



School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 11 2025

Kia ora Koutou.




It is really hard to believe that Term 1 is almost done.



We will complete our term on Friday by celebrating many tamariki who have added heaps to their 3 Kete in lots of different ways. Come and join us at 1:45 pm in the hall.

Celebrating Southbrook Superstars...

Kete Kids this week - Tamariki who have been consistently adding to their Three Kete



TEOTEO		Jack, you are a Teoteo superstar! We are so impressed by how all 3 of your kete are shining! Each day you come in with a positive attitude to learning and soak up each learning opportunity you can get. You are someone all of Teoteo can trust to do the right thing and role model our school values for all to follow. Your kindness, empathy and sense of fairness means that others feel valued and respected by you. He whetū pīata koe!
NGĀ MANU NUI		Franki, we love how you are growing to be a Y3 role model in Ngā Manu Nui. You are showing amazing mat manners and your self confidence has grown. You know mistakes are part of learning and give everything a go. Thank you for constantly showing kindness and understanding to your peers and teachers. You are a superstar!
NGAHERE		Travis, we are loving your focus and efforts in all of your learning. You are always ready for your learning and when on the mat, you consistently show us 5 and listen respectfully. We appreciate the respect that you show to your peers and to kaiako and we love the way you are so careful at looking after the learning space. You are a true Southbrook Superstar Travis!

TE AWA		<i>Noah, we love the energy you bring to our Learning Space. You are developing great self-management skills and we see you adding to your 3 Kete daily. Your peers and teachers value your kind, caring nature. Ka mau te wehi Noah!</i>
AORAKI		<i>Lachie, your energy and positivity light up our classroom every day! Your enthusiasm is contagious, and it's fantastic to see you channel it into your learning. You have been working hard to complete tasks to a high standard and actively engaging in class discussions, providing thoughtful insights along the way. Keep up the great work, Lachie—we love having you in our space!</i>

Our Board Superstars that I work alongside...

<p>Louise Moore - Presiding Member A local private practice psychologist and Mum of two Southbrook School boys. Always happy to chat if you would like to know more about the Board.</p> 	<p>Stacey Moore Parent Rep Kia ora, I am a proud Mum of 3 children (1 teenager and 2 who attend Southbrook). I have been a Southbrook parent for 10 years and love our community. I'm passionate about keeping our school a fantastic place for children to learn and thrive.</p> 
<p>Rebekah Hennessey Parent Rep - a demographer at Stats NZ and Mum to kids in Aoraki and Te Awa. Feel free to get in touch if you want to hear more about being on the school board, it's a neat group to be part of.</p> 	<p>Natalie Willis Super Secretary - Hi all! I live in Rangiora with my husband Kadin and three children (growing to four this year!) and our collection of cats, dogs & chickens!</p> 

Richard Hogg
Parent Rep - Finance
extraordinaire! - Hi, i'm a
banker, coffee drinker and
lover of sports. I am a
dedicated parent, taxi driver
and occasional referee of 2
boys at Southbrook School



Lauren Lincoln
Parent Rep - I have two children
currently at Southbrook, and juggle
parenting with my job as the National
Coordinator for the Toy library
Federation. Being on the Board has
been a great way to connect with the
school community, and be a voice for
parents. Feel free to say hi anytime.
I'm always happy to chat about
anything school related.



Holly Marsh
Staff Rep - Kia ora koutou,
I have been teaching at
Southbrook since 2001 and have
had all three of my tamariki thrive in
this environment. I'm currently Team
Leader in the Te Awa learning space
and am lucky to have a fantastic
team working alongside me to
support our Year 5
and 6 ākonga.



Reminders...

- Term 2 begins Monday 28 April
- Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent meeting Wednesday 30 April 9:00-10:00 am, in the staffroom (see note later in the newsletter that was emailed home in Week 10)
- Parent Information meeting Tuesday 6th May 6:30-7:30. See note later in the newsletter.

Easter raffle winners - drawn under supervision by Constable Ken

Congratulations to our 8 raffle winners - Kerry has contacted the winning ticket holders. Together we raised around \$2000 for Maths resources in each Learning Space. 😊

Thank you to everyone who has 'filled our buckets' in any way this term - parent helping, a little positive comment, doing odd jobs and gardening around the school, coaching sports teams, transporting tamariki, buying or selling Easter raffle tickets - we appreciate you and you make us feel valued.

Have a fabulous holiday break with your amazing tamariki. 😊

Ngā mihi nui
Julie

Milo Superstars from Week 10



Last week Ollie competed in a trampoline competition. He was placed third in the double mini.

Great work Ollie!



A huge well done to Hiyori and Jonathon who represented Southbrook School at the Canterbury Swimming Champs last Thursday. We are proud of you both!

Other Notices...

School Uniform

Southbrook School uniform is available through: southbrookschool@impakt.co.nz

Term Planner...

Term 2 2025			
APRIL / MAY	Week 1	Wednesday 30 April	KoS (Keeping Ourselves Self) Parent Meeting 9:00 am in Staffroom
		Friday 2 May	Year 5-8 Winter Sport begins
	Week 2	Tuesday 6 May	Parent Meeting Mathematics / Real Time reporting 6:30 pm
		Friday 9 May	Year 5-8 Winter Sport Learning Space Celebrations @ 2:45 (Whānau welcome)
	Week 3	Monday 12th - Friday 16th May	Year 0-8 KoS (Keeping Ourselves Safe programme) Te Awa Swimming
		Friday 16th May	Year 5-8 Winter Sport PINK SHIRT DAY
	Week 4	Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May	Year 0-8 KoS (Keeping Ourselves Safe programme) Te Awa Swimming
		Thursday 19th May	PTA Lunch
		Friday 20th May	Year 5-8 Winter Sport Learning Space Celebrations @ 2:45 (Whānau welcome)
	Week 5	Monday 26th - Friday 30th May	Year 0-8 KoS (Keeping Ourselves Safe programme)
		Saturday 31 May	PTA Fundraiser Paint n Sip
JUNE	Week 6	Monday 2nd June	King's Birthday SCHOOL CLOSED
		Friday 6th June	Year 5-8 Winter Sport

			Learning Space Celebrations @ 2:45 (Whānau welcome)
	Week 8	Thursday 19th June	PTA Lunch
		Friday 20th June	Matariki SCHOOL CLOSED
	Week 9	Friday 27 June	End of Term Assembly 1:45 (Whānau welcome) LAST DAY OF TERM @



31 March 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Throughout Term 2 Weeks 2 - 5 the whole school will be taking part in the unit *Knowing What To Do*, which is part of the personal safety programme *Keeping Ourselves Safe*.

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed to provide children with the skills to cope in situations that might involve abuse.

It has three overall aims:

- To develop and strengthen skills children need to keep themselves safe;
- To support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults;
- To help parents and teachers more aware of the need to keep children from being abused by adults or older children.

Knowing What To Do has been developed by the New Zealand Police and the Ministry of Education. It will be taught by your child's teachers, with the help from a Police Education Officer as required.

To be successful, *Keeping Ourselves Safe* needs your help and support. Some Home Book Activities will come home for you to work on with your child.

It is important that you participate as much as possible, so that you can reinforce the messages children are getting and help your child use his or her skills with confidence.

A parent's information meeting facilitated by Constable Ken Terry will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday 30 April

Time: 9am

Venue: Southbrook School Staffroom

Please return the slip below if you will be attending the Parent meeting on Wednesday 30 April.

Ngā mihi

Julie

Julie Walls

Principal

PARENT NAME: _____

My child is in Teoteo / Ngā Manu Nui / Ngahere / Te Awa / Aoraki Learning Space. (Please circle)

I will be attending the Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent meeting on Wednesday 30 April at 9:00 am.



Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 6 May

6:30-7:30

Ngahere Learning Space (upstairs)

6:30-6:45 2025 Assessment and Reporting @ Southbrook



6:45-7:30 An opportunity to visit your child's Learning Space and to learn how Mathematics is taught.



Please let Kerry know if you are attending.

A message from Tash, the manager of Saracens Year 7 / 8 rugby team.

"I'm the manager of Saracens Year 7 & 8 team. If your child is interested in joining, they're welcome to come to our training at Southbrook Park at 5pm on Wednesdays.

Registrations can be done at <https://explorer.rugby/> by creating a profile for yourself then adding your child as a player through your account. If you have any questions on registration please private message Saracens Facebook page."

