



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends,

It has been a joy to watch our school community embrace the start of Term 2 with such energy. To new families joining us this term - a very warm welcome! It is wonderful to have you with us as we dive into a busy and exciting season of learning.

A significant highlight of this week was the formal Installation of our new Chaplain - the Reverend Blythe Cody. An Installation is a historic tradition that officially 'places' a minister into their new role within a community. This was a special moment of welcome, graced by the presence of Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon, members of our Trust Board, and our Southwell Fellows. This service marked a new chapter for our school's spiritual life, and we are thrilled to have Reverend Cody officially as part of our team.

This week our Library has been the heart of the school as we have been celebrating the power of reading during Book Week. None of this would be possible without the tremendous dedication of our Library team and our hardworking student librarians.

The week culminated today in our annual Book Character Day. This event is always a highlight, showcasing the incredible spirit of our students and the enthusiasm of our staff. It was a fantastic, joyful way to wrap up a week dedicated to the magic of literature.

Looking ahead, Term 2 is packed with opportunities - classroom experiences, cultural trips, fixtures and school-wide celebrations. Let's make the most of everything the coming weeks have to offer!

Ngā mihi nui,
Keryn Bindon, Headmaster

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR 7 & 8 PENNANTS

Awarded to those students who are caring and principled



7TR - Hugo Chen & Rose Stark

7JF - Theo Trenwith & Sarah Ma

7DH - James Clune & Emily Aquilina

7BH - Ashton Catley & Grace Liang

7RP - Ellvin Chheang & Rizark Kaur

7GML - Jackson Greene & Harper Bellamy

8JMC -Taj de Groen & Kasia Bennett

8MPE - Lachlan Rope & Anna Gan

8PH - Max Zhang & Arahia Turia-Fox

8SG - Martine Zender & Dylan Daws

8RST- Stirling Leigh & Roimata Buckle

8CH - Kobe Martin & Lucy Bourne



Junior Monitors -

Pip Ormrod, Leah Munro,
Ava Wilton, Lucy Bourke,
India Davison, Ellie
Stacey-Bryant, Hannalise
Stratford, Chloe Stokes,
Francesca Match, Audrey
Crompton

Pottery Monitors -

Samantha Pagey
Olive Lugton, Addi
Hawthorn, Maya
Hudson, Isla Anderson,
Indie Harvey, Lily Slater,
Hugo Grennell

Art Monitors -

Blair
Henwood, Kahuranig
Poate-Tamatea,
Aubrey Manning, Molly
Peckham, Mya Gilbert

SOUTHWELL NEWS - AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



SWIMMING COLOURS

Roddy Tan, Aubrey Manning, Beau Gower, Hugo Scott, Deagon Everton, Olivia Du, Chloe Cui, Charlotte Ariaens
Reawarded: Cruden Aupouri-Kana, Eddie Heap, Chloe Stokes, Charlotte Bell



WATERPOLO 2ND DIV WINNERS

Chloe Aviles-Young, Olivia Avile-Young, Lucy Bourke, Beauden Crome, Keanu Gault, Eddie Heap, Georgia Heap, Ryan Jia, Evie Rushbrooke, Roddy Tan



2026 New Boys Choir Members

Martin Su, Jack Hobson, Bryan Shang, Xin Mu Bai, Jia-hua Yang, Jacob Shen, Jonty Taylor, George Wang
Riodan Waihape, Roman Fatu, Devan Prakash



2026 New Girls Choir Members

Sienna Culpepper, Pip Ormrod, Robyn Jansen van Rensberg
Ella Liu, Mikayla Wang, Sarina Girn
Indy Brooks, Lottie Bourke, Elise Huang, Katherine Fan, Adelaide Oehley, Charlotte Copeman
Olivia Hoy, Ella Li, Anvi Koundal, Phyllis Mai



Y 5 & 6 Librarians

Year 5 - Eva Gatenby, Phyllis Mai, Bella Li, Kayla White
Aria Mahajan, Leanna Yacobi, Isla Bond, Zoe Johns, Amayra Brar
Year 6-Veronica Lee, Leo Xu, Nina Johns, Yumi Grenfell, Frankie Wu, Bryan Zheng, Sky Li, Emma Clune, Eden Chen, Maddie Wells, Elise Hunag



BOARDING HOUSE SQUAD LEADER

Sophie Cashin



BOARDER OF THE WEEK

Stirling Leigh, for maturity and common sense



Science Monitors

Amyrose Hooper, Sofia Raza



Media Team Monitors

Georgia Hoy, Isla Russell, Jack McGehan, Van Tuhoro, Fergus Duder



Healthy Choice Monitors

Rylee Vining, Chevy Rayner, Riley Davidson, Ava Boynton, Mia Terry, Dilnoor Janda, Harvey Williams, Bella Matheson, Finn Revell



Term 1 Chess Tests

Level 1 - Achita Sea, Luke Jansen van Rensburg, Liam Wein, Torika Sea, Elise Huang, Amanda Liu, Jerry Ji, Achilles Xiao, Distinction - Zeno Xiong, Distinction - Edison Yang
Level 2 - Charlie Dong, Elliot Beer, Eddie Zhang
Level 4 - Andy Shi

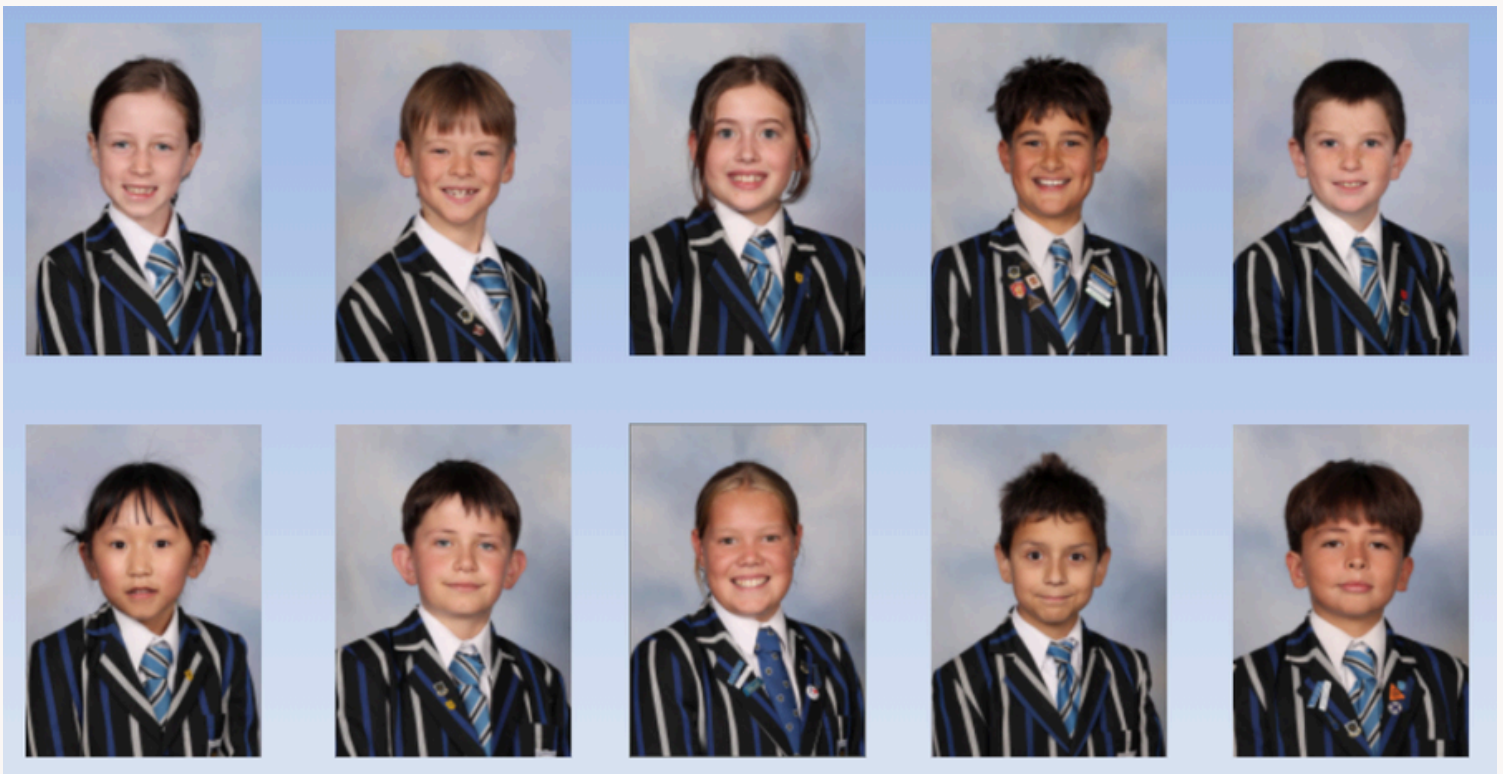
SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY - WEEK 1

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WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ASK QUESTIONS?



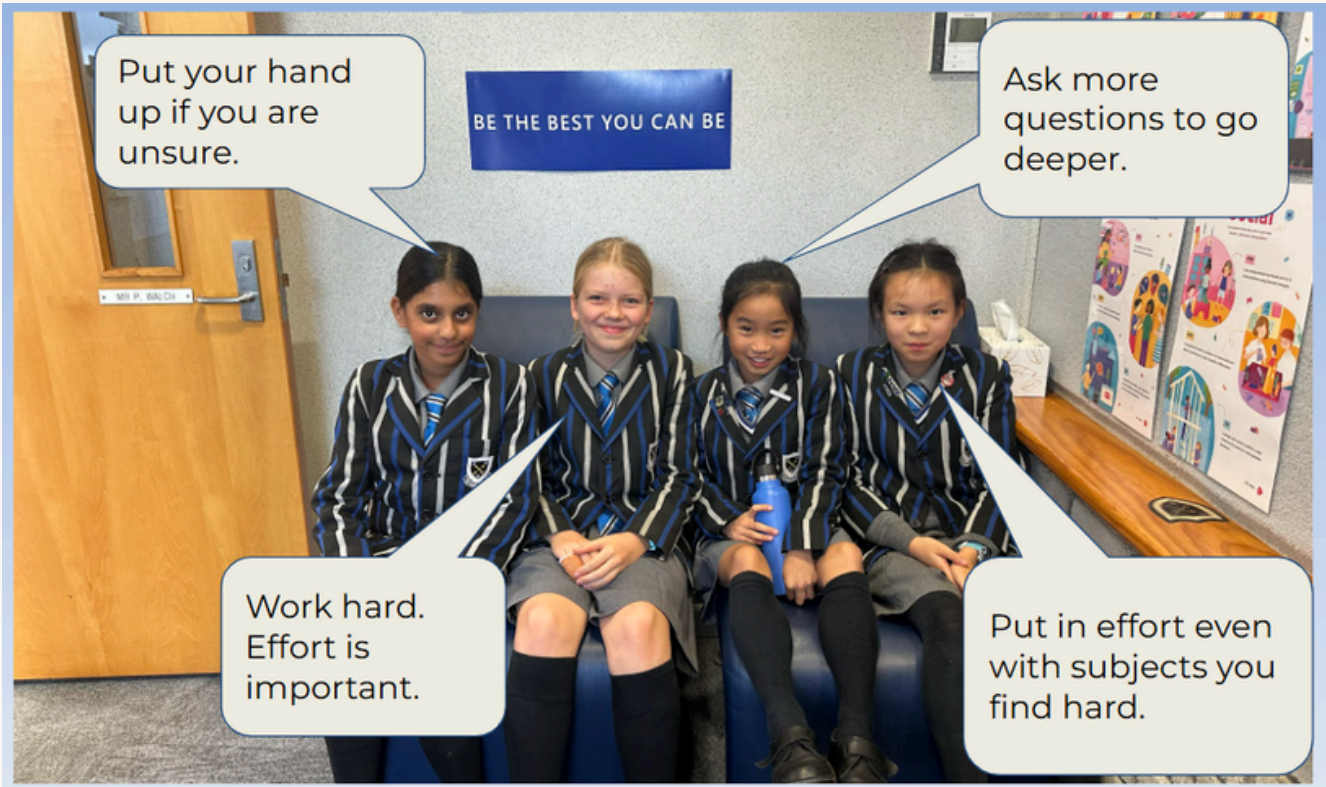
WHO IS AN INQUIRER?



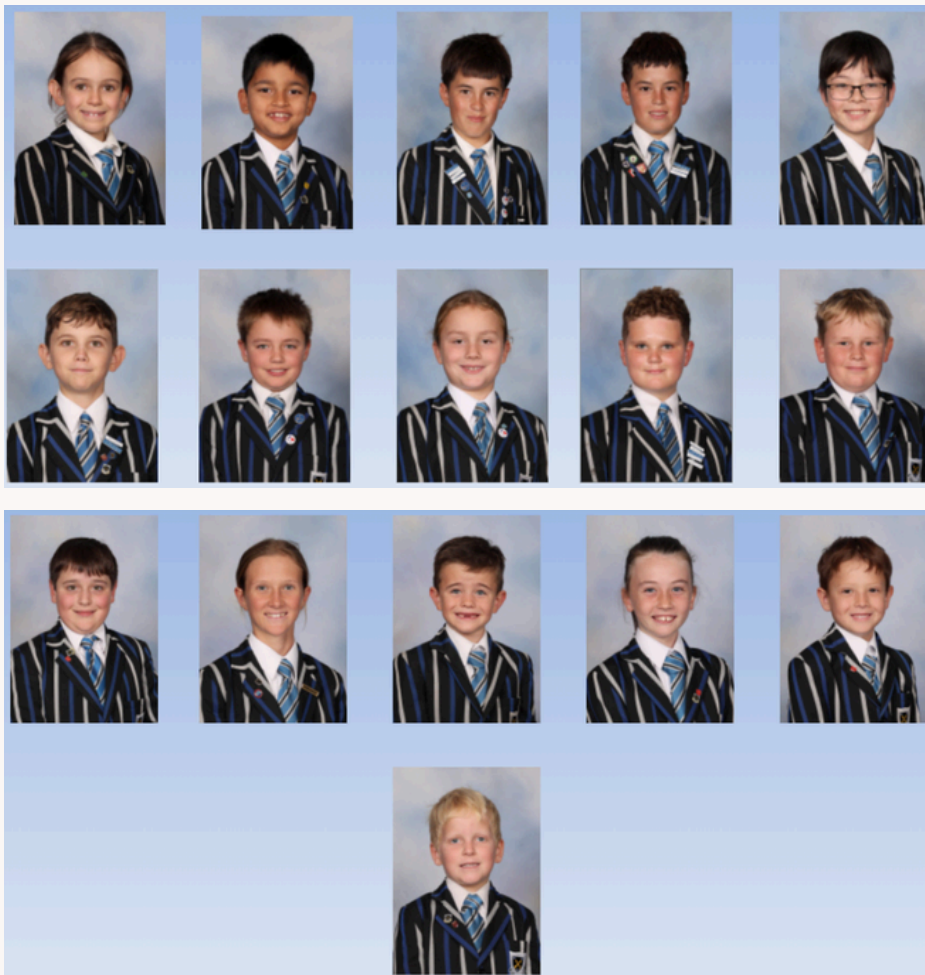
SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY - WEEK 2

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HOW DO YOU BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE?



WHO IS AN KNOWLEDGEABLE?



COMMISSIONING OF OUR NEW CHAPLAIN

Wednesday's Whole School Chapel service marked a significant milestone for Southwell as we gathered to commission our new Chaplain, Rev'd Blythe Cody. This special service officially begins an exciting new chapter for our school. We extend a very warm welcome to Rev'd Cody and her whānau as they join the Southwell community.



CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

BALANCE & WELLBEING

When an app becomes a “friend”: what whānau need to know about AI social companions

AI social companions are chatbot apps designed to mimic human conversation and build an emotional connection. Some aren't built with tamariki in mind and can expose young people to harmful content, unsafe advice, and privacy risks. [Netsafe's guide](#) shares what to watch for and how to support rangatahi with safer boundaries and regular kōrero about what they're using and why.



Have you been affected by online harm? Contact the [Netsafe helpline](#) for free confidential advice: 0508 638 723



WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S LOVE OF READING?

Here are some top tips:

Read TO your child, if they will let you!
Role Model reading yourself.

Talk to your child about what they are reading (informally! Not a comprehension test!! Ask them about favourite characters, or what they think, or if they have any questions.)

Play audio books in the car. (Use our Wheelers and audio platform to access free books.)

Visit the library and/or book shops so they have a constant supply of books.

Leave books or magazines in prominent places around your house for your child to accidentally happen upon!



CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY AT OUR FAMILY HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICE

After you've given mum a morning of breakfast-in-bed and some well-deserved relaxation, we invite our families to keep the celebration going! Join us on **Sunday, 10 May**, for a special Family House Chapel Service as we honour the incredible mothers and mentors in our community.

This is a beautiful opportunity for our school family to gather, enjoy the stunning voices of our Boys Choir, and give Mum one more reason to smile before the weekend ends.

We look forward to seeing the pews filled with families for this special afternoon of community and joy!

SERVICE SCHEDULE

To ensure a seat for everyone, services are organised by House groups:

Time	Houses Joining Us	Featuring
4:00pm – 5:00pm	Winchester, Canterbury & York	The Boys Choir
5:15pm – 6:15pm	Lincoln, Durham & Salisbury	The Boys Choir

School Caps

From around 1928 up until the mid-1980's it was compulsory for all boys to wear a cap to and from school. "We always wore our caps to and from school. The big 'S' on the front was very identifiable."

Caps were abolished partly because of the poor quality, and partly because local lads were creating problems for boys who cycled to and from school.

CALLING ALL EXPERTS: HELP OUR PYP LEARNERS

We are excited to launch the "Experts Among Us" Wall in the School Library—a new initiative connecting our IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) students with the incredible talent in our Southwell community.

What is the "Experts Among Us" Wall?

To help bridge the gap between classroom inquiry and the real world, we are building a directory of community members who are willing to share their knowledge. Whether a student is researching sustainable design or local history, they can now reach out to a local "expert" for insight.

We Need Your Passion!

We are looking for parents and grandparents to share their skills, professional experience, or hobbies. We need a diverse range of expertise and are keen to have you contribute your field of expertise, no matter what it maybe. Areas of expertise may include but not excluding:

Professional Fields: Engineering, healthcare, farming, or business

Creative Arts & Skills: Knitting, coding, or local history

Hobbies & Interests: Lego building, sports officiating, or gardening.

How It Works

Flexible Involvement: You define your topics and how much time you can give.

Secure Management: All contact is securely facilitated through the school.

Long-Term Impact: As inquiries happen throughout the year, we're looking for volunteers available for occasional check-ins.

“YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS
OUR STUDENTS
YOU”

Ready to share your "real world" magic?

Click [HERE](#) to Complete the Expert Volunteer Form

Please include your specific area of expertise and general availability

A VERY SPECIAL VISITOR FOR OUR YEAR 5 STUDENTS

The Rt. Hon. Helen Clark

HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES – TERM 1 INQUIRY (YEAR 5)



During Term 1, our inquiry explored leaders and heroes, with a particular focus on New Zealanders. Students learned that choosing a leader or hero was not just about popularity, but about the values they represent. As they examined the qualities admired in others, they were encouraged to reflect on their own strengths and potential—recognising that they, too, could develop the qualities needed to make a positive difference.

The Year 5 syndicate was very fortunate to welcome the **Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme**, who spoke to our students about her journey as a leader. She shared photos and stories that brought her experiences to life, inspiring students to think about leadership, service, and the impact they can have in their own communities.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours - 8am - 4pm

Email - To ensure your requests are handled promptly, please use our dedicated email address for all uniform permissions: uniform@southwell.school.nz. Using this address ensures that both of our shop staff receive your message simultaneously.

Girls Winter Uniform

Girls' Winter Uniform Guidelines

As we settle into the cooler months, please keep the following hosiery requirements in mind:

Black Socks: May only be worn with culottes.

Black Tights: Must be worn if your child chooses to wear a skirt.

Number 1's: Black tights are mandatory for all Number 1 uniforms, regardless of whether a skirt or culotte is worn.

Scarves

Southwell scarves are back for 2026! Available now in the uniform shop - \$45

Please remember to send your child with a note or send us an email if your child wishes to purchase one.

STRINGS SHINE AT AUCKLAND FESTIVAL



It was "eyes wide open" at 6:30 am last Tuesday as our Symphony Orchestra string section headed north for the Auckland String Festival! Hosted at St Kentigern's, the day was a vibrant celebration of music involving six different schools, including King's School and ACG Parnell.

The highlight of the day was the collaborative rehearsals, where each school shared a piece of music for the entire group to learn. Beyond the notes on the page, the festival was a fantastic way for our students to build community with other young musicians and broaden their musical horizons.

We are so proud of our students for their conduct and musicality throughout the day. We also owe a huge thanks to Sophie Han, whose "cello taxi" ensured our largest instruments arrived and returned in perfect condition.

HOLY BAPTISM: 21ST JUNE, 2026



Baptism is about entry into the community of Christian believers, and about being marked by God in a special way. It assumes a commitment to grow into the faith on the part of those being baptised and their supporters. Baptism is about new beginnings and new life as a follower of Jesus, and it marks the start of a journey of faith that is life-long. If this is something your family has considered, and you would like to register your child to be baptised on 21st of June, please click [here](#) and fill in the details (by Friday, 30th of May) to receive further information.

SOUTHWELL NEWS - BOOK WEEK



Our Book Week festivities kicked off with a burst of creativity thanks to a special visit from the incredibly talented, award-winning author and illustrator **Donovan Bixley**.

It was an inspiring day for the whole school: Behind the Scenes: Every student had the chance to hear Donovan share the secrets behind his creative process and where he finds his best ideas.

Masterclass Workshop: A group of our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed an exclusive afternoon workshop, diving deep into the world of professional illustration under Donovan's expert guidance.



Day 2 - The quest for the King Memorial Shield continued on Tuesday with our Year 1-6 Book Quizzes. It was a fantastic display of literary knowledge and house spirit!

Year 1-4 Winners: York (House) and Salisbury (Individual Team: Bray Liu, Luna Feisst, Zara Fink, Samson Scown, Viva Kobchandani).

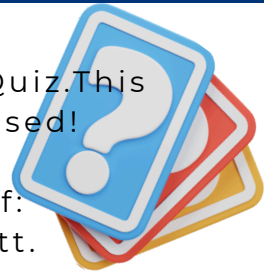
Year 5/6 Winners: Lincoln (House) and Lincoln (Individual Team: Lazar Jovanovic, Kieran Yu, Yumi Grenfell, Alex Richards, Torika Sea).

We couldn't have done it without the dedicated teachers and our brilliant Year 8 volunteers—thank you for making Day 2 such a success!



SOUTHWELL NEWS - BOOK WEEK

Day 3 Was the Year 7's turn to compete in their annual Book Quiz. This year it was taken out by Salisbury! Mrs Wathen will be pleased!



And congratulations to the **winning team, from York**, of: Charlotte Ariaens, Olivia Du, Jia Hua Yang and Hugo Scott.



Day 4 - In a very tight competition, the Year 8 Quiz was taken out by **York House**.



The top 5 teams all ended up 2 points apart, so it was a close run race! The winning team was from Winchester and consisted of Scarlett Davison, Georgia Hoy, Caleb Winter, Oscar Shi and Lilya Roderick.



SOUTHWELL NEWS - BOOK WEEK



BOOK CHARACTER DAY

SICK PUPIL GUIDELINES

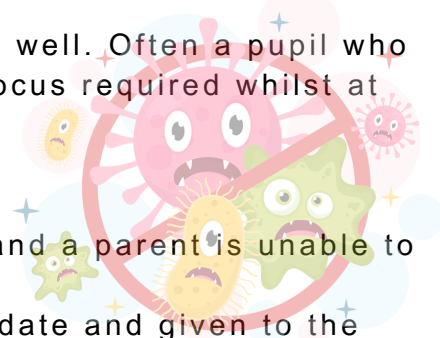
PLEASE KEEP THIS NOTICE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

In order for pupils to gain maximum learning they need to be well. Often a pupil who seemed well at home can find it difficult to cope with the focus required whilst at school.

Parents need to have:

An alternative person available should their child be unwell and a parent is unable to care for them.

Your alternative person's contact details should be up to date and given to the administration staff.



In consideration of other pupils and staff at Southwell School, the following criteria has been developed:

ILLNESS	RECOMMENDED RECOVERY TIME
Vomiting	Until 24 hours after LAST vomit
Diarrhoea	Until 24 hours after last runny bowel motion
Conjunctivitis	Until eye discharge has ceased
Measles	For at least 4 days after onset of rash
Whooping Cough	For 5 days after antibiotic treatment commenced
Mumps	For 9 days or until swelling has gone
Chicken Pox	For 7 days from the onset of the rash or when the scabs are dry
School Sores	Until 24 hours after antibiotics started
Streptococcal Throat	Until 24 hours from commencement of treatment
<u>Covid 19</u>	Please check the current requirements on the Ministry of Health website

These guidelines have been developed to ensure the pupil is completely well before returning to school, and therefore less likely to become unwell again. The guidelines are also in place to protect other pupils and the staff at Southwell School.

Medication Policy: If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please can you bring it to school in the container it has been dispensed in by the pharmacy—it is helpful if the pharmacy can dispense into two lots (one for school and one for home) and drop it into the clinic. On the first day the medication is to be given at school you will need to complete a 'Medication Request' form —available from the office of the clinic.

Nut Allergy: We have several pupils who are ANAPHYLACTIC if they have nuts. Some of these pupils are anaphylactic even if they are exposed to nuts (peanuts in particular).

We would ask that you avoid sending food to school which contains nuts e.g. mixed nuts, muesli bars, peanut butter sandwiches, nutella sandwiches etc. They do not have a minor reaction, but a serious reaction they can die from. These pupils have EpiPens (prepackaged adrenaline) at school with them, because of the serious nature of their allergy.

Summer Hats: Please can these be bought to school every day for Term 1 and Term 4.