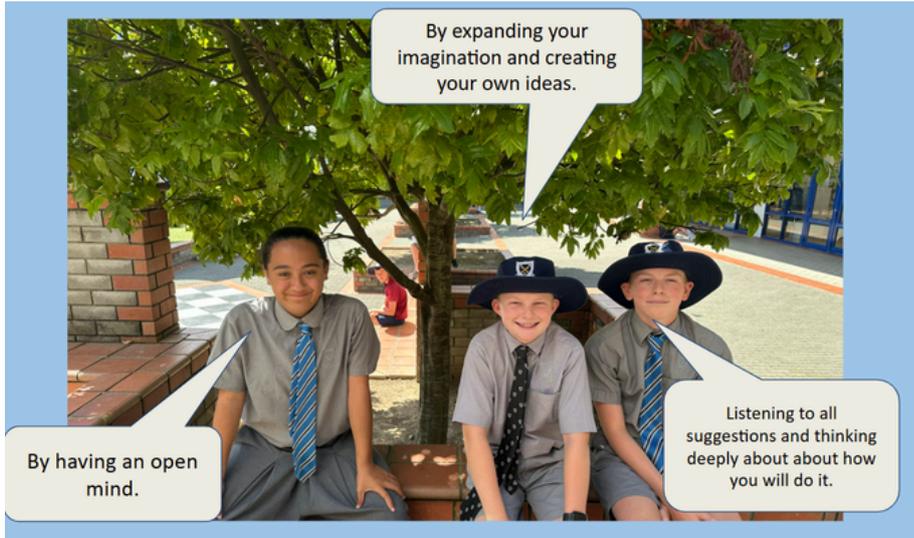


Ziggy Scott - who is a role model of integrity / makes good choices / sets an example to others

SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY

The images below were displayed on the large screen at assembly

STUDENTS TELL US HOW THEY DEMONSTRATE CREATIVITY



WHO IS THINKING CREATIVELY?



FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP



A reminder that our opening hours are:

Monday - Friday | 8am-4pm

If you would like to order uniform for your child to collect from the Uniform Shop, please ensure you have contacted us giving permission. This can be done by providing a signed note, phone call, email or via our Uniform eForm, found on the school app. Purchases will be invoiced to your child's school account.

Our email address is

uniform@southwell.school.nz

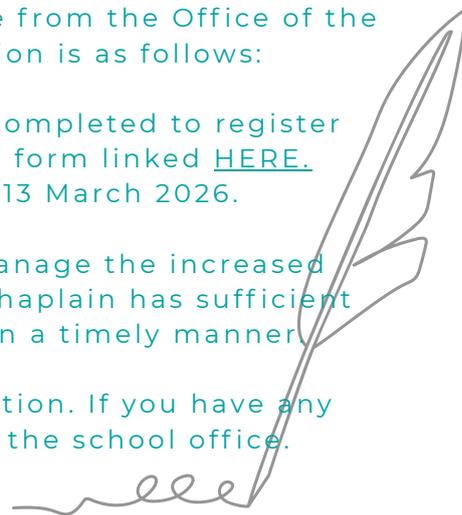
2026 CHARACTER REFERENCES FROM THE SOUTHWELL CHAPLAIN

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, 13 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.



MATHS & SPECIALIST LEARNING CONFERENCES - WEEK 8

Bookings have opened for these learning conferences, Parents and Caregivers have been emailed details and an invitation to make appointments with your child's teacher. Please check your inbox.





SCHOLASTIC **BOOK FAIR**

We are thrilled to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Southwell this Grandparents' Day, Friday, March 27th.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their love of reading with their visitors. While the fair is a highlight of the day, we want to emphasise that there is absolutely no expectation for grandparents or friends to purchase books. Our priority is simply for students and their "grandies" to enjoy exploring the library together. We would appreciate it if you could reiterate this with your children to ensure the day remains pressure-free and focused on fun.

A few helpful details:

To keep the focus on literacy, we have requested a "books-only" fair. You won't find the usual plastic trinkets or "non-book" items here, better for the focus, and better for the planet!

If a visitor isn't attending but you would still like to purchase a book for your child, students can bring home a wish-list form. Once filled out and returned, we will process the order with Scholastic for delivery to the school.

Please note that the fair will be entirely cashless. We will have EFTPOS and Tap & Go facilities available for all purchases.

We look forward to a fantastic day of reading and connection!



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We invite you to join us for a New Families Parent Information Workshop to learn more about how the PYP will shape your child's educational journey at Southwell. While this session repeats our 2025 content and is specifically targeted at parents new to the school, returning families are also very welcome to attend for a refresher. Further Parent Information Workshops will be scheduled for later this year to dive deeper into our evolving curriculum.

Date: Thursday 12th March

Time: 5.30pm-6.30pm

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This session will provide insight into what the PYP means for your child and will include examples of what learning will look like.

We look forward to sharing this exciting chapter with you and answering any questions you may have.

Parenting event sponsored
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Empowering parents,
strengthening communities

Tackling Technology

Navigating the
digital world
with our kids

Tues 24 March
6pm-7.30pm

Southwell School
Hamilton

Sheridan Eketone

Parent Coach, Trainer
& Presenter

Sheridan Eketone is passionate about shaping the hearts of the next generation through great parenting. Mum of four teenagers, Sheridan is grateful to her own tamariki for teaching her the importance of connection when it comes to raising confident and resilient kids.



Holly Jean Brooker

Online Safety Advocate
& Parenting Educator

Holly is a child online safety advocate, educator and writer, and co-founder of Makes Sense. A former high school teacher and mother of two, she is passionate about supporting families to navigate technology safely. She's currently completing a Master of Public Policy to help shape stronger protections for children in the digital world.



Pio Terei

Pōu Tangata &
Kaikōrero (Event MC)

Pio Terei MNZM is a much-loved television personality and proud dad. Using his trademark humour and relatable stories, Pio delivers memorable tips that resonate and encourage parents. Of Ngā Puhi and Te Rarawa descent, Pio's passion for New Zealand is deep-seated.



This Southwell exclusive opportunity is not to be missed. Numbers are limited and we ask that you register your attendance [HERE](#).

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS UPDATE

The Accounts Team wanted to share a quick update regarding your latest statements. To help you keep track of school fees and contributions, please note that the following Annual Donations have now been added to your child's account:

Chapel Contribution (\$10): This goes toward supporting our school's spiritual life and chapel services.

Charity Days (\$8): This covers participation in our upcoming charity initiatives, allowing our students to give back to the wider community.

FROM OUR SCHOOL



Keeping Our Community Safe Through Knowledge

Hello families! As your school nurse, my goal isn't just to treat scraped knees and tummy aches; it's to ensure our entire community stays healthy, informed, and resilient. This newsletter, we're focusing on Cold sores (herpes simplex) in young children. While common, cold sores can be uncomfortable and confusing for young children. Also known as "fever blisters," these are caused by the Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 (HSV-1). In a school environment, staying informed helps us prevent spread and keep our students comfortable.

Early childhood centre/parent fact sheet

May 2022

Cold sores (herpes simplex)

Description

Cold sores are small fluid-filled blisters that appear on the skin, most commonly in small children these are on the lips, chin, cheeks, or in the nostrils. Some people have no symptoms from the infection; others develop painful and unsightly cold sores that last for a week or more. Cold sores are caused by infection with the herpes simplex virus (HSV).

Not everyone who is exposed to the virus will develop symptoms, however the virus does stay in the body and there may be a re-occurrence of the symptoms, causing blisters in and around the mouth (cold sores).

How does it spread?

Small blisters containing clear fluid become very itchy and painful. When scratched this fluid often oozes from the sore/blister. The fluid from the blisters and the saliva are highly infectious and the infection can be passed onto others through direct contact or through contamination on toys or feeding utensils. The infection can also be passed on from individuals without symptoms.

Infectious period

The infectious period is around two weeks.

Cold sores are infectious until they go away completely. A person is most contagious when the sores are oozing fluid but the virus can still be passed on even when there are no active blisters.

What are the symptoms?

In addition to the cold sore blisters, children may display other symptoms. This includes fever, irritability, poor appetite, drinking less, excessive dribbling and sore swollen gums.



Image 1: <https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-a-z/c/cold-sores/>

Image 2: <https://www.plunket.org.nz/child-health-concerns-and-symptoms/skin-issues/cold-sores/#what-causes-cold-sores>

Exclusion period

A child with cold sores should stay home until the sores have crusted or healed, otherwise other children may also be infected.

Children should also be well enough to take part in activities without requiring one-on-one attention from teachers.

Responsibilities of Early Childhood Education Service

Children may remain infectious for several weeks after this illness so attention to hygiene is important.

Early childhood centre/parent fact sheet

Cold sores (herpes simplex)

- Tell parents that a child at the centre has cold sores.
- Display information about cold sores prominently at your centre and provide each family with a copy of this factsheet.

Make sure staff and children's hands are washed often with soap and warm water and are thoroughly dried. Pay particular care to the infants.

Clean all toys and surfaces with detergent, and then disinfect by wiping with or soaking in a diluted bleach solution. Disinfecting toys and general surfaces such as tables is a precaution for outbreaks, not a 'normal' procedure. When you don't have an outbreak frequent washing with detergent is okay.

Make up a new bleach solution daily. Check on your bottle of bleach for the percentage of sodium hypochlorite, and make up as per table below.

Strength of bottle	Bleach (ml)	Water (ml)	Total (ml)
1%	100	900	1000
2%	50	950	1000
3%	33	967	1000
4%	25	975	1000
5%	20	980	1000

Toys that children suck or chew should be cleaned in the dishwasher or washing machine.

Discourage sharing of food, drink and other utensils.

Keep all bed linen, towels, face cloths and feeding equipment separate for each child and wash regularly.

Keep all comfort blankets, toys and pacifiers separate for each child.

Responsibilities of parents

Keep your child home until the sores have crusted or healed.

Take comforters home each day and clean.

See your GP or contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 straight away if the cold sores are near the eyes.

See your GP if your child is showing signs of dehydration – dry mouth and tongue, sunken eyes, cold hands and feet, unusual sleepiness or lack of energy or passing less urine than normal.

Treatment

For some people with just one or two blisters on or near the lip or nose, keeping the sores clean and dry may be all that is needed. Other treatment options are listed below:

See your GP or Pharmacist for treatment such as cold sore creams and pain relief.

Wash hands thoroughly before or after applying cream or other treatments to the affected area.

Ice or warm cloth, held against the blister may help ease pain.

If blisters are in the mouth, cold water or ice-blocks may help relieve pain.

Take regular pain relief if pain is stopping child from eating or drinking.

Resources/references

<https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-a-z/c/cold-sores/>

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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

GATHERING OF FRIENDS: ALUMNI & COMMUNITY

CHAPEL SERVICE

Dear Southwell Family and Friends,

We warmly invite you to return to the heart of our school for a special morning of reflection and connection. Whether you walked these halls as a student decades ago, or spent your weekends here as a parent cheering from the sidelines, you are an integral part of our shared history.

Please join us as we gather at **All Hallows Chapel** to celebrate the lifelong friendships and memories that began here.

22
MARCH
SUNDAY

Chapel Service

Morning tea will be served following the service

-  10:00am
-  All Hallows Chapel
-  R.S.V.P. appreciated by the 15th March

Take a walk down memory lane, catch up with faces you haven't seen in years, see how the school continues to grow, and share a **special moment** with our **Chaplain**, Rev'd Canon Neale Troon, as he prepares for his retirement.

We encourage you to reach out to your old classmates and fellow parents.

SNAPSHOTS - CAMPS 2026

YEAR 8



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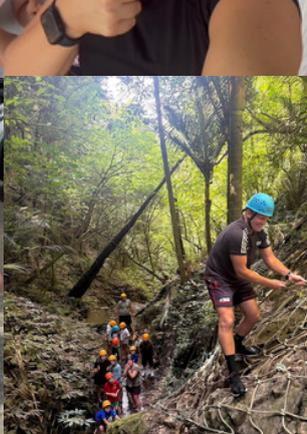
YEAR 6

CAMPING



SNAPSHOTS - CAMPS 2026

YEAR 5



SNAPSHOTS - CAMPS 2026

YEAR 3



SNAPSHOTS- JUNIOR DAY TRIPS 2026

YEAR 1 & 2

Our Year 1 & 2's also had their turn for adventure and fun over the past couple of weeks, participating in their respective Day Trips to Taitua Arboretum and Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari.

Our Year 1 students are exploring the Inquiry unit Who We Are. To support this learning, we took an Education Outside the Classroom trip to Taitua Arboretum. During the bush walk our students learnt about Hauora by nurturing their body, mind, relationships, and connection to nature. What a fun day we had.



Our Year 2's Day trip supported their Inquiry Unit - Sharing the Planet. This focus' on making choices and taking action to care for the Earth and its resources. Their Education Outside the Classroom trip Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari, was action packed, filled with learning, discovery and fun.

