



# The Chronicle

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## IMPORTANT DATES

# TERM 3-4, 2024

## TERM 3

22 July	Term 3 begins
18 August	House Chapel Services
21 August	School Cross Country
13 September	Opera Season: Opening Night
20 September	Opera Closing Night
20 September	Term 3 Ends

## TERM 4

14 October	Term 4 begins
18 October	Headmasters Foundation Luncheon
25 October	Class of 2019/Current Year 13 visit to Southwell
1 November	Founders Day
1 November	Fellows AGM
29 November	Athletics Day
2,3,4 December	House Carol Services
6 December	Year 8 Carol Service and Function
11 December	Prize-giving Day
11 December	Year 8 Leavers Chapel Service
11 December	Term 4 Ends

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## FROM THE HEADMASTERS DESK

# GREAT SPACES FOR OUR PEOPLE

Our Southwell grounds and facilities combine to create a magnificent campus for our people to learn, engage, create, work and develop in. Moving between both learning and recreational spaces regularly for our students is stimulating and motivating. With some major campus developments occurring in recent years, it is rewarding to see how positively these spaces are impacting on learning and relationships.

**Below are eight spaces at Southwell that I am particularly enjoying at present...**

Jason Speedy.  
Per aspera ad Astrum.





BRETT MABER

## ALUMNI PRESIDENT REPORT



As we roar towards the second half of 2024, I am always pleased to provide an update on the recent discussions and initiatives taken by the Southwell School Alumni Committee. As always, our aim is to enhance engagement among our alumni community and foster meaningful connections between past and present members of our school family. It was really great to see some of our secondary school Alumni at our recent AGM.

Following on from previous 2023 discussions, the committee has delved into strategies to attract more members from varying age groups, particularly those aged 14-28 years. It was recognized that having representation across different generations is vital for understanding and catering to the diverse needs and interests of our alumni. Our interest remains in reconnecting and delivering events and occasions to bring our past students and parents back together.

Keep an eye on upcoming events for 2024 including a Golf Tournament in Term 4, Cricket Day, Guest Speaker Evenings, Alumni Opera Night, Sports Fixtures, and regular off-site drinks events. Once these dates are locked in we will start publicizing events via chronicle, and school channels, aligning with the school calendar where possible. The Alumni are also looking at standalone off-site events, like a 25-year girls reunion.



Olive on the Oval

The Alumni Committee recognizes the importance of collaboration with the Southwell School Foundation to provide enriching experiences for our alumni community. One key initiative in this regard is the Alumni Speaker Series which we hope to launch towards the end of this year.

As we move forward, the Southwell School Alumni Committee remains dedicated to enhancing engagement and fostering a strong sense of belonging within our community. We invite all alumni to contribute their ideas, feedback, and involvement to help shape the future of our alumni initiatives.

Per aspera ad Astrum.  
Brett Maber



Foundation girls

### THE SOUTHWELL OLIVE TREE

In Late May a storm hit Hamilton and our beloved Olive tree showed her age and toppled onto the central area eaves of the PAC. We are pleased to report that she will remain on the Oval after vigorous investigation of its structural integrity. We hope for many more years of a healthy and historic Tree.

### OUR COMMUNITY

## ALUMNI NEWS

#### NEW ARRIVALS:

- Year 4 Homeroom teacher Nina Phillips and partner Ross welcomed Baby Rowan, born 21 February.
- Linda Simon (Year 3 Teacher) and husband Curtis welcomed wee man Talon Teinauri Simon. Born 20 April.

#### CAMPUS VISITS:

We love visitors and would encourage any and all Alumni to drop in anytime for a cup of tea and a tour of the campus.

- 2023 Head Boarder Pippa Melville (2021-23 York) and fellow boarders Amelia Settle (2022-23 Lincoln) and Camryn Brownlee (2020-23 Winchester) visited the new boarding House and caught up with Mrs Speedy, Mrs Donald and Mrs Pomare at the Boarding House Open Home.

- Former Head Boy David Koshy (2007-17 Canterbury) Julian Harker (2013-15 York) and Vikram Rajan (2007-15 Salisbury) visited in early February to catch up with Ms Mac and Mr Rees Gibbs and enjoyed a tour of the Boarding House.

- Former teachers Louise Sybrandy and Alex Trowbridge popped in on a visit from their new home in Abu Dhabi. Gone upwards of 8 months, Miss Sybrandy was immediately approached by a young student asking if she knew where his friend was. Once a Southwell Family member, always a Southwell Family member!

- Local National MP Ryan Hamilton (1990-92 Durham) stopped by for a tour and cup of tea with Headmaster Speedy in May. Times have certainly changed since Ryans days at Southwell in the early 90's!

- Old Boy Michael Johnson and former Head of Salisbury House (1988-91 Salisbury) toured Southwell with Mother Trish in early May while visiting from their home base of Sydney, Australia. We look forward to welcoming your children to Southwell in the coming years.

- Martha Heeley (2013-20 Durham) visited Southwell during Book Week to inspect a smaller version of herself still going strong on the Original Book Week Banner.

- Old Boy Phil Whyman (1951-55) visited on his way through Hamilton from home base in the winterless North. Of keen interest was a look at the Chapel, especially the 1950 expansion from the original footprint, constructed with Bricks he and his cohort spent many an hour making. He was delighted to see All Hallows as it is today, even larger and more beautiful after further expansion in the 1980's. Philip also toured the campus and noted "Heating" as a central theme in recent developments ie.. The Chapel, Pool, Boarding House and classrooms. Something deemed not a high priority in his time!



Linda and Nina



Ex Boarders Visit



Louise Sybrandy



Ryan Hamilton

### OPERA 2024

Tickets for the 2024 Southwell Opera are available for purchase on Tuesday 6 August via the school website

Be quick!

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Michael Johnson



Martha Heeley



Phil Whyman



David Koshy, Julian Harker, Vikram Rajan





## LOVING THE LAND

# ALASTAIR REEVES (1982-83 SALISBURY)

The Reeves Family is one of Southwell's celebrated multi-generational Families and are also locally celebrated fourth generation farmers at home on the Farm in Te Akau, which has been in the Family since 1932. Recently Alistair and Ann were recognised at the Waikato Balance Farm Environment Awards Dinner winning Supreme Waikato Winners for 2024 as well as collecting the following awards:

- Bayleys People in Primary Sector Award
- Beef + Lamb New Zealand Livestock Farm Award
- NZFET Biodiversity Award
- NZFET Climate Recognition Award

### Farm Life

The Reeves Family farm 600 hectares in Te Akau which is on the West Coast, north of Raglan Harbour. Alongside a commercial sheep and bull beef business there is a Sheep Genetics Business, Waimai Romney and they sell Romney rams and CharaBlack rams (which is a terminal breed, it's a Hampshire and Charolais cross). Alistair says "Te Akau is a wonderful community and I have really enjoyed getting involved in BOT at the local School and we are really excited about the New Community Catchment Group that has just been established." (Al is co-Chairman and was the main driving force behind getting this off the ground).

### Family Life

Sophie (2013-14 Salisbury) Sophie attended Waikato Diocesan after Southwell and went to Lincoln University on a Sports Scholarship (Netball) where she completed a Bachelor of Agribusiness and Food Marketing with a Supply Chain Major. She was a successful rower and still plays Netball, recently gaining selection to the Waikato BOP NNL Squad for 2024.

George (2015-16 Salisbury) went on to Hamilton Boys High School where the Former Captain of Rugby and Cricket MVP continued on, playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 1<sup>st</sup> XV. George is currently at Lincoln University studying Commerce, also on a Sports Scholarship for rugby. He is in the Crusaders Academy and definitely one to watch.

Angus (2017-18 Salisbury) also went on to Hamilton Boys and played rugby and cricket, playing in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Eleven. He has followed the well-worn family path to Lincoln University where he is studying for a Bachelor of Commerce in Agriculture. He too, has continued with rugby at Lincoln.

### After Southwell...

After Southwell I went to Christchurch to attend Secondary School at Christs College then on to Lincoln University where I completed a Bachelor of Commerce in Agriculture. This was followed by a stint overseas playing rugby in Scotland and traveling, then back home to the farm. The best day of my life was when I married Ann in 2001 and our 3 children arrived in the following 4 years.

### Of Late...

More recently, I have been involved with Firstlight Wagyu, both producing Wagyu and as a Member of the Board. I helped set up both FE Gold and Worm Fe Gold Brands to help provide Farmers with the best genetics to provide tolerance to Facial Eczema and Worms. Now we are testing our stud rams for their methane output and have reduced the methane in our sheep flock by 3.2% in 4 years while still improving all other desirable traits like growth and fertility.

Upon accepting The Supreme Award Alistair summed up his Family legacy... "We borrow the land from our children, we should give it back better than we got it."



## Favourite Memories

- Beating Huntley at rugby.
- Watching John Ward flick ink from his fountain pen down Mr John Otley's white shirt!!
- Getting fish and chips for a treat when Princess Dianna and Prince Charles got married.
- The King Country Kids running away from Southwell, and taking bets on how far would they get!





## HEADMASTER INTERVIEW

# DAVID WHARTON (1991-93 CANTERBURY)

### Name three of your strongest memories of Southwell?

- 1.) In my last year at Southwell, I remember getting into school before dawn for a few mornings to make bricks that were used in the new Learning Centre (opened in 1993). To be able to contribute to the building of future learning spaces is a great tradition that Southwell maintains.
- 2.) Performing as an Ishmaelite in the 1993 Opera, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.
- 3.) Form 2 (Year 8) Camp at Turangi and doing the Tongariro Crossing

### Of the six Southwell Values, which ones most resonate daily with you & describe how you use them? (Excellence -giving your best, Integrity, Creativity, Care, Resilience, Respect)

Resilience – if there is one thing I have learned in life is that sometimes it doesn't always go to plan. Incorporating resilience into your daily life doesn't mean that you won't face difficulties. Instead, it equips you with the mindset and skills necessary to navigate life's ups and downs with courage, strength, and determination.

Excellence – Consistently giving your utmost and pursuing excellence daily are paramount for achieving lasting success. While victories may not come every day, dedicating yourself to excellence each day lays the groundwork for long-term achievement. At the core of our daily endeavours at my company ActiveVision lies our company ethos: 'Attitude & Ambition', which serves as our guiding principle in all our pursuits.

### Tell us about your career journey...

After graduating from Waikato University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Social Science and Post Grad Dip Supply Chain Management, I joined Farmers Department store in the Head office as a Merchandise Planner. Here I was planning the product ranges for the Homewares area of the business. After 3 years at Farmers, I then travelled overseas to Canada and the UK where I worked for Unilever in the Home & Personal Supply Chain. Ensuring that the UK was flush (excuse the pun) with toilet bleach was one of my key responsibilities. It was a fascinating time to be working in London as it was during the Global Financial crisis of 2008 and there were many critical projects to be a part of to ensure that the company navigated its way through tough economic times. These experiences have helped me to manage businesses through Covid and the subsequent economic conditions that are present now. Back to New Zealand in 2010, I rejoined Farmers as the Planning Manager for the Beauty Merchandise Division. A completely new area for me, I thoroughly enjoyed working with global brands and beginning what became a 10-year period in which my focus became sales & marketing. Then in 2015, I joined L'Oreal, initially as a Sales Manager for the Luxury Division

before becoming Country Manager for the L'Oreal Luxe brands. This was a very demanding and challenging role that pushed me to achieve my best. It also brought me fantastic opportunity with business travel throughout Asia and Europe and further study at the French Business School CEDEP. After over 10 years of working in the Beauty industry, I decided that I needed a change. And so, in 2022 I bought an Audio Visual Technology company called ActiveVision. Based in Auckland we specialise in delivering the latest AV technology solutions to the Education sector, Corporates, Government and retail. I act as Managing Director and I am thoroughly enjoying the challenge of growing the business and diversifying into new areas.

### Where are you living now & what do you enjoy about this area?

I live in Greenlane, Auckland. I have lived in Auckland for the past 15 years. Auckland has its downsides (traffic) for sure, but we love being able to access all of the great events (concerts, rugby, cricket etc) that Auckland has to offer. We have a great friend network up here as well as being close to family in the Waikato.

### What is your self care routine?

Regular exercise and a healthy diet (most of the time). Ensuring that I have enough time away from work with the family is super important. I enjoy relaxing by watching all kinds of sports on TV. My particular favourites are Cricket, Rugby, League and I've got into Formula 1 over the past few years and I'd say that I am a little F1 obsessed these days.

### Whats the secret to a good life?

I believe that the key to a good life is striking a balance between dedication and enjoyment. It's vital to work hard and pursue goals while also finding joy in the process. Don't hesitate to step out of your comfort zone and try new things. Life is short, so make the most of it by taking risks and embracing new experiences.







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Boys brick-making and assisting with the Chapel bell tower extension in the 1950's

## FROM CHAPLAIN'S PEN

# BRICKS AND MORTAR

When walking around the School campus it is possible to not even remember what was in some places last year, or even last month, such is the degree of new builds and revitalisation of other spaces! It is truly incredible to participate in this transformational process and a wonder to behold.

Then there are the students who will fill these spaces, or will swim in the new pool or create sumptuous feasts in the swank 'Healthy Choices Room'. Flesh and blood, alongside bricks and mortar. Where do our young people find the stability necessary to confidently flourish in this rich learning environment? I would suggest first and foremost, the home.

The home provides the family time contact that ensures the physical safety and emotional wellbeing of the child. It assists in building and sustaining positive relationships between a child and their non-resident family. Additionally, the family is the bedrock for the spiritual development of the child as they seek out God's purpose and plan for their lives. This does not mean an over-emphasis on any particular aspect of a child's

development but to find a balance where each is accorded its place in a healthy way.

It is often said that Southwell School is the "Southwell Family" and this is an important feature of the day to day life of this community. Chapel life takes its place at the centre of the community. Aristotle defined the word "community" as a group of men with shared values and I guess this would, for us, include the Gospel values which are learned in school, reinforced at home and in the Oliver Boarding House.

My prayer for the School, soon to be entering the next quarter of the 21st century, would be to ask God to keep our community looking in the "right" direction - one that has served it well up to the present.

God's richest blessing to you and your family.

Reverend Canon Neale Troon

CHAPLAIN

## 2024 HOUSE SERVICES

### HOUSE CHAPEL SERVICES:

18 August  
Winchester/Lincoln/Salisbury (4pm)  
Canterbury/Durham/York (5:15pm)

### HOUSE CAROL SERVICES:

2 December - Lincoln & York  
3 December - Durham & Salisbury  
4 December - Winchester & Canterbury  
6 December - Year 8 Carol Service

## ANZAC DAY 2024

# TOBIAS TE UA (2019-23 LINCOLN)

In April this year, I spent a week in Belgium with my parents as part of the Hamilton City and Ypres (Ieper) sister city relationship. My dad, Lt Col Olly Te Ua, was invited to be Mayor Paula Southgate's military escort on her recent trip. He is also a trustee of the Hamilton Ieper Garden Trust, so this was the perfect opportunity for him to build upon the trust's relationship with the Last Post Association.

During our visit, our whanau was lucky to spend time with two local WW1 historians who took us around various battlefields and Commonwealth Graves cemeteries. One such cemetery was Beethleem Farm West in Messines. It was here, on this

bitterly cold day, that we were able to pay our respects and lay a poppy on the grave of Chaplain Neale Troon's great uncle, who died on 19 August 1917. There are 167 Commonwealth War Grave cemeteries on the Ieper Salient where those who perished on Flanders Fields are laid to rest. Those whose bodies were never recovered have their names engraved on the Menin Gate and various memorials across this area.

On Anzac Day, we attended many official activities with the local and New Zealand Embassy staff, starting with the dawn service at Polygon Wood, a service of thanksgiving at the Pou Maumahara at the Passchendaele Museum, the civic service at Tyne Cot cemetery, the largest of all the war graves cemeteries, the Menin Gate Anzac Day service, a service to the New Zealand soldiers at Messines Ridge Memorial and then the daily evening act of remembrance at the Menin Gate.

While at Messines, I was among the small group of New Zealand children who laid the wreath on behalf of the tamariki of Aotearoa. This was a great way for us all to reflect on the sacrifice our soldiers gave during the years of war. To round off a busy few days, the Mayor and the Mayor of Ieper, officially opened Hamilton Park - a large green space in the centre of town frequented by many locals and tourists alike.

Ka maumahara tonu taatou ki a raatou.  
We will remember them.



2023 Head boy

## TIME TRAVELLER'S GUIDE TO

# HAMILTON GARDENS

Fellow Peter Sergel (1958-63) has penned an impressive book spanning the redevelopment of the Hamilton Gardens, of which he is considered the mastermind. We think the official intro says it all and would encourage you to purchase a copy and join us in congratulating Peter on an amazing accomplishment for our city.

THE TIME TRAVELLER'S GUIDE TO HAMILTON GARDENS  
Peter Sergel was first asked to produce a plan for Hamilton Gardens in 1978. There was just one small problem; no budget had been set aside to implement it, so it was destined, like many other plans, to gather dust on a shelf somewhere until someone decided it was time to tidy up. However, Peter and others set up a series of committees and trusts to raise funds for development. His subsequent professional career directly involved in the Gardens spanned

a period of 43 years. Initially just involved in designing new gardens, seeking community support and fundraising, between 1995 and 2020 he was the first director of Hamilton Gardens, responsible for its day-to-day operation as well as its promotion, design, and development.

His expertise in the field of garden design and the history of gardens has been recognised with a Royal Arch academic scholarship, overseas speaking engagements and an honorary doctorate from the University of Waikato.



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## LIFE ON WHEELS

# RICO D'ANVERS (2006-2014 YORK)

Rico started at Southwell as a cheerful 5 year old new entrant, enjoying the easy slide into student life that happens at Southwell, friend making, games, and new experiences. Once the blazer was hung up every afternoon Rico was learning another new skill: BMX.

Rico recently returned to Southwell and spent an afternoon with some of the Year 8 Boys Healthy Choices class talking about training, goal setting and the good choices he has made in his life. Rico is currently studying Civil Engineering at Waikato University and is a regular public speaker.

We decided it was a great opportunity to share parts of his journey with the wider community as he embarks on his Elite Sporting adventures and what we have learned from Rico is that a common sense approach and maintaining a steady balance between lofty goals and managing expectations is vital.

### Small beginnings...

"I ventured into BMX at age 5, and now 17 years later I am becoming quite seasoned to the sport. My first big result was winning a C1 event in Rotorua in 2019. In about 2016 I started to podium in my age group at almost all big NZ races, this was the point that gave me the confidence and motivation to push harder and race in the elite category from 2018 onwards."

### A typical week...

"I like to keep my training to the early morning and

evening where possible to leave a whole working day to study. Typically, I will train Monday-Saturday, either once or twice per day"

### Best performance to date...

"The 2023 World Championships in Glasgow. I made the semi-finals in the Elite U23 men age class, which is decent. But the event as a whole was really enjoyable because my family were there and I really enjoyed the track."

### Setbacks and bad experiences...

"Crashes in BMX often trigger setbacks. There can be mental blocks from a crash that make it hard - which I have had a few of. Learning to overcome the fears you face can give processes and strategies to help in similar situations moving forward. I think setbacks in general improve you as a human and subsequently improve you as a rider."

### Into the future..

I just want to become the best that I can while enjoying the journey. I try not to get attached to specific events, but rather just racing at my best as often as possible.

### Memories from the days of the stripes...

"Miss Harper (Mrs Savage) was my favourite teacher! The best parts of school for me were just the (offline) activities we did as kids - '2 square' game, playgrounds, athletics day etc. Now that I am past my school days and have grown up slightly, those are the things that I miss."





## GARY MOLLARD TRUST BOARD UPDATE

It's great to see our boarders enjoying the outstanding new Oliver Boarding House facilities during the first half of the year. They have been joined by a number of our day students participating in the short-term boarding experience. Good progress is being made with the new Rita and Ken Davies Pool and we expect to be using this amazing new addition to Southwell from the start of term four.

During the first term we had a team from the Ministry of Education here to perform an inspection of the school and update the ERO review. I was able to participate in both the introductory and closing meetings with the team. The report has now been uploaded to the school's web site and as you can see the format is pretty bland. What I can say, is that the language used in the close out meeting was very complementary. It's a pity the report format doesn't allow for anything other than compliance (or non compliance) but I can tell you that the MOE reps were very impressed

with what they saw. The team completed their site visit one day earlier than expected and were very complementary. Their feedback is a credit to Jason and the SLT and reflects both the excellence brought by staff every day and the considerable effort made in preparing for the review.

One of the elements receiving especially positive feedback was our curriculum and curriculum delivery. The Southwell curriculum has been developed over time by the school within the parameters established by the Ministry. While this has served us well, as evidence by the ministry feedback, Jason and the senior team are keen to keep improving. With that objective, the senior team are currently investigating the potential application of the primary years programme of the International Baccalaureate to guide curriculum structure with international rigour and bench marking qualities. I expect that this work will be completed during term three. We will keep you apprised of progress.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST UPGRADE THE HEALTHY CHOICES ROOM

The Healthy Choices Learning Space was officially opened on May 13 in front of the whole school. Made possible with funds raised at the 2022 Southwell Gala Dinner this small celebration recognised the A Team who worked hard to create this amazing space. Heartfelt thanks must go to The Property Team, Glenn Leach in particular for his general awesomeness, Chris Barnes and Andrew Rudduck.

Thanks also to Old Boy Grant Clegg from Colourform Joinery for supplying the joinery and overseeing the installation process. A Special mention must go to the drivers of this great project Di Hazlett and Jane Savage. They have been a huge part of the process and we know they are very excited to share their wealth of wellbeing and food tech knowledge with our students in these two beautiful learning spaces.



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## ALUMNI UPDATE SPORTS NEWS

### AON MAADI REGATTA:

Alumni Zachary Brownlee (2015-19 Winchester) Will Milne (2016-18 Salisbury) and Jack Ramsey (2018-20 Lincoln) were all members of the Hamilton Boys High School Under 18 Coxed Eight winning the Maadi Cup in a dominant display. Zach and Will as Co-Captains of rowing also formed the powerhouse of the Springbok Shield winning Under 18 Coxed Four from a classy and hugely competitive field. Zach also won

the Under 18 Coxless Pair alongside Dylan McConnell. It was a rare occasion with three Southwell Alumni in the winning Eight crew. Congratulations to Zach Brownlee for taking home a gold in all the Under 18 Sweep Oar events.

These three young men have been back in the HBHS Maadi Cup winning crew, training to race in the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta in early July. Zach and Will making the bold choice to turn down New Zealand Under 19 Trials to do so! We wish them the very best of luck and we are excited to see a Southwell Pennant on display in the Stewards Tent on Race Day.



### ALUMNI OLYMPIANS PARIS 2024

#### MOLLY MEECH (2003-05 LINCOLN)

One of the most decorated 49er FX sailors around, Molly teamed up with Jo Aleh after the delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics and have now set their sights firmly on next months Paris Games in the 49erFX class. Go well Molly, we are with you!



highest level. He was part of the New Zealand team at the Tokyo Olympic Games and is currently awaiting the announcement of the team for the Paris Olympics next month. We extend our deepest condolences to Jesse on the recent passing of his beloved wife Georgie and send our very best for the year to come.

#### GORDON WALKER (1982-85)

6 time NZ Coach of the Year at the Halberg Awards and Coach of the decade, Gordon is the head coach of the Womens Programme at Canoe Racing NZ. Longtime coach of The Goat in the Boat Dame Lisa Carrington, in a four cycle Olympic partnership it will be great to see them together again in Paris.



#### JESSE CAMPBELL (1999-2002)

Jesse recently placed 15th at the prestigious Badminton Horse Trials in England. The event was won by another kiwi rider, New Zealander Caroline Powell. Amid the fierce competition he finished one spot ahead of British Royal Zara Tindall. Jesse runs Team Campbell in Kent and continues to compete at the



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# SOUTHWELL COMMUNITY PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST 2024

On Friday 31 May our PAC Foyer was once again flooded with a sea of gorgeous ladies from our Southwell Community coming together for a special breakfast and all wearing pink in support of the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation Pink Ribbon Campaign.

Our Guest Speaker and recent past parent Rachel King delivered a heartfelt account of her Breast Cancer Journey and the audience was visibly moved hearing her journey against this all too common disease. We were

grateful for her refreshing honesty and were in absolute awe of her determination and courage, there may even have been a few leaky eyes in the audience. Our small event managed to raise a hair under \$6,000 towards this important cause and our hope is that from the 115 ladies in attendance, next year a flood of second generation Pink Ribbon Breakfasts will occur. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all those who attended and to those who could not, but made a donation anyway. We can't wait to see you all again at the next one!

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# NEW CHAIRMAN: SOUTHWELL FOUNDATION TRUST INTRODUCING GRANT CLEGG (1973-75)

We are delighted to announce Grant Clegg is the new Chair of the Southwell School Foundation. Many of you will recognise Grant, he is an old boy, past parent, former OBGA committee member and a fixture on the Foundation Trust Board since 2019. Grant genuinely enjoys being in full service to Southwell and you will often meet him at events, operas or just being on-site supplying the school for special projects such as the Alumni Sports Pavilion and Healthy Choices Room via his business Colourform Joinery. During his time at Southwell in the early 70's Grant was considered an all rounder, playing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby Team and also 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey. He sang in the Chapel choir, loved woodwork and once set a record for the 80m hurdles at Athletics! Grant served as Head Prefect in 1975 and has remained connected to Southwell ever since.



## GRANT CLEGG FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Southwell School Foundation's objective is to protect the special character of the school, for future generations. We operate to achieve this objective by managing two essential funds; an endowment fund (essentially a safety net for the school) and a scholarship fund to assist children into (or continue) a Southwell education where they otherwise would not have been able to. Alongside this, the Foundation also supports the School in fundraising for intergenerational projects, like the Boarding House, Pool and other upgrades and enhancements to the campus. You will have seen an intense period of campus development take place over the past 2 years and we are pleased to report the final trophy in the cabinet is the Ken and Rita Davies Pool is really beginning to take shape now as you can see on the opposite page.

The Foundation operates solely due to the incredible generosity of both current and Alumni families who

all donate their time, finances and skills to make the Southwell of today. Our mission is to grow and encourage a culture of giving so that our entire community, young and old, is able to sow the seeds of philanthropy to create that willingness to give to important future projects and enhancements. There is no better place to start than right here. The Foundation is a somewhat quiet organisation and we are conscious that we operate in the background, so we are excited to co-host community events alongside the Southwell Alumni organisation and wider community, working together to foster a strong connection to the school community now and into the future.

We look forward to getting to know you all.

Per aspera ad Astrum.  
Grant Clegg



## THE CRAIGS INVESTMENT PARTNERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Thanks to Craigs Investments Partners and building on our existing relationship with Punahou School in Hawaii, Headmaster Jason Speedy recently visited Shore School in Sydney where a new PD exchange has been established. We expect to host staff from these two schools in late 2024 or early 2025.

The application process has been completed and we are pleased to announce our two 2024 recipients who will visit the following schools in the September break.

- Shore School, Sydney 5-9 August: Kerrie Martin
- Punahou School, Hawaii 23-27 September: Kerry Williams
- Shore School Visit to Southwell 9-13 September: Shore School Year 1 Teacher.



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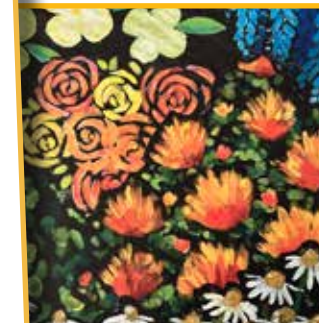
Boarders BBQ



Commissioning of 2024 Prefects



Olivia (Jinyan) Li (2019-22 Lincoln) created this gorgeous artwork during her time with us at Southwell and we have enlarged and installed it over the southern wall in the Dining Room as part of the refurbishment that took place over the Term 1 school Holidays.



Olivia Li's Artwork Installation



Year 7&8 Swimming Sports



Year 5&6 Swimming Sports



Girls Choir at St Peters Cathedral



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Year 8 Camp



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Year 8 Camp



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Year 2 Camp



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Year 5 Camp



## ARTS UPDATE

# ISABELLA REID (2013-16 LINCOLN)

Local artist, Old Girl and current Southwell vocal teacher Isabella Reid has definitely proven that your voice can take you anywhere.

Isabella is currently at The University of Waikato studying a Bachelor of Music (BMus), Majoring in Classical Performance where she also recently hosted a spectacular fundraising concert at the Dr John Gallagher Concert Chamber at the University of Waikato as part of her fundraising for the New Zealand Youth Choir who will be touring Denmark, Wales and London in July 2025. In her final year at Southwell, Isabella auditioned for the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir and was accepted as the youngest member in NZSSC history, travelling to Hong Kong and China in her first year; an amazing opportunity as a 14 year old. She went on to do two more cycles and tours with the New Zealand Secondary Students choir, which were unfortunately affected by COVID.

Since leaving Southwell, Izzie has held three solo concerts at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts, including the recent March concert. Alongside this, she has performed concerts in Taupo and Auckland as a result of winning The University of Waikato Bach Competition, not to mention her continued success at the NZ Arias over the years- beginning while she was still in the stripes here at Southwell.

Izzie is certainly one to watch and is currently looking at local and overseas schools for post graduate studies after she completes her studies at Waikato at the end of this year, with the long term goal of ending up in an elite school in the USA or UK. We wish you all the best and we are excited to see which stage she ends up on! Follow Izzie's progress at:

<https://www.facebook.com/izziereidmusician>

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## INTRODUCING

# EMMA RUSSELL (2004-09 YORK)

We are excited to introduce our new graphic designer for the Chronicle Magazine Old Girl Emma Russell from Salt & Pepper Creative.

It's been great to reconnect and we are excited to work alongside Emma and see the evolution of the Chronicle in the coming editions.

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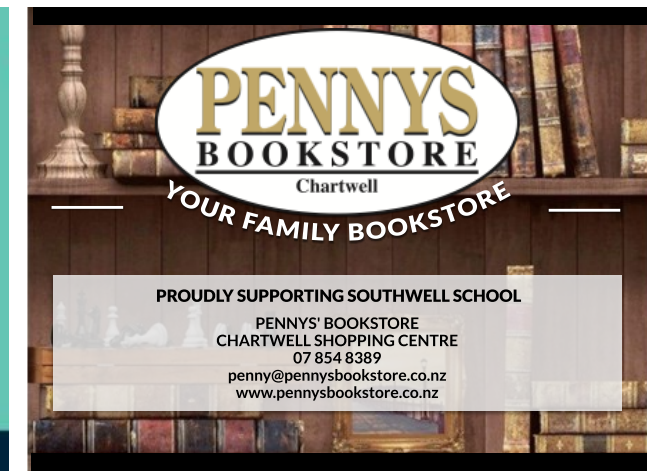
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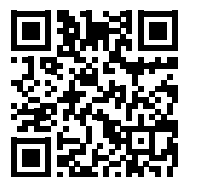


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