

From the Headmaster

There has been much to enjoy across our school over the past fortnight - this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming our incoming students for 2027. It was wonderful to greet so many familiar faces with existing family connections, as well as few new families joining our community. We look forward to seeing them back here in their Southwell stripes in 2027!

In this newsletter, we celebrate Sofiya Taylor, who was recently awarded the Altrusa Young Citizen of the Year Award. Sofiya embodies our Southwell values in action every day, and we are immensely proud of her achievement.

As the term progresses, our focus begins to shift toward the busy second half of Term 4. This is a fantastic time for all families to align their home calendars with the many events, activities, and community moments coming up here at school.

Top of mind for many of our students right now are our upcoming athletics events. These will culminate in our Athletics Days - bringing together both competitive events and social opportunities for us to gather, cheer each other on, and celebrate as a whole school community.

I look forward to seeing many of you join us in community on the school grounds over the coming weeks.

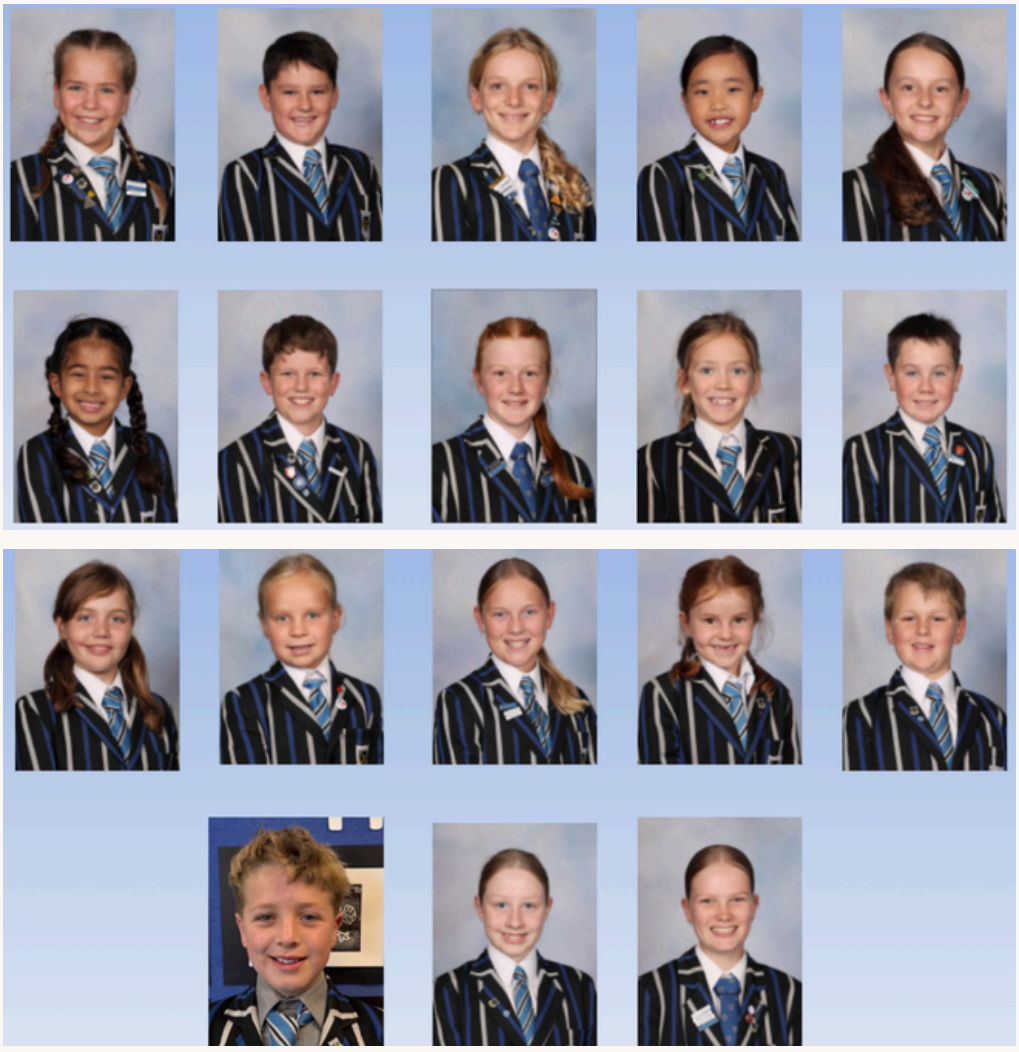
Keryn Bindon, Headmaster

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STUDENTS TELL US ABOUT BEING CONNECTED



WHO IS CONNECTED?



SOUTHWELL NEWS - ASSEMBLY-WEEKS 3 & 4

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WHO SHOWS CURIOSITY?





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2026 ALTRUSA YOUNG CITIZENS AWARD

Sofiya, supported by her family and Mrs Bindon, attended the official Altrusa Young Citizens Award presentation ceremony at Hamilton Gardens, where she was presented with a certificate and book from previous Hamilton Mayor, Paula Southgate.





CLASS OF 2026 LEGACY FUND



Since 1991, the Southwell School Foundation has ensured financial hardship never stands in the way of a Southwell education. Over the past 10 years alone, the Scholarship Fund has awarded $695,500 across 85 scholarships to support current and incoming families.

We invite our Year 8 families to join our Scholarship Circle through the Class of 2026 Legacy Fund. A gift of any size helps ensure future students experience the magic of Southwell.

Donate or learn more here.

CONNECTED & PROTECTED: CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

SAFEGUARDING TAMARIKI AGAINIST ONLINE GROOMING

As tamariki become more independent online, they can connect and communicate with people they don't know. Read Netsafe's advice for young people and whānau on how to identify and combat online grooming effectively.

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



HAPPY 115TH BIRTHDAY SOUTHWELL

FOUNDERS DAY 2026



























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From Our Library





Starting the day right.

Before the bell rings each morning, this dedicated dad - daughter duo can be found enjoying a quiet book together in our school library.

As Mrs Walch put it, this is absolute “Reading Goals”!

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:

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.

SOUTHWELL NEWS - SNAP SHOTS





















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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

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