Week 2, Term 4 - 23rd October 2026

SOUTHWELL NEWSLETTER



From the Headmaster

Term 4 has swung into full momentum this week, with rich opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. It has been a joy to watch our students throw themselves into the life of the school as the final term of the year gathers pace.

This past week showcased the very best of Southwell's culture. Our Year 5 to 8 Combined Choir returned from a tour to Thames, where music brought children together and fostered leadership as our older students mentored and cared for our younger singers.

Our travelling sports teams represented us with pride during an overnight fixture to Hereworth - an experience that strengthened the bonds between our independent schools network.

On campus, our students have been buzzing with anticipation of next week's Founders Day celebrations - especially House line-dancing preparations which will no doubt lead to wonderful House spirit on the day!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support as we navigate this action-packed final term of the school year together.

Keryn Bindon, Headmaster

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALTRUSA YOUNG CITIZENS AWARD

We are proud to announce **Sofiya Taylor**, has been named our recipient of the 2026 Altrusa Young Citizens Award.

This special award recognises a Year 8 student who excels in character, citizenship, and personal application to their learning. Sofiya's dedication in and out of the classroom makes her a truly deserving recipient. She will be celebrated at the award ceremony on Wednesday, 28th October 2026 at the Hamilton Gardens.

Congratulations Sofiya

INLINE HOCKEY CLUB & NATIONAL SUCCESS



Gold Medal - Scorpions
Theo Chen, Veronica Lee, Leo Xu, Lachlan Rope, Florence Rope, Leah Chen,Hugo Grennell

Silver Medal - Saints
Kahurangi Potae-Tamatea, Shaun Saju, Hugh Bindon Jasmine Rope, Mia Botha, Elney Botha





New Zealand Nationals
Under 10s - 1st - Leah Chen, Veronica Lee, Jay Chen
Under 12s - 1st - Theo Chen, Hugo Chen
Youth Women - 1st - Leah Chen, Veronica Lee
Junior Women - 3rd- Hugo Grennell stepped up to play Goalie

2026 PERFORMING ARTS COLOURS

BOYS CHOIR



Kayden Hyde, Max Wang, Ryan Jia, Stan Stewart, Kobe Martin, Jacob Li, Dylan Daws, Harry Hatcher, Jack McGehan, Simón Nordstrom, Pedro Nordstrom

GIRLS CHOIR



Martine Zender, Evangeline Rushbrooke, Juno Knauf, Mia Botha, Scarlett Davison Kahurangi Potae-Tamatea, Sarah Yang, Audrey Crompton, Leah Munro, Holly Hodgson, Georgia Hoy

ROCKBAND



Max Zhang, Briar Ord, Eden Chen, Ellie Li Jacob Li, Adi Patel, Caleb Winter, Ryder Laity, Kobe Martin, Dylan Daws, Lucas Wang, Hannah Li
Reawarded: Theo Chen, Juno Knauf, Mia Botha

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Eden Chen, Ellie Li, Max Zhang, Kayden Hyde, Sarah Saju, Ryan Jia, Scarlett Davison, Karys Jones, Roddy Tan Jacob Li, Lucas Wang

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERA



Poppy Pearson, Briar Ord, Juno Knauf, Mia Botha, Arielle Hughes, Rose Stark Adelaide Oehley, Ellie Li, Camilla Al Zuraiqi, Ella Russell, Kahurangi Potae-Tamatea, Jessie Martin, Jack Baldock, Eden McCaffrey, Mackenzie Fleming, Mila Gregory, Stan Stewart, Harry Hatcher, Sienna Culpepper, Tate Bradding Arya Bange, Blake McIntyre, Isla Anderson, Nikita Lillas, Amelie Charles, Lucas Wang, Fergus Duder, Ryder Laity
Reawarded: Evangeline Rushbrook, Emily Aquilina

KAPA HAKA



Kahurangi Deane, Keanu Gault, Sam McLeod, Arahia Turia-Fox

ACHIEVEMENT TIES & BADGES



Arielle Hughes, Jackson Rawcliffe

BOARDER OF THE WEEK



Allegra Darke for being kind, poistive & helpful

SOUTHWELL NEWS- AWARDS, BADGES, CERTIFICATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERA BADGES - BACK STAGE CREW BOYS



Aiden Zhang, Alice Tang, Amanda Liu, Anna Gan, Annabel Stent, Bella Bai, Charlie Inglis, Charlie Yang, Dilnoor Janda, Edith Paterson, Emelia Hosking, Francesca Matich, Georgia Donald, Grace Qin, Hannah Li, Hugh Welch, Jackson Greene, Jackson Rawcliffe, Jacob Schneider, Jaeden Potter, Kendall Merritt, Kenzia Cox, Logan Dodds, Lucas Liu, Marshall Renshaw, Max Zhang, Minh Phan, Oscar Shi, Riley Dodds, Roddy Tan, Roimata Buckle, Stefan Jovanovic, Taj de Groen, Theo Trenwith, Tillie Asplet, Varun Vijay Anand, Wharenui Thompson-Evans, Wilson Savage, Yamaan Mohammed. Re-awarded -Sofiya Taylor

OPERA BADGES - BACK STAGE CREW GIRLS



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OPERA BADGES - FOYER THEATRE BOYS



Adel Patel, Alexa Sanders-Edwards, Anja Nooyen, Ashton Catley, Blaire Dymock, Callum Ward, Charlee Flaxman, Charlotte Ariaens, Charlotte Bell, Chloe Cui, Cooper Burman, Emily Stevenson, Ewen Maisonneuve, Grace Liang, Harrison Pestello, Harry Jones, Ingrid Richardson, Jonty Taylor, Kian Raman, Kyra Vithani, Lewis Moore, Lilya Roderick, Logan Ralfe, Mia Terry, Mila Germann, Molly Peckham, Olivia Kay, Pip Ormrod, Rizak Kaur, Sam Benjamin, Theo Laity Thomas Dudin, William Glenn. Reawarded- Indie Harvey

OPERA BADGES - FOYER THEATRE GIRLS



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Interschool Chess National Final
Placed 7th - Edwin Zhou, Kieran Yu, Christopher Lim, Michael Lim

Chess Test Certficates and Badges
Level 1: Khashram Saphen, William Lord, Neve Williams, Oscar Shi
Level 2: Feison Qi, Luke Jansen van Rensburg, Sky Li, Amanda Liu, Jerry Ji
Level 3: Zeno Xiong, Achilles Xiao, Aiden Zhang, Edison Yang



OTAGO PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Presentation of book token awards for excellent results in the first round of the OPS

Theo Chen, Zeno Xiang
Leo Xu

THE BELOW IMAGES WERE DISPALYED ON THE LARGE SCREEN AT ASSEMBLY

WHO SHOWS ENTHUSIASM?



SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY-WEEKS 1 & 2

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STUDENTS TELL US ABOUT BEING COMPOSED



WHO SHOWS COMPOSURE?





SOUTHWELL NEWS

TOO GOOD NOT TO SHARE

At the end of a very busy term 3 - Southwell students were still shining at numerous events and we just had to share.

Podium Finishes & Big Efforts

Our talented cross-country runners put on a fantastic display of determination and school spirit at the Waikato Full Primary Schools Cross Country Championships held at Rotokauri School. Every single athlete gave 100%, pushed through the tough course, and left everything out on the track.

A special congratulations to our individual & team medalists.

Charlotte Bell | 1st Place (Year 8 Girls)

Emily Aquilina | 2nd Place (Year 7 Girls)

Alexa Sanders-Edwards |3rd Place (Year 8 Girls)

YEAR 8 GIRLS TEAM EVENT

1st Charlotte Bell, Alexa Sanders-Edwards, Georgia Hoy, Olivia Kay, Holly Hodgson

YEAR 7 GIRLS TEAM EVENT

1st Emily Aquilina, Mikayla Wang, Esme Goatcher, Libby Hyde, Emily Stevenson

YEAR 7 BOYS TEAM EVENT

2nd Jackson Greene, Deagon Everton, Tate Bradding, Toby Sherriff, Ekam Bola

OVER 300 PUPILS CHAMPION SCHOOL

1st Southwell School

We are immensely proud of all our runners for their hard work, grit, and incredible sportsmanship. Way to represent the school!






A Fantastic Finish to the Inline Hockey Season

The inline hockey season ended with great success , with Southwell inline hockey teams bringing their absolute best energy and determination to the rink!

Here is how the action played out across the divisions:

Peewee Division - The Southwell Sonics wrapped up their season on a high note, securing a win in their final game.

Division 3-4 - The Southwell Spartans and Southwell Saints went head-to-head in a hard-fought semi-final. The Saints took the victory, advancing to the final and proudly earning the Silver Medal.

Division 1-2 - An electric semi-final saw the Southwell Sabres clash with the Southwell Scorpions. The Scorpions prevailed and went all the way to claim the Division 1-2 Championship Title!

A huge thank you to all of our players, parents, and supporters. Your dedication, sideline cheering, and encouragement made this season a truly rewarding experience for everyone involved.






THE 2026 COMBINED CHOIR TRIP

Our All Hallows Combined Choir had an incredible time on their recent tour to Thames and the Kauaeranga Valley!

Across three action-packed days, the students shared their musical talents with performances at Richmond Villas and The Booms Retirement Village, explored local history at the Goldmine Experience, and enjoyed plenty of camp fun, from go-karts and paintball, to a cozy evening bonfire.

Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.

Our choir returned home with wonderful memories, stronger connections, and very tired voices!















CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DEEP FAKES

Highly realistic image or video of an individual's likeness can be easily manipulated using artificial intelligence and advanced technology. Find out more about how to spot deep fakes online and what to do if you identify a deep fake, to help keep you and your communities safer.

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



2026 - YEAR 7 DEVICE | LENOVO 11.6



We are pleased to partner with Heathcotes again to offer our recommended Year 7 device.

Please note that Southwell will exclusively support Chromebooks in 2027. Standard Windows and Mac devices carry higher repair costs when damaged, while tablets do not support the full range of applications required for our learning program. In contrast, Chromebooks are designed for the classroom, offering durability, affordable repairs, and options across a variety of price points.

While you are welcome to choose another model, this Chromebook is our top recommendation based on five years of reliable performance. Follow this link for instructions on how to purchase.

SCHOOL FEES:



2026

If you are not on a payment plan for your school fees, this is a reminder that Term 4 Tuition Fees are due this Sunday - 25/10/26.

2027 fees in advance

If you wish to receive a 2.5% discount on 2027 fees please pay 2027 fees in full by 30/11/26 see the website (HERE) for details.



CLASS OF 2021 RETURN TO SOUTHWELL

A warm thank you to the Class of 2021 for returning to Southwell last Friday! The afternoon kicked off with our alumni sharing valuable insights about high school life with our Year 8 students, followed by a wonderful catch-up reminiscing over shared memories.

We wish the Class of 2021 all the very best as they embark on their next adventures.



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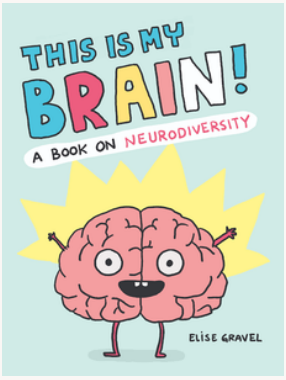
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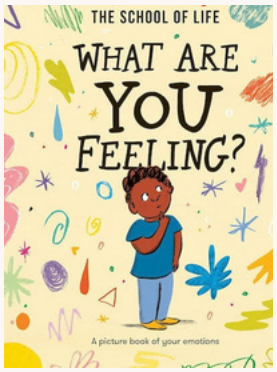
NURTURING WELLBEING IN OUR LIBRARY

A quick reminder to parents and caregivers that our school library features a dedicated Wellbeing Collection. You are welcome to borrow these titles at any time. Books offer a gentle, accessible way to start meaningful conversations with your child about how they are feeling.

Our collection is thoughtfully sorted into the following categories:



Grief & Loss - Navigating difficult changes and memories
Neurodiversity - Celebrating different ways of thinking and learning



Feelings - Identifying and expressing everyday emotions
Mindfulness - Finding calm and focus in a busy world
Being Your Best Self - Building resilience, confidence, and kindness

Looking After Your Body - Healthy habits and body positivity

Adult Resources - Guides and insights specifically for parents

We also subscribe to Teen Breathe magazine, which is packed with mindfulness tips and positive life advice, available for borrowing, too. Pop into the library anytime to browse!



NO DOGS PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

This is a friendly reminder to families and visitors to the school, that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at all times (even if leashed). With the exception of service dogs.

Thank you for your support.

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SHORT TERM BOARDING TERM 4, 2026

Flexible options for busy families while fostering independence in our students.



Year 5 - 8 ***Limited Numbers*** ***Weekly: $500 or Full Term: $4,450*** ***Apply Now***

Work commitments, overseas travel, or a busy schedule?

Short Term Boarding at Southwell offers a flexible and convenient option for Day Students in Years 5–8. We provide all the comforts of home where students are well fed, entertained, and cared for. It's a wonderful opportunity for students to build independence, make lasting memories, and experience life in the boarding house.

MORE INFO

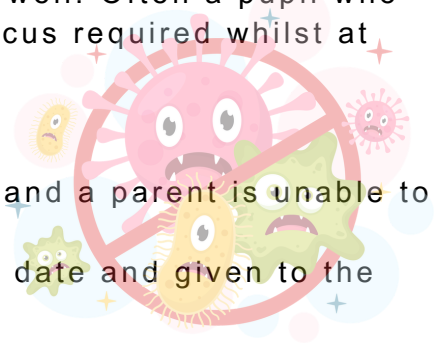
Enquire today:

Becky Russell | Admissions Manager | becky.russell@southwell.school.nz

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
Covid 19	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.

SOUTHWELL NEWS - SNAP SHOTS











