



## School Newsletter Term 1 Week 4 2025

*Kia ora Koutou.*

*What a fabulous day we had last Friday with Top Team. It was great to see our tamariki working together supporting and helping each other.*

*A huge thank you to the amazing parent helpers!*








*Introducing our awesome Student Council for 2025...*

Our aim as Student Council leaders for 2025 is -

To grow as student leaders and to give back to our school through fundraising and being role models for others.





<p>TEOTEO</p>		<p><i>Chime you have blown us away with your growth in confidence and enthusiasm for learning. You give everything a good go and take care to make sure you complete your work to the best of your ability. We have appreciated how you have been role modelling our school values to our new Teoteo learners through the respect, kindness and sense of responsibility that you display. He whetū koe!</i></p>
<p>NGA MANU NUI</p>		<p><i>What a fantastic start you have made to Nga Manu Nui. You have learnt our routines quickly and are amazing at following instructions. Thank you for being such an enthusiastic learner and being so prepared to try new challenges. We have also noticed how much you pitch in to help at pack up time. You are a treasure to have in our learning space! Keep it up!</i></p>
<p>NGAHERE</p>		<p><i>Milo, we have been impressed with our start to the year. We love that you have stepped up to be a positive role model in Ngahere. You are focused in your work and are always willing to share your thoughts and ideas with your peers. Thank you for being such a great leader in Ngahere.</i></p>
<p>TE AWA</p>		<p><i>Naia, all three of your Kete are shining bright. We love your kind and thoughtful nature and the way you quietly support those around you, whether it is with a friendly smile or a helpful hand. You are a diligent worker who just gets on with the job at hand, always pushing yourself to be your best. Thank you for being such an amazing role model and friend!</i></p>
<p>AORAKI</p>		<p><i>Ashton, we are so impressed with the tremendous effort you have put into your learning and class discussions! You have stood out by engaging deeply in each subject, sharing your ideas confidently, and showing great maturity and respect. Your positive start to the year has not gone unnoticed, and we are excited to see you continue to shine in Aoraki!</i></p>

# Kids do well if they can!

A little more about CPS (Collaborative Proactive Solutions)

CPS - Change our Lens

1. Emphasis is on problems (and solving them) rather than on behaviours (and modifying them)
2. The problem solving is collaborative with the child
3. The problem solving is proactive, not reactive.
4. Kids do well if they can, and if they could do well, they would do well. Not true is attention seeking, manipulative, unmotivated or limited testing.
5. Doing well is preferable. We have been focused on motivation, when we should be focused on skills.

Reminders...

- Whānau Fun evening this Friday 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Year 5-8 Swimming Sports next Monday 24th

## Maths @ Southbrook Update

As we begin to implement the refreshed Maths Curriculum, Southbrook has chosen to use Maths No problem as its maths programme alongside The Learner First maths learning that we have been part of since late 2023.

Maths No Problem is a mastery approach to learning maths -

<p><i>Structured maths lessons</i></p> <p>Lessons build upon previous learning in a spiral structure, revisiting prior concepts to encourage essential connections and deeper understanding.</p>	<p><i>Whole-class teaching</i></p> <p>Everyone learns at the same pace and no one gets left behind.</p> <p>Content is differentiated by depth to support struggling and advanced learners alike.</p>	<p><i>Research-based approach</i></p> <p>Children learn using methods proven to help them develop a better understanding of abstract concepts: the CPA approach (Concrete objects, Picture representations and Abstract thought), bar modelling, journalling.</p>	<p><i>Peer to peer learning</i></p> <p>Collaboration is key. Children are encouraged to work through problems in pairs or groups, promoting teamwork and building resilience.</p>
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Ngā mihi nui  
Julie



## Southbrook Superstars...

### Milo Superstars from Week 3 😊



### Other Notices...

#### Message from our Board of Trustees

The Southbrook School Board meets regularly in week three and week eight of each term. The Board met last week for our first meeting for 2025. Our Board members for 2025 are: Chairperson, Louise Moore; Principal, Julie Walls; Parent Representatives, Richard Hogg, Rebekah Hennessey, Lauren Lincoln, and Stacey Moore; Staff Representative, Holly Marsh; Secretary, Natalie Willis.

As you may notice, there has been a change in Presiding Member (aka Chairperson) this year, as Rebekah Hennessey has chosen to step back from this role and into a Parent Representative role due to increasing work demands. As the new Presiding Member, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebekah for all the hard mahi she has put in during her time as Presiding Member, and at the same time, extend my gratitude to her for continuing on the Board in a different role. Each member of the Board brings valuable skills and knowledge that serve to assist our Principal, Julie Walls, in her leadership, decision making, and running of Southbrook School.

The first meeting of 2025 began with a celebration of how smooth the start of the year has been for both our tamariki and our staff, and that everyone appeared quite settled. In addition to this, we also celebrated that the PTA had welcomed new members towards the end of last year, which had brought renewed energy and creativity to an already hardworking and much appreciated group of dedicated parents and staff. I would encourage anyone who might be interested in lending a helping hand to the PTA, whether occasionally or more frequently, to attend one of the PTA meetings held throughout the year. The next meeting is on Tuesday the 18th of March at 7.30 pm in the staffroom.

The members of the Southbrook School Board of Trustees are involved in a variety of discussions and decision making across the school year, and the first meeting of the year saw us review and approve our Strategic Plan and budget for 2025. These are both working documents with the ability to make changes when necessary. We also regularly monitor our school policies and assurances through School Docs, where periodic reviews happen. Please note that you are most welcome to review all policies at the [School Docs](#) website. We encourage comments, concerns, and questions for any of these documents, especially any that we are currently reviewing.

On behalf of the Board, I wish our tamariki, staff, and Southbrook School families a wonderful Term 1.

Louise Moore

Board Chair

### **School Uniform**

Southbrook School uniform is available through: [southbrookschool@impakt.co.nz](mailto:southbrookschool@impakt.co.nz)





# Whānau Fun Evening

## Friday 21 February from 5 -7pm

We would love for you and your family to join us for a fun evening.  
Bring a rug and your picnic tea.

Pedalmania bikes will be here, the pool will be open and there  
will be some fun games too.



Sausage Sizzle \$2.00

Gold coin donation for Pedalmania

David Webster - Music Teacher

Music lessons are available at school with experienced teacher David Webster.

David will lead an introductory group music lesson covering rhythm, music ideas, notation whilst profiling different music styles and instruments.

Individual and grouped piano/keyboard lessons are available and basic guitar.

His teaching style involves a structured program covering practical and theory, and developing correct technique, enabling the student to enjoy a lifetime of music.

There are numerous studies highlighting the positive impact music education has upon a young person's overall development.

(Lessons are parent funded)

For further information please contact David:

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# SWANNANOA

## Country Fair

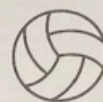
**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**



[WWW.SWANNANOCOUNTRYFAIR.CO.NZ](http://WWW.SWANNANOCOUNTRYFAIR.CO.NZ)



# Southbrook Netball Club



## Registrations for 2025 are open!

### What we offer:

- Teams for all ages: yr 3/4, yr 5/6, yr 7/8 and Grade
- \*New\* Future Ferns Year 1/2 programme
- A fun, supportive club to grow your netball skills
- Opportunities for training and tournaments

### Registrations close:

Friday 28 February 2025

### Season dates:

Yr 3/4 from 1 May 2025

Yr 1/2, yr 5/6, yr 7/8 and Grade from 3 May 2025



### How to register:

Head to <https://www.sporty.co.nz/southbrooknetball/>



## NORTH CANTERBURY

**BNZ KIWI HOOPS X Girls Got Game!**  
Join us Wednesday evenings at  
MainPower Stadium for a 6-week  
program to build skills, confidence,  
and have fun with experienced NCBA  
coaches!

Year 3/4: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Year 5/6: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Girls Got Game (Girls-Only)

Years 5-8: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Year 7/8: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This programme will run for 6 weeks!

Scan Here for more information:

Check our website out for more  
information!

This program is available every term!

[www.northcanterbury.basketball](http://www.northcanterbury.basketball)