



Southbrook School news & celebrations Term 1 Week 2

Kia ora Koutou

What a fabulous start to 2026 we have had at Southbrook.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our PTA Whānau evening on Friday evening. Thank you to the amazing parents who are embracing Hero and ensuring that they are reading posts, communicating any absences and responding to individual posts.

Next Monday we have our Top Team fun. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help, I will be in contact soon. If you would like to help, please let me know ASAP - I am needing a few more helpers for Seesion 2. 😊

Have a great rest of the week.

Ngā mihi nui

Julie

Celebrating Southbrook Superstars...

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



TEATEO		<p><i>Maddison, what a fabulous start to the year you have had. We appreciate your kindness and your willingness to share your knowledge with others. Thank you for showing our new tamariki the Teateo routines and being a helpful team member. Be proud of your growing leadership skills!</i></p>
NGĀ MANU NUI		<p><i>Parker, what an amazing start you have had to Nga Manu Nui. We love the thoughtful contributions you make to our discussions and how you care for our school environment. You are a great problem solver and we are so proud of you!</i></p>
NGĀHERE		<p><i>Jack, we have been impressed with your start to the year. You are working hard on showing five to your kaiako, as well as modelling how to follow our expectations and routines. Thank you for being such a great leader in Ngahere. Keep on shining, e hoa!</i></p>
TE AWA		<p><i>Alice, you are a shining star in Te Awa. Thank you for being such a kind and caring friend. We can always count on you to do the right thing and lead the way for others. Your helpful nature is an asset in our space and we adore seeing your smiling face everyday. Keep being yourself! We are proud to have you in our team.</i></p>



Ted, it has been wonderful to see how well you have come back to school this year, settling in and being a great role model for your peers. We love the positive way you greet everyone each morning and how carefully you listen and pay close attention to staff. Your effort and attitude have made such a strong start to the year! Keep up the amazing work, Ted!

Reminders:

- Whānau fun evening Friday 5:00-7:00 pm.
- Top Team Monday. Students are allowed to wear suitable mufti for this day.
- Parent meeting about CPS (Collaborative Proactive Solutions - Wednesday 18 February 6:30-7:30pm.

Kids do well if they can!

OTHER NOTICES:

School Uniform

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

Music and Drama Lessons

- Singing
- Speech & Drama
- Piano

Experienced, friendly teaching with a focus on confidence, enjoyment, and personal growth.

Individual and small group lessons available. (Limited spaces.) Please contact Gina Fowler 022 351 2519 or g.fowler.atsltd@gmail.com

Glee Club – Try it for free for a short time

Our Glee Club/Pop choirs are super fun singing groups for Juniors (5-8), Youths (9-13), Teenagers (13+) and Adults.

New members are welcome to come try it (for free) in both weeks Three and Four of this term absolutely obligation free. After all, you don't know if you're going to enjoy it until you try it - so why not?!

All the Glee Club info is at [Glee Clubs | North Canterbury Music](#). To join us for the trail sessions, just fill in our registration form for the relevant Glee Club and add TRIAL in the bottom field. [Registration | North Canterbury Music](#)

Any questions, contact Emma on 027 299 9580.

A bit of background: Jonathan and Emma are North Canterbury locals based in Springbank. Emma started both her teaching and performance careers while still at CGHS at the age of 15, teaching at home and performing in the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Emma went on to complete a degree in performance music (B Mus Performance Music).

Emma and husband Jonathan met when he was engaged as a soloist on tour the CSO; Jonathan was living in Australia at the time – after his role as Simon in the Australasian Jesus Christ Superstar tour, Jonathan had moved

to Australia for the Miss Saigon tour. When they met, Jonathan had just completed playing Chris (the lead) in "Miss Saigon" and was soon to join the Australian cast of "Les Misérables" in the lead role of Enjolras – the revolutionary leader. Jonathan had popped back to NZ as the soloist in a CSO "Broadway Music" tour of the South Island. And the rest, as they say, is history! The pair then spent the next 14 years in Australia – Jonathan with roles countless productions including musicals, fronting funk bands, piano man gigs, music direction, writing and teaching, while Emma performed as an instrumentalist in musicals, corporate gigs, and continued to teach.

The pair retired from performing and the nomadic performers life to return to their roots in Canterbury. In the last 15 years they have focused on their love of teaching, while raising two boys, and aid aging parents in the rural idyl that is Cust, North Canterbury. They have recently moved just up the road to Springbank, and are passionate about providing high quality tuition, opportunities, and care to the next generation. They offer music lessons in singing, violin, guitar and piano, and offer such options as student bands, glee clubs (singing groups) for youngsters and adults. Lessons are available at the following locations - Cust School, Oxford Area School, View High School, Kaiapoi Borough, Christchurch (St Margaret's College), and Springbank, while all group activities are offered in Springbank.

Together they run www.northcanterburymusic.co.nz

Countless previous students have gone on to study performance at tertiary institutions with more than 40 students going on to professional careers in music or theatre.

Emma Smetham and Jonathan Densem

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Southbrook School Attendance Policy

Going to school every day is important to develop skills for lifelong learning

Please contact the school office via phone call or the HEROapp if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Any student absent at roll call without explanation will be followed up by the office. Caregivers will be notified by a phone call. If contact is not made, the student will be marked as Truant (unjustified absence).

Below is an explanation of how the roll is marked by staff at Southbrook School.

STUDENTS MARKED AS PRESENT

- Teachers will complete the school roll twice daily. Students there at roll call are marked present. The roll is completed at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm.
- Students who arrive at class after roll call will be marked as late and must go to the school office to check in with Mrs Wells.

STUDENTS MARKED ABSENT (JUSTIFIED)

- Students who are unwell and unable to attend school will be marked as a justified absence. For students away from school for more than 5 days unwell, the school can request a medical certificate or the absence may be changed to unjustified.
- All other justified absences within the school policy are classified as justified for a maximum of a 5 day period. After that point, absences will be changed to unjustified unless discussed with school leadership.

Justified Policy: A justified absence at Southbrook is

- Medical illness
- Funeral or tāngi
- Representing the province or NZ at an event
- Medical appointments that can not be made out of school hours
- Stand down from school

STUDENTS MARKED ABSENT (UNJUSTIFIED)

Students who are absent from school for the following reasons are classified as an unjustified absence

- Holiday during term time (within NZ or Overseas)
- Student refusing to come to school
- Attending appointments that can be made outside of school hours
- Family day out e.g. day off for a birthday
- No contact/ unknown absence

If you require support in getting your child to school, whether it be uniform, food or student refusal, please contact your child's whānau teacher or Leadership to discuss and let us help you with a plan. Ongoing low attendance rates will result in your child being referred to attendance services for support.



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WHĀNAU FUN EVENING!

FRIDAY 13 FEB | 5-7PM



We would love for you and your family to join us for a fun evening at school. Bring your picnic rug and kai!

POOL OPEN! GAMES!
SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$2
PEDALMANIA BIKES!
GOLD COIN KOHA



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Parent Information Evening

Collaborative Proactive Solutions CPS

Wednesday 18 February
6:30-7:30

Te Awa Learning Space (upstairs)

Emma Daly, MoE Psychologist will be sharing her knowledge about CPS.

What is CPS?

What does CPS look like at Southbrook School?

Please let Kerry OR email Julie know if you are attending.
julie.walls@southbrook.school.nz

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HUB LAUNCH

Southbrook School | Friday 13 February | 5-7pm

A Community Emergency Hub has been established at Southbrook School.

Learn what a Community Emergency Hub is all about and what you can do for your community when an emergency strikes.

This is being run alongside the school's family BBQ.

All welcome.





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