



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents, Whānau, and Friends,

Week 4 has brought about plenty of colour, fun and festivity for our learners - both on and off the Southwell grounds!

This week we have especially enjoyed seeing our teachers throw themselves wholeheartedly into life alongside students - supporting performances in the Arts, coaching fixture teams, and willingly sitting over a tank of cold water to get dunked by eager students!

It is that willingness to join in the fun that builds genuine trust and connection between children and adults. Highlights this week:

- **The Daffodil Dash** - on Tuesday, the Oval was a sea of yellow, as students supported Daffodil Day - with the absolute highlight ... the dunk tank!
- **Rockshop BandQuest** - our two Southwell Rock Bands played at the Clarence Street Theatre on Wednesday evening - great courage and extraordinary performances! Read of our results further in the newsletter.
- **St George's and Huntley Sports Fixtures** - two school fixtures in one week created a fantastic display of sportsmanship and camaraderie. A huge thank you to all the parents and whānau who travelled to support our Southwell teams.

To our community of students, parents and teachers, thanks as always for your ongoing support.

Keryn Bindon, Headmaster



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SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPEECH & DRAMA SOCIETY COMPETITIONS



T2 Achievement Badge
Madeline Beer



Aubree Zeng



Evangeline
Rushbrooke

INTERSCHOOL CHESS



Edwin Zhou



Year 3 Values Badges

3LSi - Sana Singh, Monty Bindon, Charlotte Owen, Connor Wells, Aashvik Chudasama, Poppy Armstrong, Jia-Jia Yang

3JF - Doris Bi, Arlo Riggins, Eden Visser, Ashvik Nair, James Stewart, Zara Fink



BOARDER OF THE WEEK

Angus Glenn -
for being positive
and just getting
on with things

MATHS & SPECIALIST LEARNING CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to welcoming Parents & Caregivers to our Week 6, Term 3 Maths & Specialist Learning Conferences. A few reminders;

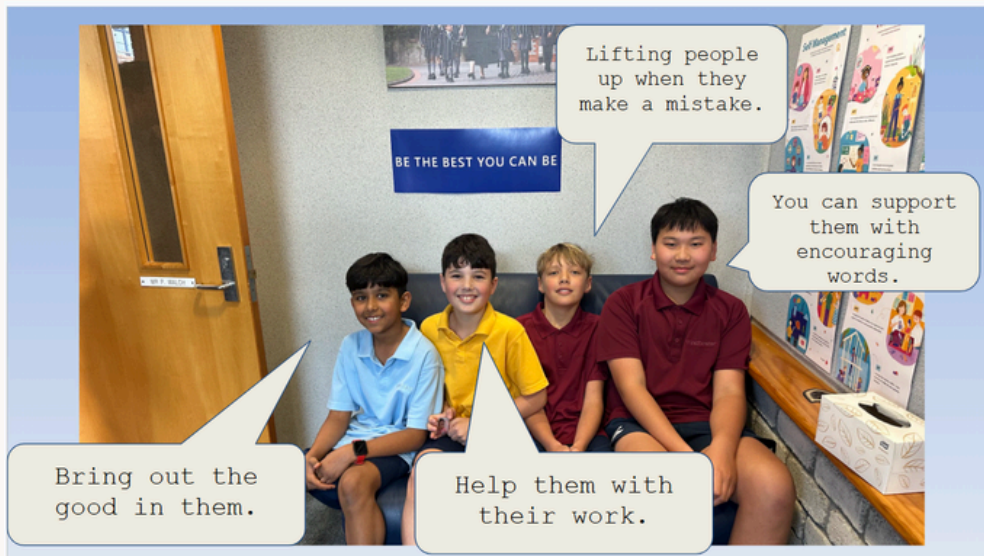
Interviews are open and available to be booked
These meetings are held in the PAC Foyer (except Mrs Voss & Steffert's Thursday conferences, they are in Rm 23 & 24)

They are 5 minute meetings
Students are not required to attend these meetings

SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY - WEEKS 3 & 4

THE BELOW IMAGES WERE DISPLAYED ON THE LARGE SCREEN AT ASSEMBLY

STUDENTS TELL US HOW WE CAN HELP OTHERS BY ENCOURAGING THEM

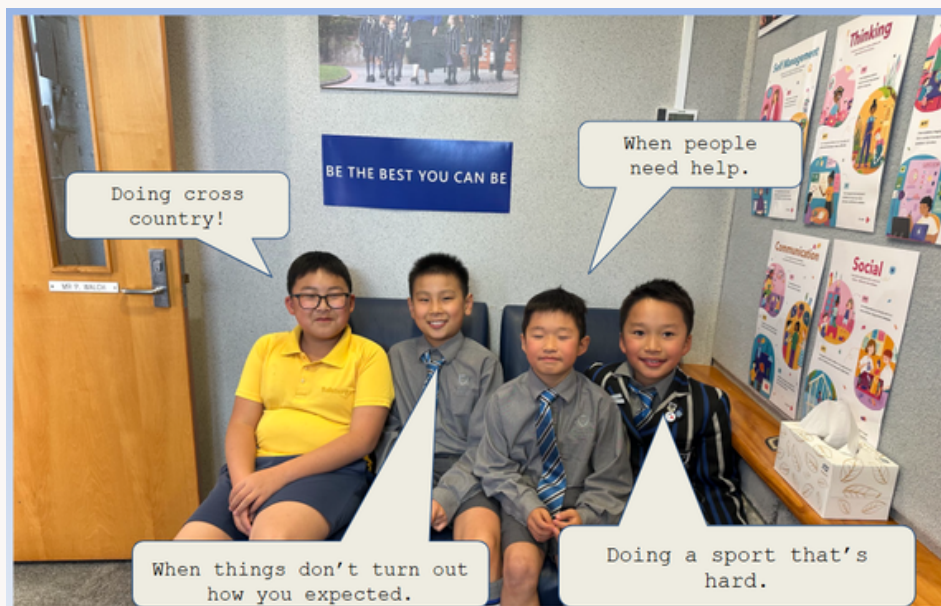


WHO ENCOURAGES OTHERS?



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STUDENTS TELL US WHEN IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE OPTIMISTIC



WHO IS OPTIMISTIC?



SOUTHWELL NEWS | CHAPEL CENTENARY CELEBRATION WEEK

All Hallows Chapel Centenary Pin Order



To mark 100 years of All Hallows Chapel, a special limited edition Southwell pin has been created as a keepsake of this milestone celebration. Only a limited number of pins have been produced, making it a special memento of a once-in-100-years moment in Southwell's history.

If you would like to place an order, please click [HERE](#) to complete the form and authorise payment of \$25 per pin through your child's school account. Pins can be collected from the Uniform Shop starting the week of Monday, August 24th. We will send an update closer to the date with your specific collection day.

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 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 .

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8 YEARS & 9 YEARS BADGE

Each year, a special group of students are recognised for spending their entire school journey at Southwell School: the members of the 8 Years and 9 Years Clubs. They were awarded their badges in assembly, followed by a celebratory pizza lunch in the pavilion with Mrs. Bindon, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Walch.



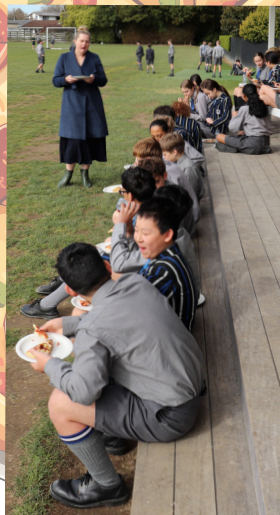
8 Years at Southwell

Juno Knauf, Mia Botha, Roimata Buckle, Jack Hobson, Amyrose Hooper, Amelia Li, Boston Nicholson, Samantha Pagey, Poppy Pearson, Evangeline Rushbrooke, Sarah Saju, Martine Zender, Max Wang

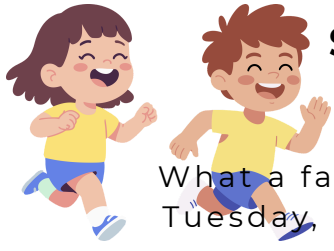


9 Years at Southwell

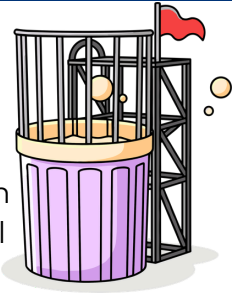
Nixon Maber, Khloe Tairi, Jonny Cridge, Yamaan Mohammed, Kian Raman, Max Zhang, Theo Chen, Kayden Hyde



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SUNSHINE, SMILES, RUNS AND COLD WATER DUNKS!



What a fantastic day of fun, purpose, and community spirit! On Tuesday, our school came together to support two very special causes: the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day and Becki Ross' Givealittle page. Dressed and accessorised in vibrant shades of yellow, staff began the day with a special breakfast event, and together our students and staff brought wonderful energy as they moved around the Oval, earning the ultimate reward, the chance to dunk our brave staff into the icy dunk tank!

A huge thank you to our event organisers, as well as every student and staff member who participated and made this meaningful and memorable day such a success.



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CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

CYBERBULLYING — HOW OUR SCHOOL AND WHĀNAU CAN TACKLE IT TOGETHER

We have discussed cyberbullying and the importance of recognising online harm, responding safely, and knowing how to get help. Because much of a child's digital life happens outside of school hours, your support at home is the most effective way to build their digital resilience.



By staying informed and maintaining open communication, you can help your child navigate the online world with confidence. To assist with these conversations, we recommend reviewing the specific guidance for families provided by Netsafe.

You can find practical advice on your role in preventing and managing [online bullying here](#). Have you been affected by online harm? Contact the [Netsafe helpline](#) for free confidential advice: 0508 638 723



CULTURAL CLOTHING DAY

As part of our Languages Week celebrations in Week Five, we are excited to share with you information about our **Cultural Clothing Day** on **Monday 17 August**, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many cultures that enrich our school community.

On this day, students are invited to come to school dressed in cultural clothing that represents their own family heritage, or a culture they feel connected to and wish to respectfully support. It's a chance for students to proudly express their identity or celebrate cultural traditions from around the world.

Recently, we have received a number of complaints regarding illegal and inconsiderate parking during drop-off and pick-up times, particularly around Enderley Avenue and neighbouring driveways.

Please be mindful that parking on yellow lines or blocking residents' driveways severely reduces visibility and creates major safety hazards for our students crossing the road. We ask all parents and caregivers to show courtesy to our neighbors and strictly follow road safety rules.

The safety and well-being of our students must be everyone's top priority. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our community safe.

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from the LIBRARY

Our students are currently checking out the NZ Book Award Finalists and they will all get to vote on the book which they would most like to have in their own collection. It is a great way to celebrate books written by kiwis FOR kiwis.

These books are worth a look and cover a wide range of genres, formats, themes and topics:



CLICK [HERE](#) TO
CHECK OUT
ALL
OF THE
FINALISTS.

SLANZA

School Library Association of New Zealand Aotearoa

School libraries are essential to ensure that the building blocks of structured literacy are strengthened by developing the joy of reading, increasing reading comprehension, empathy, and the capacity to learn.

"EVERY child deserves the benefits of a school library programme"

IFLA-UNESCO School Library Manifesto 2025

School Libraries TRANSFORM

Essential Learning Infrastructure

School libraries are not optional extras, they are critical infrastructure required for equitable student achievement and Māori and Pasifika learner success.

Every student in Aotearoa deserves access to a well-resourced school library and specialised librarian, to ensure that they have equitable access to resources needed to achieve their reading and learning potential.

From 'Learning to Read' to 'Reading to Learn'

School librarians cultivate a culture of reading for pleasure, essential for students to consolidate the fundamentals of literacy.

Sanctuary for Well-Being

School libraries provide safe and inclusive spaces that are vital for supporting student mental health.

Future-Ready Learners

School librarians are research specialists who teach students critical thinking, how to navigate AI, find information, and evaluate sources.

The Power of School Libraries

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

	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





ROCKING THE STAGE AT ROCKSHOP BANDQUEST

What incredible talent we have at our school! This week, our student rock bands took to the stage at Clarence Street Theatre to compete in Rockshop BandQuest, Aotearoa's premier live music event for primary and intermediate students.

Our bands were nothing short of inspirational, completely electrifying the venue and holding the crowd in the palms of their hands from start to finish!

Huge congratulations to our standout award winners:

Theo Chen – Awarded the Killer Guitarist award

Spicy Strings – Awarded 2nd Place overall

The Blue Socks – Taking out 1st Place!

We are so immensely proud of our student musicians for their outstanding performances. A very special thank you to Mrs. Albergy and Mr. Cosgrove for their fantastic support, guidance, and mentorship in making this achievement possible.



WINTER SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS

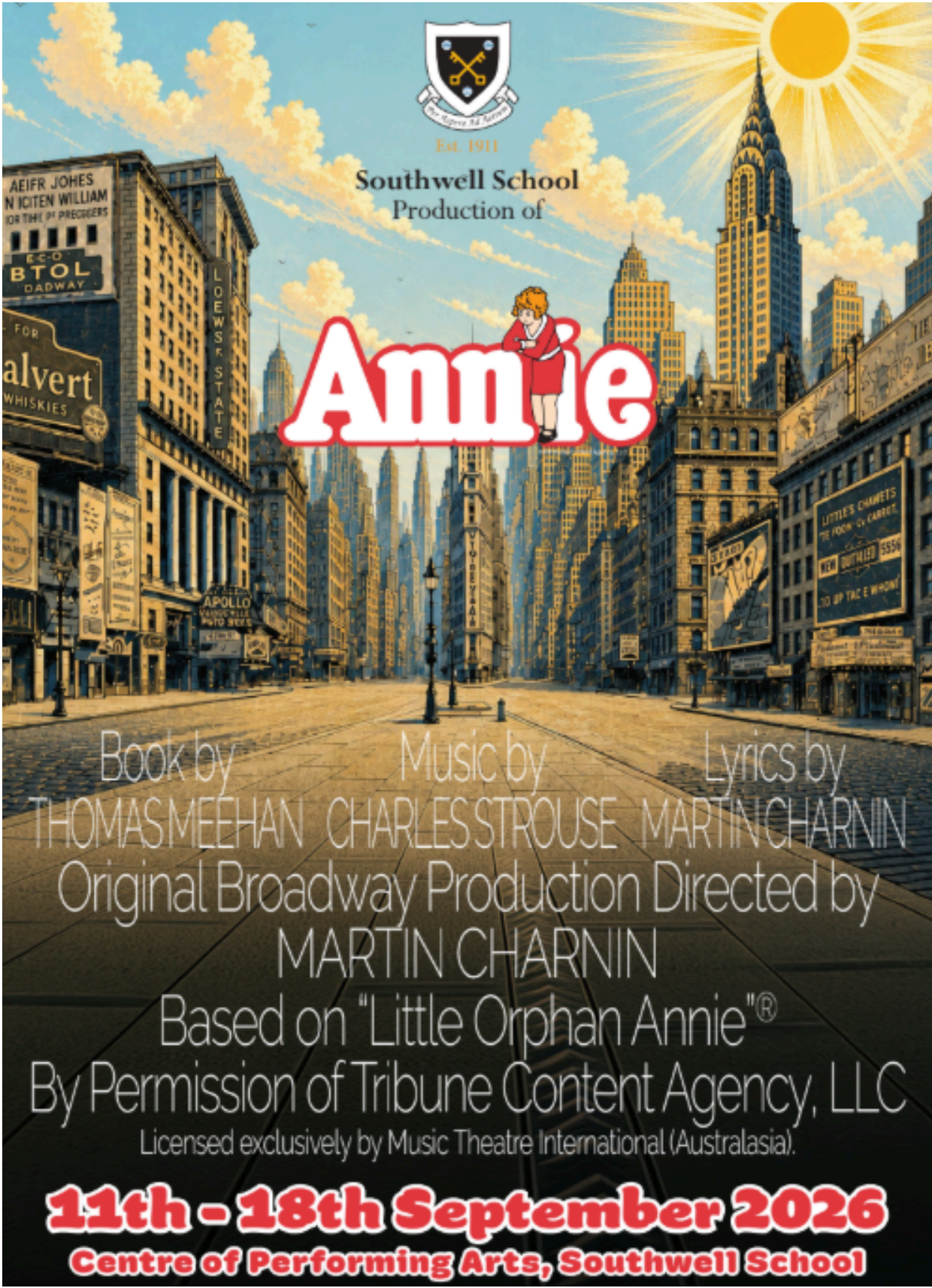
Student WINTER team photos are now live and ready to view and order.

Unique Keycodes have been sent to parents via email. Please check your spam folders if you have not received an email and are expecting to.

Free delivery applies to orders placed before midnight on Sunday, 30 August 2026.

Parent enquiries can be directed to enquiries@photolife.co.nz



A vibrant, stylized illustration of a New York City street scene, likely Times Square, featuring iconic skyscrapers like the Chrysler Building under a bright sun with rays. The scene is filled with vintage-style advertisements on buildings, such as 'AEIFR JONES', 'N ICITEN WILLIAM', 'E-C-BTOL DADWAY', 'FOR alvert WHISKIES', 'LOEWS STATE', 'APOLLO', 'VIOLETTA', 'LITTLE'S CHARWETS', and 'NEW BUTTERED 5556'. A small cartoon character of Annie, a girl in a red dress, stands on the word 'Annie' which is written in large, bold, red-outlined white letters across the middle of the image.


Est. 1911
Southwell School
Production of

Annie

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN Music by CHARLES STROUSE Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN
Original Broadway Production Directed by MARTIN CHARNIN
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The 'Annie' logo in large, bold, red-outlined white letters, with a small cartoon character of Annie standing on the letter 'i'.

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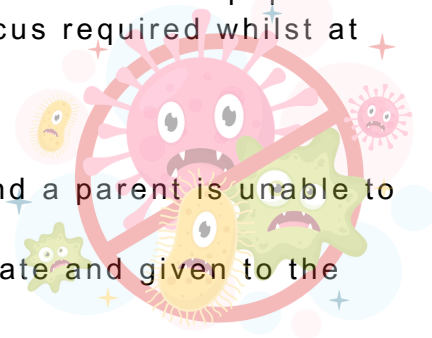
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In order for pupils to gain maximum learning they need to be well. Often a pupil who seemed well at home can find it difficult to cope with the focus required whilst at school.

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.

A large collage of 20 photographs showing various school activities. The images include students reading books, playing chess, working at computers, participating in sports like basketball, soccer, and netball, playing on a playground, and attending a presentation. A central image shows a group of students with large question marks on a wall, and another shows the entrance to the 'SOUTHWELL MANAGEMENT CENTRE'.