



## From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends of our community,

There is something special about the Southwell community, and this week I am incredibly proud of how our school continues to look outward - finding meaningful ways for us to give generously and learn together.

Two fantastic upcoming initiatives perfectly capture this spirit.

### **Cyber Safety Evening - Next Week - Monday 15 June**

Learning together as a parent community is vital. Independent Schools Waikato - led collaboratively by Southwell, St Paul's, and St Peter's - invites you to a Parent Cyber Safety Evening with Rob Cope.

When: Monday 15 June, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Where: Hosted at St Peter's School

Registration: Last-minute places are available. If you want to better understand and protect your child's online world alongside fellow parents, do not miss out. Click [HERE](#) to secure your tickets.

### **World Vision 40 Hour Challenge**

In Week 9, many of our students will join together for New Zealand's largest youth fundraiser.

This year, Southwell is taking on 40 Acts of Kindness in a 40-hour window. This is a beautiful, active expression of our school Values, encouraging our children to discover the joy of giving and making a tangible difference.

To find out how your child can get involved, please click [HERE](#) for more information



Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we grow, give, and learn together.

*Keryn Bindon, Headmaster*

# SOUTHWELL NEWS - AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## YEAR 5 & 6 ENVIRONMENT MONITORS

Jonty Oehley, Riordan Waihape, Madeleine Beer, Avan De Groen, Chloe Burman, Alice Meertens, Asher Bourke, Zoe White, Torika Sea, Hugh Bindon, Alana Hawira, Beau Phillips, Kaden Smith, Jacob Stevenson, Eric Wong, Will Brighthouse, Jayden Chen



## BOARDER OF THE WEEK

**William Glenn** -  
for being kind and respectful to others

## YEAR 5 & 6 LOST PROPERTY MONITORS

Blair Barrett, Harry Johnson, Lucy Burman, Tessa Spencer, Bonnie Hawthorn, Georgia Stark, Jack Rider, Angus Glenn, Amelie Charles, Willa Crome, Beau Catley, Olly Mealings, George Wang, Grayson Te Weehi, Ellie Maher, Rylah Jones, Olivia Hoy, Brock Bowden, Gabby Green, Jasmine Rope, Ishika Nair



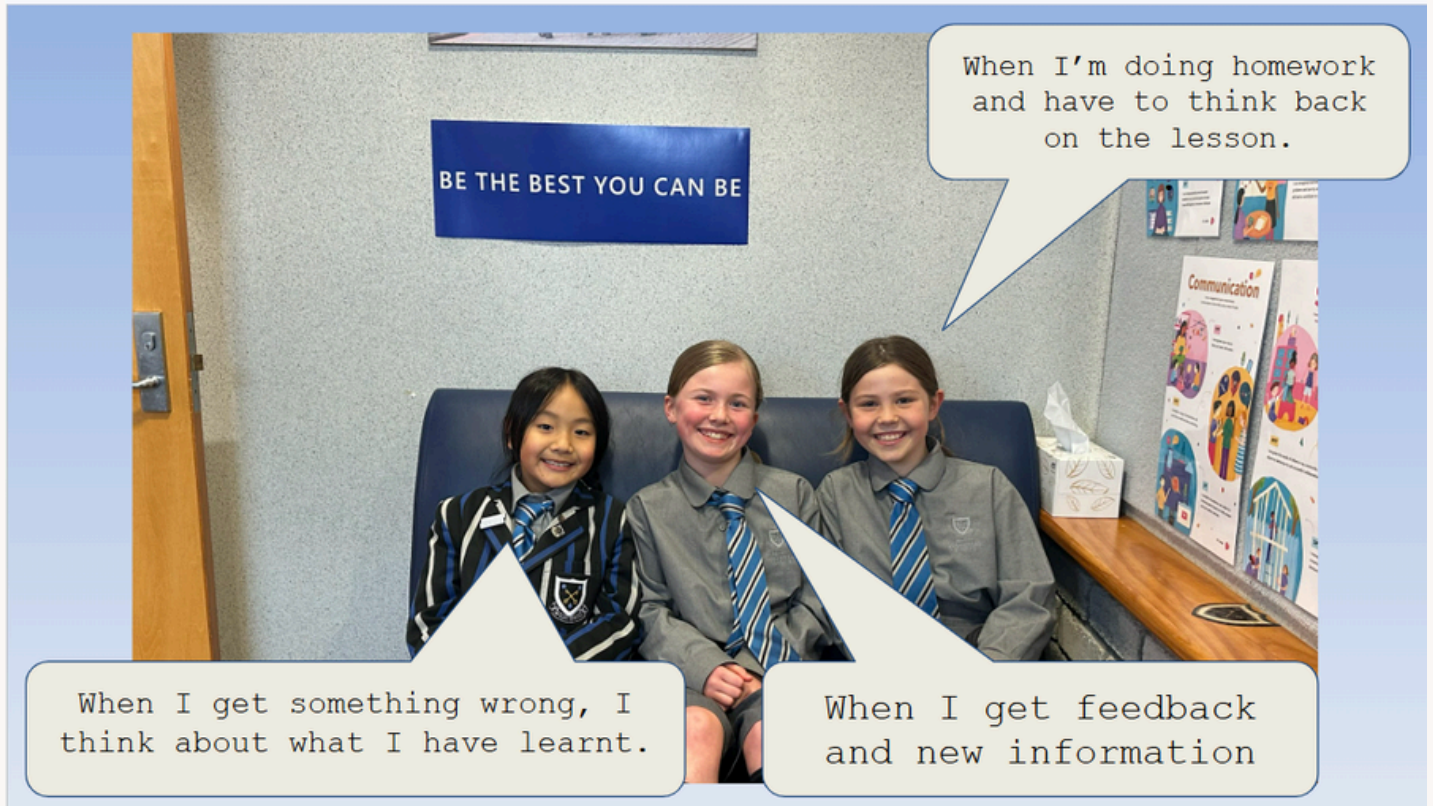
## JUNIOR CHOIR MEMBERS



# SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY - WEEK 7 & 8

THE BELOW IMAGES WERE DISPLAYED ON THE LARGE SCREEN AT ASSEMBLY

## TELL US ABOUT BEING REFLECTIVE



## WHO IS REFLECTIVE?



## WHO IS A RISK TAKER?



**Calling all Southwell alumni stories**



Do you know a Southwell Old Boy or Old Girl doing something interesting, inspiring, adventurous, creative or just plain cool?

We're looking for alumni success stories, news, unique experiences and 'where are they now' updates worth sharing with our community.

You might be an alumni parent with a great story to tell, or have a young Southwell alum doing something noteworthy.

**We'd love to hear about it**

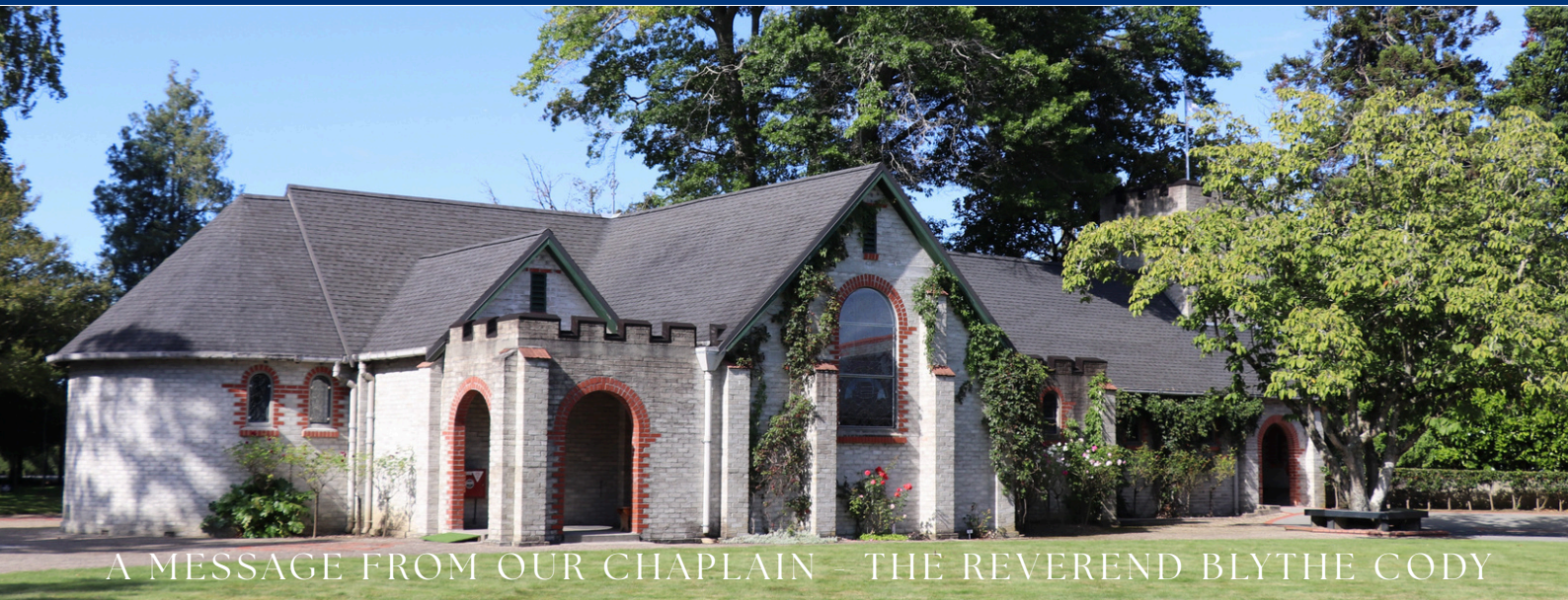
Email [alumni@southwell.school.nz](mailto:alumni@southwell.school.nz)

*Share a story, a shout out, or a lead.*



A reminder for all students working on **Science Fair** entries. All projects (wallcharts, photos, videos, drawings and science fair boards) are due on the first day of Term 3. This deadline is dictated by the cut off for entries to the regional Science Fair. If you know you will be away in Week 1 Term 3, you need to submit your work before the school holidays (the end of Term 2). If you have any questions, or would like to have your work critiqued, please see Ms Voss by Week 8 of this term.

# All Hallows Echo



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN – THE REVEREND BLYTHE CODY

## **World Vision 40 Hour Challenge**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, models a love that is deeply personal, protective, and unceasingly kind. He knows each of his sheep by name and cares for the vulnerable. Through Him, we see the true kindness of God—a love that doesn't just watch from the sidelines but steps in to comfort, protect, and provide.

In week 9, our school will be participating in World Vision's 40 Hour Challenge, which gives our students a beautiful opportunity to put this learning into action. By stepping out to serve others, they can see themselves as global citizens who are truly capable of making a positive impact on global well-being, learning what true leadership looks like and how kindness can change the world.

### **The Challenge:**

The 40 Hour Challenge is New Zealand's largest youth fundraising campaign, organised annually by World Vision. World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organisation dedicated to working with children, families, and communities worldwide to overcome poverty and injustice, showing God's unconditional love to our global neighbors in need.

While this year's national challenge asks students to go offline for 40 hours, we have adapted this to the proactiverole of spreading kindness. [Students will work to complete 40 acts of kindness in a 40-hour window, from the start of Assembly on Wednesday 17th June until the start of Chapel on Friday 19th June.](#)

This challenge is a wonderful opportunity for our students to spread kindness and, if they choose to, raise funds for World Vision. Students are highly encouraged to participate in the 40 acts of kindness even if they choose not to fundraise.

### **How to Support and Donate:**

If students would like to take part in fundraising, they can ask sponsors to donate a set amount per task completed or a lump sum upon finishing.

### **Where the Funds Go:**

You can view this short [Launch Video](#) to see exactly where the funds will go and why they are so urgently needed.

### **How to Donate & Sign Up:**

Donations can be made directly to our official [Southwell Fundraising Page](#). Alternatively, students can create their own individual fundraising pages linked to our school profile by clicking the "Join Us" button on that same page.

## CELEBRATING SPORT & TRADITION: THE HEREWORTH EXCHANGE

What an incredible couple of days of camaraderie, competition, and community! On Thursday afternoon, the energy at Southwell shifted into high gear as we welcomed 110 visiting students, coaches, and staff from Hereworth School, spanning 10 teams across 4 different sporting codes.

Our generous Southwell hosts opened their homes and hearts, warmly welcoming the Hereworth students for an evening of billet hosting that truly showcases the spirit of our school community.

Friday morning delivered perfect conditions, bringing calm and settled weather, a backdrop for the action ahead. What followed was a morning of fierce competition and wonderful sportsmanship. On every field and court, students celebrated the very best of sport and the deep-rooted tradition shared between our two schools.

### A Heartfelt Thank You

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who made this special exchange possible. To the meticulous organisers, our incredibly hospitable host families, and the parents and staff who cheered from the sidelines - we appreciate you. This event couldn't happen without your time, effort, and generosity.

### The Value of the Exchange

These exchanges teach our students far more than just how to win or lose. They teach resilience, adaptability, and the value of connection. By stepping out of their comfort zones-whether billeting with a new family or facing a tough opponent on the field-our young people learn the true meaning of hospitality, respect, and lifelong friendship.



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# SOUTHWELL NEWS

## SOUTHWELL EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM YEAR 0-1 TE WHARE TAONGA O WAIKATO MUSEUM DAY TRIP

This term, our youngest learners in Year 0/1 are diving into their PYP Unit of Inquiry, **Sharing the Planet**. They are exploring the wonderful ways people interact with and care for the natural world around us. To support their learning, the students recently visited **Te Whare Taonga o Waikato Museum**. A big focus of their inquiry involves looking right at our local environment - discovering the unique features of our river, learning how people use it, and uncovering how it has changed over time. They looked closely at the daily actions that can help or harm our beautiful environment. What a fun morning of interactive learning was had.



## CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

### DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Online safety is for everyone: Hōhepa Digital Citizens

Online safety should work for everyone - including people with a learning disability. Hōhepa Digital Citizens helps build the skills and confidence to stay safe and in control online, with Easy Read resources, and interactive quizzes.

Whānau and support workers can get up to speed quickly using the online [Guide to Digital Citizens](#) learning module.



Need advice about safer internet use? Contact the [Netsafe helpline](#) for free confidential advice: 0508 638 723

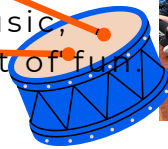
YEAR 4 PRODUCTION *Oz*  
THE WIZARD OF *Oz*.



# SOUTHWELL NEWS

## STRIKE PERCUSSION BRINGS THE BEAT TO SCHOOL

Our Year 4-6 students were treated to an incredible, high-energy performance by Strike Percussion! The show was completely interactive, giving both our students and brave teachers the chance to get up on stage and test out their own rhythm. The highlight of the day was the spectacular fire piece, which left the crowd in awe. It was a fantastic experience that perfectly blended music, creativity, and a whole lot of fun!



## from the LIBRARY

With Matariki coming up, feel free to check out our selection of books which highlight this uniquely kiwi celebration. We have books suitable for all ages.



### BOOK BAGS

Year 1-6 students have book bags for their library books. These are a wonderful invention as they protect the books from getting wet and knocked about. Please do encourage your child to use their book bag and protect our books from a fate worse than damp.



## SHOWQUEST | PERFORMANCE | TALENT

Last Thursday, our talented Southwell Show Quest team had a fantastic day performing at the Waikato Regional Theatre right here in Hamilton. The students performed their hearts out, showcasing incredible teamwork and talent in a truly wonderful performance.

This unforgettable moment was the result of weeks of intense dedication, including hours of hard work, creative planning, and tireless rehearsing by everyone involved.

A massive thank you goes out to all the staff members who guided the team, and to the amazing parents who generously gave up their time to help on the day.

We are so incredibly proud of our performers!



## DRIVEN TO SUCCEED WITH INGHAM DRIVEN!



We are delighted to continue our partnership with Ingham Driven, Hamilton, as a major sponsor of Southwell School.

Beyond their incredibly generous sponsorship, we are deeply grateful to Matthew Salmon and his team for their expert guidance in helping us find the perfect new van for our community. This fantastic new vehicle is exactly what we need to ensure our staff and students travel safely and comfortably to sports fixtures, school trips, and events.

We are incredibly proud to partner with a local business that cares so deeply about supporting our school.

Thank you again, Matthew and the Ingham Driven team!

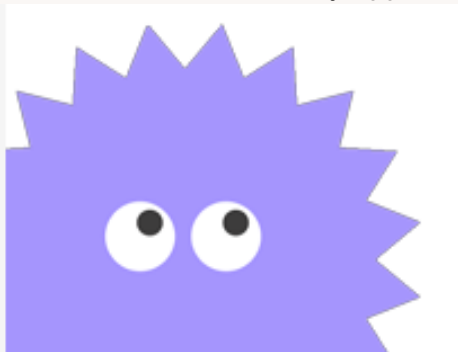


## Have you updated your New World Club Card ?



Did you know that Parents, caregivers and staff can link their Club+ account to **Southwell School**. From there, our associated store, New World Rotouna, will contribute 1% of the total monthly spend from the linked Club+ accounts back to the school. This programme enables schools to receive ongoing support from their local New World, helping to build a positive relationship between the school, store, and wider community.


We would really appreciate you choosing Southwell School as your nominated school.



[Click \*\*HERE\*\* for the nomination form](#)

[Click \*\*HERE\*\* for the Information Sheet](#)

**Please return your signed nomination form to  
Reception in the Management Centre**




Hamilton Civic Choir  
& The St Peter's Cathedral Choir  
present:

## Maana e Whakarewa

**Raising Voices in Song**  
conducted by Elise Bradley, MNZM & Dr Rochael Griffiths-Hughes


Featuring  
**Requiem in D Minor- Fauré**  
and other classical favourites

7pm Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2026. St Peter's Cathedral,  
Hamilton



TICKETS FROM HUMANIX.COM/NZ  
PRICES RANGE FROM \$10 TO \$40  
DOOR SALES SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY  
VISIT [hamiltoncivicchoir.org.nz](http://hamiltoncivicchoir.org.nz) for details

A fundraising concert  
supporting earthquake  
strengthening of St Peter's  
Cathedral



SAVING  
WAIKATO  
CATHEDRAL  
Church of St Peter

## WET WEATHER SCHOOL PICK-UP

We understand school pick-up can be a stressful time, especially with this wet weather. Together we can ensure a smooth and safe collection if we remember the following:

- Be patient, stay calm and be respectful of others
- Respect our neighbours, do not park on grass berms, footpaths or over/in driveways.
- Delay pick up when possible, arriving before the bell only creates congested streets... wait until after the bell, students will be ready and parking becomes available.

Thanks for playing your part to  
ensure a safe and stress free school pick-up



## Annie GOES BOARDING

Late nights rehearsals..

Parents driving back and forward...

Spend your weeknights in the boarding house over Opera Season?

Weekly: \$500 or Full Term: \$4,450

Costs inclusive of care, food, laundry & activities

Find the short term boarding application form on the 'Boarding' page of our website.

Applications encouraged before Friday 26 June 2026.

Completed application forms or short term boarding enquiries can be directed to:

[becky.russell@southwell.school.nz](mailto:becky.russell@southwell.school.nz)

## INLINE HOCKEY REGISTRATION | NOW OPEN

Is your child looking for an exciting new sport to try?

Southwell School has a strong presence in the league. We welcome students from all Year Levels, teams are structured to accommodate everyone -from absolute beginners to experienced players.

If your child is keen to give it a go, they don't need to know how to skate or play beforehand. It is a wonderful, supportive environment to learn a fast and fun new skill. Games are held on Wednesday afternoon.

**Keen to join or have questions?**

Please reach out to Darren Bryan at [darren.bryan@southwell.school.nz](mailto:darren.bryan@southwell.school.nz) to register your interest or find out more.



# SOUTHWELL SNAPSHOTS

