



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends,

Term 3 has started with a wonderful sense of energy, and there is excitement ahead as we look toward many events this coming term.

All Hallows Chapel Centenary

One hundred years ago, the doors to our Chapel opened for the very first time, establishing what has been the heart of our community for a century.

We have a memorable week of centenary celebrations planned from 30 August to 4 September, including special services for our wider community, Alumni, and current families. Please look out for further details and registration information in this newsletter, as well as on our Facebook and Instagram pages!



The Daffodil Dash

On Tuesday, 11 August, we will hold a special charity awareness event around the Oval combining Daffodil Day with a tribute to Southwell teacher - Becki Ross. Students can choose to swap their uniforms for casual clothing day (Daffodil Day 'yellow' is encouraged) and complete a physical movement challenge - complete with a dunk tank for brave staff!

Alongside raising awareness for the Cancer Society, we have had families ask how they can directly support Becki's Givealittle page. You'll find more sponsorship details later in this newsletter if you would like to be involved.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/becks-battle-of-the-cancer-continues>

We look forward to sharing a memorable term ahead with you all.

Keryn Bindon, Headmaster

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sabres Inline Hockey Team

Winners | Interschool A Grade Comp.

Theo Chen, Jack Baldock, Jay Chen, Hugo Chen, Veronica Lee, Leo Xu



T2 -Achievement Badge

Indy Feisst, Mila Pert, Alana Harawira



Chess Badges | Level 1

Michael Lim, Phoebe Barnes, Jayden Chen, Kendall Merritt, Robyn Jansen van Rensburg, Sarina Girn, Arthur Ma, Fujian Wang, Feison Qi, Sky Li



Chess Badges | Level 2

Liam Wein, Achilles Xiao, Jiahua Yang, Aiden Zhang, Jayden Qiao, Edison Yang, Felix Tang, Zeno Xiong

SPEECH & DRAMA SOCIETY | HAMILTON COMPETITION

Roslyn Cunnington Trophy - Group Drama



Sofiya Taylor, Izabella Burgess, Hannah Grayling

Restricted Class Senior



Izabella Burgess

Rising Star Trophy



Milla Xu

Character Recital Y8-9, Excellence in Mime

Roslyn Cunnington Cup



Amelie Charles

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SPEECH & DRAMA SOCIETY | HAMILTON COMPETITION

Laura Watson
Improvisation Pair



Harry Johnston, Asha Bourke, Joshua Bourke



- 1st -Prepared Speech, Poem 8-9ys, Original Poetry
U/12 - Aria Mahajan
1st- Pianoforte Examinations- Leah Chen, Ella Li,
Jayden Chen
2nd - All Strings Junior/Int Chamber Group- Max
Zhang, Ella Li, Ryan Jia



Year 3 Values Badges

3LSi - Gabby Hart, Rohan Patel, Norah Ukra, Mackenzie Woodyard, Aubree Zeng, Harper Lin, Tessa Burns

3JF - Sanah Mistry, Sophia Rawcliffe, Lucy Roach, Oscar Appleby, Elga McKimmie, Rachel Ferrar, Isla Amin

HOME ROOM LEARNING CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to welcoming Parents & Caregivers to our Week 3, Term 3 Learning Conferences. A few reminders;

These meetings are held in your child's home room
They are 10 minute meetings
Students from Y3-8 are to attend this meeting
Students are to wear their Grey Uniform

SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY - WEEKS 1 & 2

THE BELOW IMAGES WERE DISPLAYED ON THE LARGE SCREEN AT ASSEMBLY
STUDENTS TELL US WHAT YOU DO TO BE A TEAM PLAYER



Supporting teammates

Not hogging the ball and using your whole team

When someone is hurt you stop and help them out

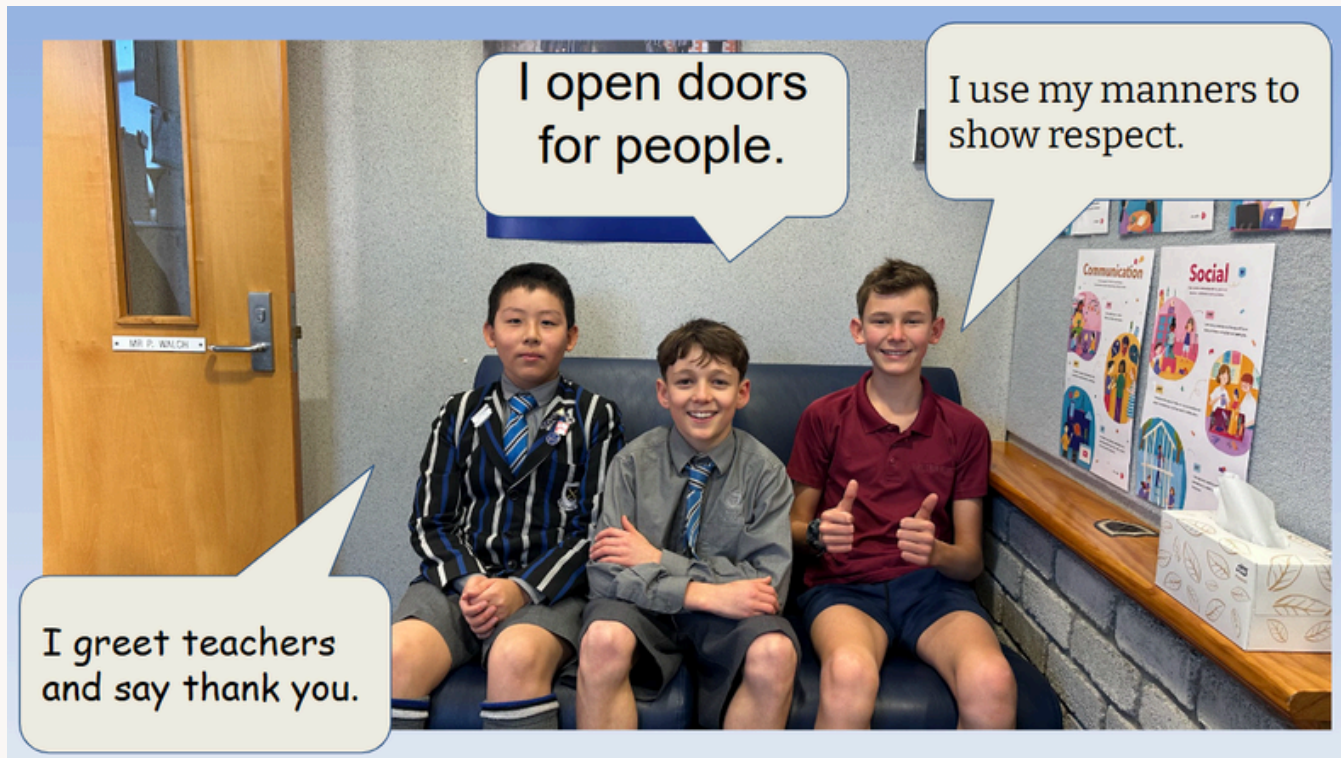
Being a good loser or winner

WHO IS A TEAM PLAYER?



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STUDENTS TELL US HOW THEY SHOW COURTESY



WHO IS COURTEOUS?



All Hallows Echo



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN – THE REVEREND BLYTHE CODY

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope that the term break gave you time to rest, recharge, and spend time together. It is lovely to see the school humming with life again, and I'm looking forward to all that this term holds.

In some of our Christian Education classes, we will be looking at Christian artwork and icons in particular. As I prepared this term's lessons, I reflected on what most of us would think of when we hear the word icon, that small picture on our phone screen that acts like a portkey to a different place. But the word is far older than our phones: icon comes from the Greek *eikōn*, meaning image or likeness. Icons are not created simply as works of art to be admired for their colours, beauty and craftsmanship, though they are certainly that, but as windows we can look through, helping us to see the presence and love of God.

On the very first page of the Bible, we read that every human being is made in the image, the *eikōn*, of God. Which means the truest icon of God you will see today isn't hanging on a wall. It's the person sitting across the breakfast table. It's the child focusing on learning a new skill, the colleague at work, the stranger at the school gate. Every person we encounter is a glimpse of the beauty and love of God.

The great Māori priest and theologian Pā Henare Tate taught this same truth: every person is tapu, sacred, because every person belongs to God. And how we treat one another matters deeply, because when we honour someone's tapu, we lift their mana; when we are careless with each other, we diminish it.

So here is a small invitation for the week ahead: try seeing the people in your home, your workplace, your neighbourhood and your city as icons. When your child looks in the mirror tomorrow morning, they are looking at an image of God, sacred, tapu, and deeply loved. And so, of course, are you.

SOUTHWELL NEWS | CHAPEL CENTENARY CELEBRATION WEEK



Looking forward to our Chapel Centenary Celebrations

One hundred years ago, the doors to our Chapel opened for the very first time. For a century, it has been the heart of our community and we've got a memorable week of celebrations planned. We would love our entire community; past, present, and future to join us in our celebrations!

Here are the key events:

Sunday, 30th August | 3:45 pm - Chapel Centenary Celebration Service
Arrival and refreshments available from 3 pm. A special service for our Community and Alumni. Please confirm attendance [HERE](#).

Wednesday, 2nd September | 6:00 pm - **Family Chapel Service**
All Southwell families are warmly invited to come together for a special evening of worship and reflection.

Throughout the week, our students will also be taking part in All Hallows Chapel Centenary themed activities:

- Tuesday 1st September – Creative classroom activities
- Wednesday 2nd September – School wide fun celebrations
- Friday 4th September - A special student Chapel service to round off this unforgettable week.

Save the dates and celebrate 100 years with us .

SOUTHWELL NEWS

NAU MAI TE MAATAHI O TE TAU – CELEBRATING MATARIKI TOGETHER

Last week, our school community came together to celebrate Matariki, honouring its core themes of remembering those before us, reflecting on the present, and looking to the future with hope.

Our aakonga (students) explored the Matariki star cluster and its connection to the environment. It was wonderful seeing the tuakana/teina spirit in action as older and younger students learned side-by-side during Te Reo Maaori lessons. For the week, our sports pavilion became a vibrant whare ako (learning space) where classes enjoyed:

- A 30-minute kite-making challenge
- Weaving woollen Matariki stars
- A lively Matariki quiz
- Building a collaborative star reflecting Matariki themes
- Creating glowing nightscape artwork

We brought the week to a close on Friday morning, gathering at dawn for a shared karakia and waiata with our Kapa Haka group. Standing together in the early light was a special reminder of our strong community. Thank you to our amazing aakonga for a wonderful week.

Maanawatia a Matariki!



Grown ups
don't have to
know everything

Digital Guardian Guide



CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

DIGITAL GUARDIAN GUIDE

Being online is a normal part of life for young people, but it doesn't always come with an instruction manual for whānau.

That's why Netsafe created the Digital Guardian Guide, a free online resource designed to help parents, caregivers and trusted adults feel more confident navigating the digital world with young people.

You don't need to be a technology expert.

What matters most is staying connected, curious and available.

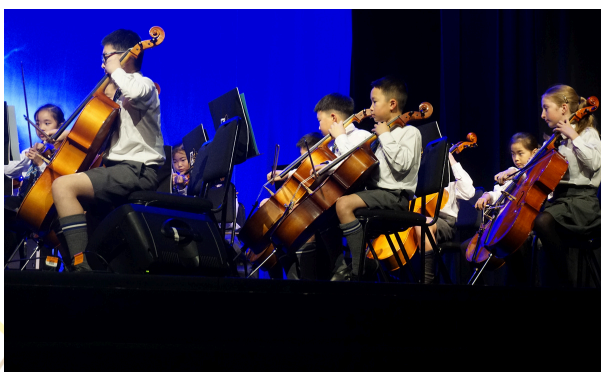
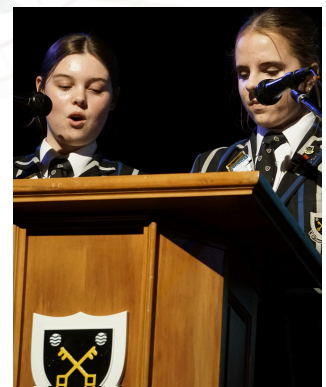
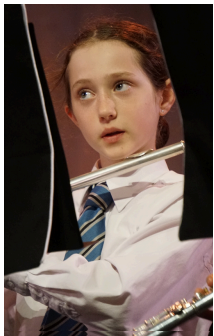
Click [here](#) to access the guide.

SOUTHWELL NEWS - PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT

A WORLD OF MUSIC: OUR STUDENTS SHINE AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CONCERT!

Our students' hard work and talent were on full display at this year's Performing Arts Concert. After countless hours of learning, rehearsing, and polishing, they took us on an incredible musical journey. We couldn't be prouder of their outstanding performances!

A huge thank you to our amazing Performing Arts team, our itinerant teachers, Mrs. Albery, Mrs. McIntyre, and Mrs. Flexman, for creating an environment where our students truly get to shine. What a memorable evening for everyone!



SOUTHWELL SCHOOL ICAS 2026 SITTING SCHEDULE



With student enrolments now closed and confirmed, we are able to share ICAS competitions sitting dates for 2026.

ICAS competitions are designed for students to be able to sit without the need for prior study or revision - specific preparation for ICAS tests is not required as the assessments are skills-based. Competitions are sat online, under exam conditions, during the school day.

If your child is absent from school on their sitting date, they will be able to catch-up missed assessments during any other sitting time within the same week.

TIMETABLE FOR SITTING DATES AND TIMES

Week 4	Monday 10 August	Tuesday 11 August	Wednesday 12 August	Thursday 13 August	Friday 14 August
ICAS English	Yr 4	Yr 7 and Yr 8	Yr 5	Yr 6	Catch-up - all year groups
Week 5	Monday 17 August	Tuesday 18 August	Wednesday 19 August	Thursday 20 August	Friday 21 August
ICAS Science	Yr 8 and Yr 7		Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6		Catch-up - all year groups
Week 6	Monday 24 August	Tuesday 25 August	Wednesday 26 August	Thursday 27 August	Friday 28 August
ICAS Maths	Yr 4	Yr 7 and Yr 8	Yr 5	Yr 6	Catch-up - all year groups



from the **LIBRARY**

Have you asked your child about their current 'Just Read' book for this term?

Talking together about books is a great way to spark extra interest, boost comprehension, and keep them motivated.

Run with Purpose: Supporting Becki Ross's Battle



Many of our community have asked how they can support a beloved Southwell family member and former teacher, Becki Ross (Miss Ross), as she continues her battle with cancer. Our upcoming Cross Country gives our students the chance to run with a purpose. Here is how it works:

- Get the booklet:** Follow the [link](#) to access the sponsorship booklet, download and print, if you would like your child to take part.
- Gather sponsors:** Students gather sponsors prior to the Southwell Cross Country.
- Collect donations:** Once the event is completed, retrieve the pledged donations from your sponsors.
- Donate:** Parents can deposit the funds directly to the nominated bank account on [Becki's Givealittle page](#).

Thank you to our whanau who wish to encourage and support your children to stand behind Miss Ross.

HAMILTON SPEECH & DRAMA COMPETITION

During the recent school holidays, several of our students showcased their talents at the Hamilton Speech & Drama Competition. Competing across poetry, prose readings, storytelling, plays, speeches, and impromptu categories, our students shone bright. Beyond the impressive placings and awards, it was fantastic to see every participant build confidence, resilience, and valuable stage presence throughout the experience.

Congratulations to our Special Award Trophy winners:

Milla Xu: Junior Scholarship, Mime Award, & Rising Star

Aria Mahajan: Original Poem & Young Orator

Amelie Charles: Intermediate Scholarship

Evie Rushbrooke: Improvised Storytelling

Izzy Burgess: Restricted Poem Senior

Sofiya Taylor, Hannah Grayling, & Izzy Burgess: Group Drama Award

Well done to all the students who took part and represented our school so brilliantly!



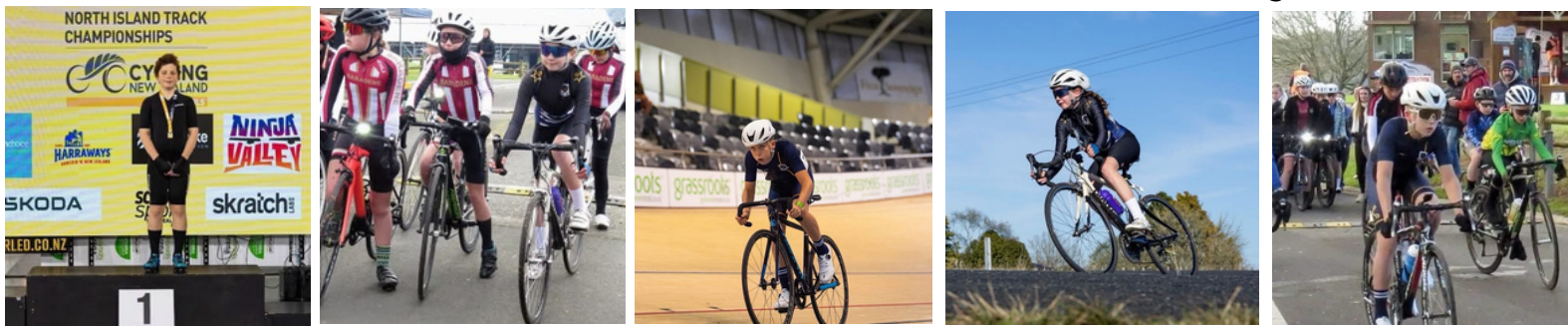
CYCLING SUCCESS AT NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Deagon and Georgia for representing Southwell School with incredible sportsmanship and grit at the North Island Schools Road Championships over the break.

Deagon (U13 Boys): 3rd place (Bronze) in the 26.6km Road Race in an exciting sprint finish (1 second off 1st!), and 2nd overall (Silver) in the six-race Track Omnium.

Georgia (U13 Girls): 4th place in the 26.6km Road Race and 6th place in the 6km Criterium.

Well done to both riders on a fantastic week of racing!



WINTER CRICKET

ALL PROCEEDS GOING BACK INTO YOUTH CRICKET

STARTING MONDAY 3RD OF AUG

3:30PM – 4:30PM

SOUTHWELL IRC (INDOOR NETS)

KEY TO REGISTER – PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST!

McKay Murray
First XI cricketer, St. Paul's
Provincial Representative
International Representative

BEGINNER SESSION: (YR4+)

- ✓ Introduction to hardball cricket and the fundamentals. Discover why cricket is the best sport!
- ✓ Fun, game-based action
- ✓ For anyone considering cricket or sports requiring hand-eye coordination

YOUR FIRST SESSION FREE
Further sessions **\$20**

EXPERIENCED CRICKETERS: (PLAYED 2+ SEASONS)

- ✓ Winter training tips
- ✓ Technique work
- ✓ How to get High School ready
- ✓ Raising your ceiling before the season starts

YOUR FIRST SESSION FREE
Further sessions **\$30**

JUST BRING WATER.
All other gear is available. Wear your PE kit.
FIRST SESSION WILL BE NO PADS.

FUTURE SESSIONS
SESSIONS DESIGNED AROUND NUMBERS.
KEY TO REGISTER.
Numbers may be capped once coach-to-player ratios are reached.

QUESTIONS AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:
mckayhpmurray@gmail.com | OR TEXT 021 0767 655
Note child name, experience level, and parent's phone number.

NOTE – This is not a Southwell School event.
It is independently run and offered exclusively to Southwell students.
Payment will be collected after sessions. Details to follow.

A huge congratulations to The Silver Note Quartet for their fabulous performance at the Hamilton Competitions during the school holidays. After dedicated rehearsals at school in the morning, the ensemble delivered a beautiful afternoon performance, securing 2nd place in the **All Strings Junior Chamber Group** section. Well done to everyone involved!



SOUTHWELL SNAPSHOTS

