



# Southbrook School Newsletter

TERM 3, WEEK 9, 2024

Kia ora Southbrook whānau,

Week 9 is upon us and we have a busy final two weeks at kura planned. A huge thank you for your support for our Mufit Day last week. We managed to raise \$241 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters who support many tamariki across the New Zealand.



Coming up...

- 19th Sept - Kapa Haka Festival @ 12:30 pm
- 20th Sept - Learning Space Celebrations @ 2:45 pm & PTA Cheese Rolls Fundraiser Closes
- 23rd Sept - Book Fair (all week) & Te Awa on camp to Waipara
- 24th Sept - Book Fair Character Day
- 25th Sept - PTA lunch & Te Awa back from camp

Have a great Week 9!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Holly Marsh  
Acting Deputy Principal

# P B 4 L

This week we are continuing to build on our theme of “I am responsible for me”.

In the learning spaces, ākonga will look at the difference between equality and equity. They will recognise that we are all individuals and that some of us require additional support for our learning and behaviour.



## REAL TIME REPORTING

This term, by the end of this week, you will receive an up to date report for your child in regard to their Character and Relationship Kete. These reports are posted on Seesaw.

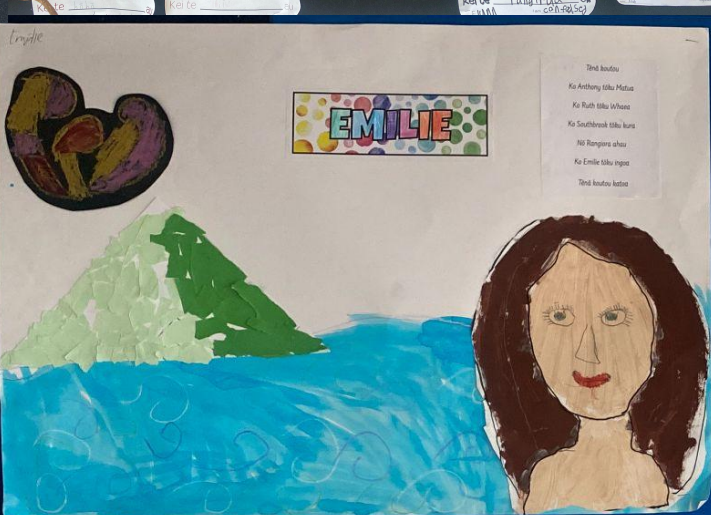
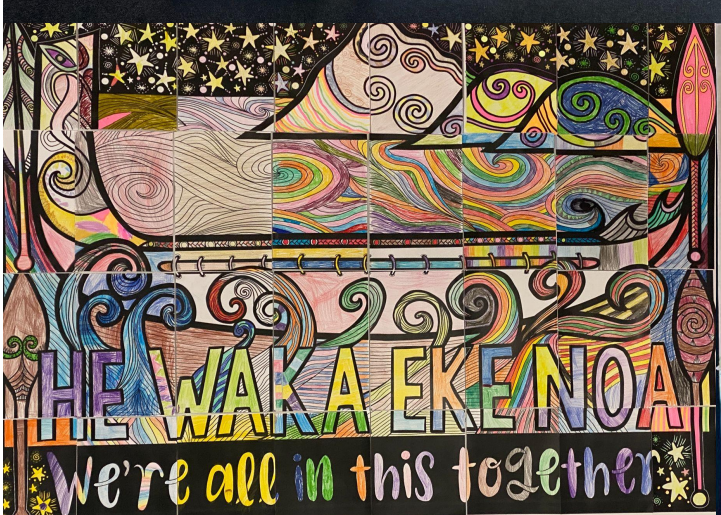
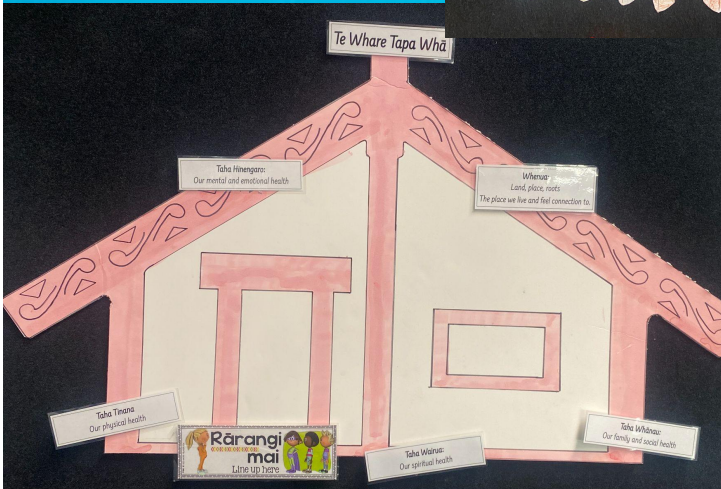
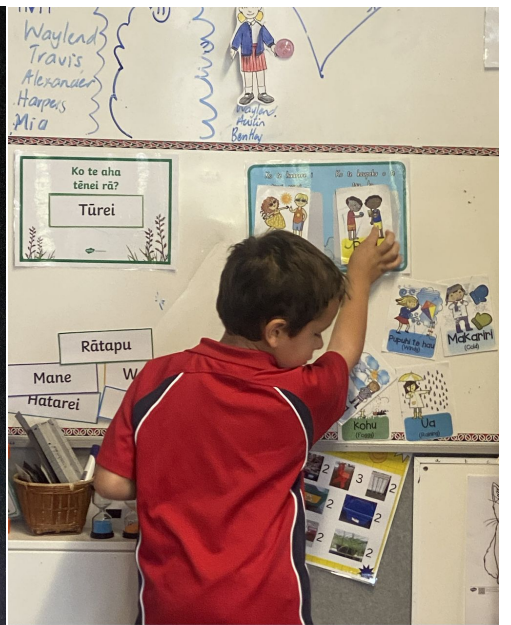
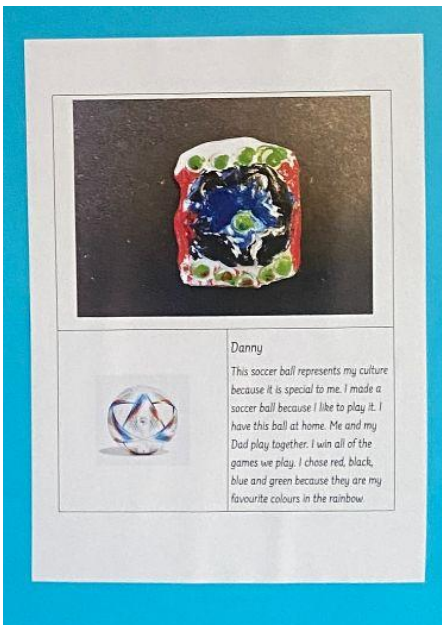
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TE REO MĀORI**  
14–21 o Hepetema 2024



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This week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. It is a time to celebrate the unique Māori language and culture of Aotearora. At Southbrook some of the ways we do this is by:

- Integrating Māori tikanga into our daily routines and programmes eg- waiata, karakia and whakatauki.
- Explicitly teaching Te Reo Māori as well as integrating it into everyday language within our Learning Spaces.
- Knowing our students and building on their pepeha throughout our kura with whānau.
- Valuing and using tuakana-teina with Buddy Classes, School Houses and student leadership across our kura.
- Using both the Aotearoa NZ Histories and Local Curriculum to guide our planning and teaching.
- Teaching about our local history, including creation stories from Ngaī Tūahuriri manawhenua, as well as important Māori events such as Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Matariki.
- Having the whole school participate in Kapa Haka weekly and out Kapa Haka rōpū representing our kura at the local festival.
- Building staff knowledge by working within our Puketeraki Community of Learning, participating in the Tūahuriru Marae workshop and also studying with Te Ahu o te Reo Māori.
- Teaching Te Whare Tapa Whā as a part of our PB4L and Circle Time programmes.



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# THIS WEEK'S KETE KIDS



TEOTEO



**Lachie**, you are a shining star for all the enthusiasm you bring into your learning. You greet your teachers each day with a big smile. You do your best to be in the right place at the right time. We love how you have been so observant in our inquiry and have been sharing your thoughtful ideas to the whole class. Your perseverance and positive attitude to learning means that you are adding so many new skills to your Knowledge Kete! He whetū piata koe!

NGĀ MANU  
NUI



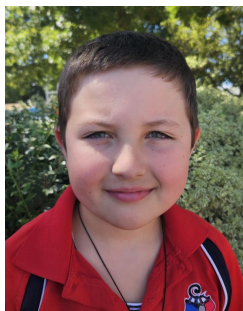
**Bonnie**, we love your fun personality and cheeky smile. Thank you for always trying your best in your learning groups and giving everything a go, this is seeing you constantly add to your knowledge kete. We appreciate your kindness and how you are always willing to help and support others. We love having you in Ngā Manu Nui. Keep shining bright!

NGAHERE



**Jaxson**, we have loved seeing your confidence grow this year! You are focused in your learning and you are a great contributor in your learning groups. You are a kind and caring friend to others and we love that you are always willing to lend a hand. Keep up the amazing mahi and efforts Jaxson and you will continue to grow all three of your kete!

TE AWA



**Lucas**, we have loved seeing the growth in you so far this year. You have such a kind nature and we admire how much you look out for those around you. We appreciate the positive attitude you approach every situation with and the genuine respect you have for everyone in our learning space. You role model beautifully for others what kindness looks like and should be so proud of this quality you have. Keep being the amazing person you are Lucas, we think you're a star!

AORAKI



**Brayden**, we are so proud of the incredible resilience you've shown over the past few weeks. Your sense of humour lights up the learning space, and it's amazing to see how much you've grown, both in your learning and in your social maturity. The commitment you've been putting into your work is truly paying off, and we are all excited to see how much further you will go. Keep being the awesome person you are, Brayden—we're proud of you!



# A Message From Your School Board

Kia ora koutou,

The Southbrook School Board of Trustees met on Wednesday the 11th of September 2024 for the second meeting of the term.

The Board heard that it has been a challenging term due to the amount of children and staff affected by winter illnesses, but Acting Principal Wendy Lindsay pointed out that in spite of this there had also been many positive things happening across the term and she expressed great pride in both students and staff for all their hard work. Wendy's term as Acting Principal, and Holly Marsh as Deputy Principal, is coming to a close at the end of this term with the return of Principal Julie Walls following her sabbatical. The Board thanked both Wendy and Holly for their efforts and success in ensuring that Southbrook School continued to run smoothly during Julie's time away.

With the end of term approaching, so is Southbrook School's 150th Jubilee. The team behind organising the festivities have worked hard on putting together a great program, and the Board noted that it is not too late to register and would like to encourage anyone with connection to the school, including current students, to sign up and come along to celebrate.

Another topic that was discussed, which will bring joy to a number of Southbrook School's families across the summer, was the opening of the school pool, which is set to occur early in term 4. The Board were asked to reflect on the cost of having access to the pool for the summer season and the factors that influence how much a pool key should cost, such as increased costs in electricity due to heating. In spite of this, the Board felt that the pool keys needed to be reasonably priced and agreed to a small increase from last year's fee.

Finally, parent representative Stacey Moore and Wendy Lindsay attended last week's PTA meeting and they were pleased to report that a couple of Southbrook School's new families had attended and expressed interest in joining the PTA. The Board encourages anyone who might be curious about helping out with PTA tasks to go to their next meeting, as many hands make light work.

Wishing everyone - students, families, and staff a great rest of the term!

Ngā Mihi,  
Louise Moore

# MILO SUPERSTARS



Thank you for all your mahi Milo Superstars! You brighten our days.

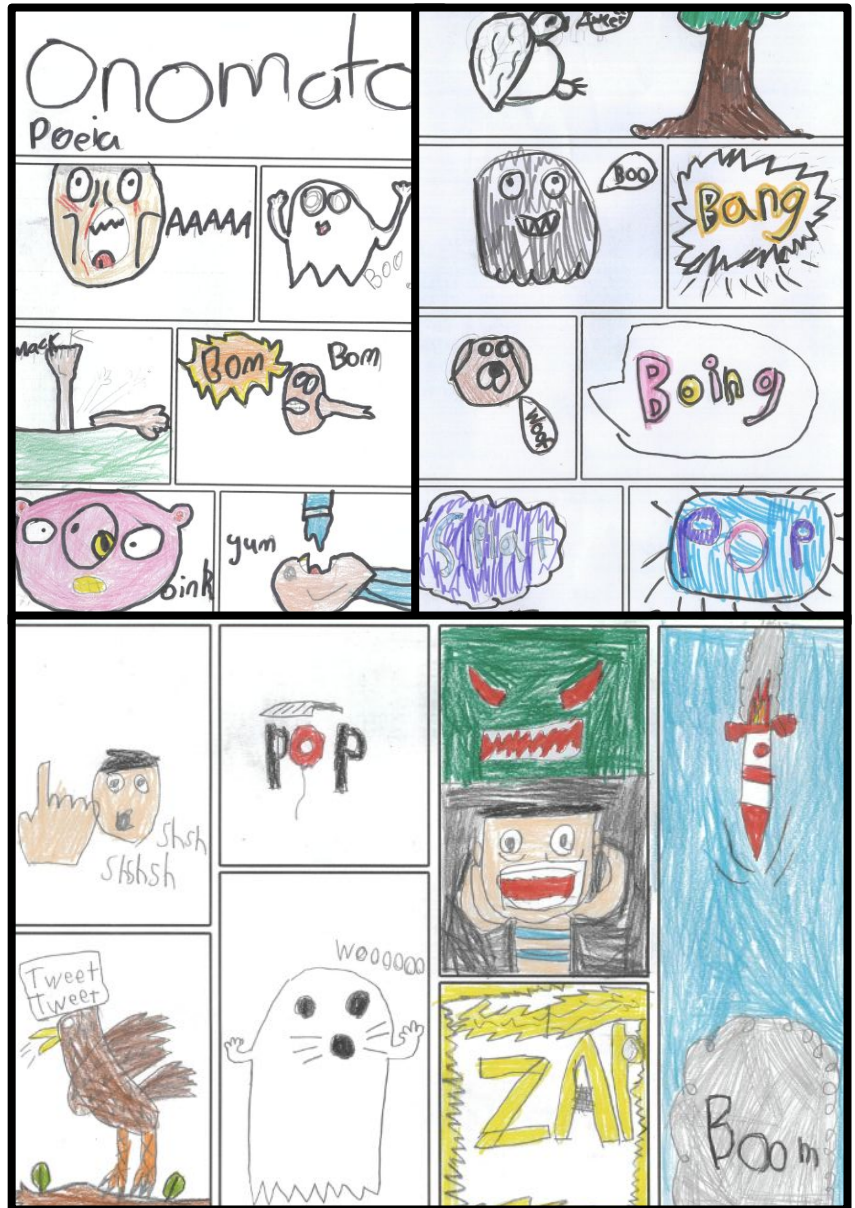
## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Southbrook School uniform is available through:

[southbrookschool@impakt.co.nz](mailto:southbrookschool@impakt.co.nz)



# SPOTLIGHT ON TE AWA



Te Awa have been looking at language features as part of their poetry unit. These are some Onomatopoeia posters they created to show their learning. Tino pai rawa atu tīma Te Awa!

# SPORTS NEWS

At prizegiving, Archie received the Tackle of the Year trophy for the second year straight. Way to go Archie!

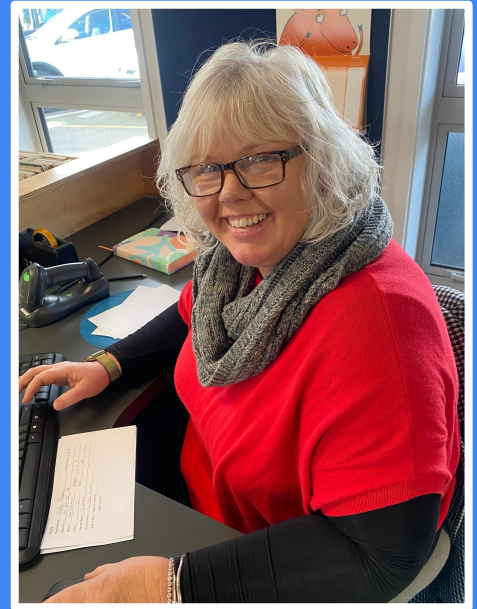


# ICE CREAM CONTAINERS WANTED



Please bring any spare ice cream containers to the office, thank you!

# ★ Southbrook Superstar



## MS SWEENEY

How fortunate are we to have the lovely Ms Sweeney on staff? She not only works in the Te Awa Learning Space but is also our school librarian. She takes care of the library and ensures there are books available to cover the wide range of interests we have at our kura. Students love coming into the library to browse for books, read, play games and draw. Thank you for providing this experience for our ākonga!

You're invited to our  
**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**

Find these books and more at the Fair!

Date **Monday 23 - Thursday 26 Sept** Time **8:30-9am / 3-3:30pm**  
Place **School Library**

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

SCHOLASTIC



**Southbrook School**

**Celebrating 150 Years**



**Please join us to celebrate  
150 years of Southbrook School**

**1874 – 2024**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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