



Southbrook School news & celebrations Term 1 Week 4

Kia ora Koutou

It was fabulous to see some of our Year 5-8 at the Dudley swimming sports on Monday. Congratulations to the tamariki who qualified for the Rakahuri Sports. Well done to the Year 5 -8 swimmers who showed their skills in our school pool.



Thank you to the parents who came along to our CPS (Collaborative & Proactive Solutions) meeting last week. If you are interested to know more and how you could use this approach at home please go to [Lives in the Balance](#) website.

Attendance -

[Hero](#) - using [Hero](#) to view your child's attendance.

Open your HERO app and click on your child's photo, you will see the attendance dial.

When you hover your cursor over a piece of the dial a pop up will display, showing you the type of attendance (Present, Late, Justified and Unjustified absence) and the number of half days these relate to.

Half days - Attendance is completed twice a day - the morning is one half day / the afternoon is one half day = 2.

Therefore, if your child is sick for a Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday = 3.

Attendance (half days) in 2023

Term 1

Term 2

	Present (includes Late)	Justified Absences	Unjustified Absences	Late
Term 1	7 (70.0%)	3 (30.0%)	1 (10.0%)	
Term 2	7 (58.3%)	3 (25.0%)	2 (16.7%)	2 (16.7%)
YTD	14 (63.6%)	6 (27.3%)	2 (9.1%)	3 (13.6%)

It would be great if you checked your child's attendance dial each week. This will ensure that you have a clear picture of your child's attendance and there will be no surprises.

As always, any questions, please pop in and ask.

*Ngā mihi nui
Julie*



<p>TESTED</p>		<p><i>Jhai, what an amazing addition you are to our Learning Space. We are impressed with the knowledge you have in your kete already and how keen you are to add to it. Your positive attitude and bravery towards starting school is admirable. We are loving seeing you develop new relationships with your peers and kaiako. Keep being the wonderful you!</i></p>
<p>NGA MANUINI</p>		<p><i>Danny, thank you for being such an amazing role model in our learning space. You have been super helpful to our Year 2 learners, including using technology. We are so proud of the many ways you are continuing to add to all your Kete and developing your leadership potential! Keep shining, Danny.</i></p>
<p>NGAHERE</p>		<p><i>Madeline, we appreciate the kindness you show and the positive example you set for your peers in Ngahere. We've noticed how consistently you follow our routines and expectations, and the care and respect you show for our shared classroom space and equipment. Keep shining, e hoa!</i></p>
<p>TE AWA</p>		<p><i>Sailah, we are incredibly proud of you this year. We can see you have stepped up as a leader and are first to offer support to those that need it. The responsibility and maturity you are showing is admirable and we love to see this from you. You are engaged in your learning and showing respect to those around you. You are making a real positive difference in Te Awa. Keep being your fabulous self, Sailah!</i></p>
<p>AORAKI</p>		<p><i>Fletcher, we have loved the mature and proactive way you have started the year. You are super focused in learning time and offer some great contributions to our class discussions. You are a great friend and always show oodles of respect to kaiako. Keep up the fabulous mahi Fletcher.</i></p>

*More Superstars from Southbrook:
Milo Superstars from Week 3 -*



Charlotte, Rylee and Isla had a great time doing the Tryathlon in the weekend. I know that some other Southbrook tamariki also competed in the Tryathlon - well done to you all.



Reminders:

- *PTA Pizza Lunch this Friday*
- *All tamariki need a hat this term, please support your child with this - NO HAT NO PLAY*

Kids do well if they can!

OTHER NOTICES:

School Uniform

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

A message from the Board

The Southbrook School Board meets regularly in Week 3 and Week 8 of each term. The Board met last week for our first meeting for 2026. Our Board members for 2026 are: Presiding Member, Louise Moore; Principal, Julie Walls; Parent Representatives, Lauren Lincoln, Stacey Moore, Breeze Adams, and Daniel Daly; 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 increased 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. In our first meeting, Julie informed the Board that it has been a busy yet positive start to the new year. Southbrook School welcomed new staff and new families to our community and for the most part, the start has been smooth. The Board then discussed various matters pertaining to the year ahead and also looked at increasing the connection between the Board, the PTA, the staff, and the wider school community. You may notice that a presentation of each member of the Board and the PTA is included in this issue of the newsletter and the aim of this is to make those behind the scenes more visible to our school community. While the opportunity to put your hand up to be a member of the Board or the PTA occurs during elections, it is always possible to become a friend of the PTA and help out at various events and fundraisers across the year. So if you are curious about what being on the Board or a member/friend of the PTA would be like, come find either one of us and have a chat.

Finally, the members of the Southbrook School Board 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 2026. 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

Presiding Member

Below is our amazing 2026 Board who work alongside myself and Holly Marsh, our fabulous Staff Representative.

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.



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.



Breeze Adams -
Parent Rep
I'm a Mum of two little ones and
Accounts Manager by day. I am a big
fan of baking / cooking, art, crafts,
and all things creative. I love going on
adventures with my husband and
kids and finding fun ways to explore
and make memories together. I look
forward to supporting Southbrook
tamariki to my best ability.



Natalie Willis
Super Secretary - Hi all! I
live in Rangiora with my
husband Kadin and four
children and our
collection of cats, dogs &
chickens!



Dan Daly
Parent Rep - I am an
Environmental Engineer at the Kate
Valley Landfill in North Canterbury.
I have 3 children attending
Southbrook School and I am
involved in local sports clubs
coaching the kids with cricket and
rugby. I have joined the Board to
give back to the school community
and help nurture a safe and quality
learning environment.



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.





community wellbeing
North Canterbury Trust

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Hurunui

PARENTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN & YOUTH

Join us for an evening of insight, support
and practical strategies

Speakers

Sharyn Gousmett
Educational Psychologist | Founder, Willow Corner

Sarah Columbus
Parent | Founder, the Place

**Free
Event**

Tuesday 10 March | 7pm
Amberley School |
2 Lawcocks Road, Amberley

To book your spot please email natalie.paterson@hurunui.govt.nz



SAVE THE DATE

PAINT & SIP

FUNDRAISER

SAT 21ST MARCH

TICKETS ON SALE SOON FOR OUR ANNUAL PAINT & SIP FUNDRAISER!
BE SURE TO GET YOURS AND JOIN IN A NIGHT CREATIVITY AND FUN!
WITH LOCAL ARTIST (& SOUTHBROOK TEACHER) JANE REID





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Te Ope Whakaora

Just Brass is an exciting programme that was started in Rangiora in 2019 by The Salvation Army. Primary and high school children are given brass instrument tuition if needed and join together on a Tuesday for a band practice, both led by Barrett Hocking. Partnering with local schools who have supported us to do Just Brass and have provided many students the opportunity to learn a brass instrument free of charge.

Making music and playing in a band has brought about significant change for many children. Reading music, counting beats, working as a team and the discipline of practice are transformational attributes that enhance learning and social skills in every aspect of the children's lives.

As well as enjoying music, the students gain confidence, teamwork and leadership skills, a sense of achievement and experience educational benefits as well. Some of the educational outcomes include;

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- improvement in reading,
- more focus,
- happier and more contented
- a general increase in academic results.

The dedication given to the children over the long-term increases the children's sense of self-worth. The programme offers students the opportunity to try something new and opens the door to a new pathway for achievement.

The Just Brass Band plays concerts at the end of every term. These are for family, friends, and supporters to come along and see what it's all about! There have also been opportunities in the past to play at aged care facilities, parks, school fairs and assemblies.

If you would like to find out more, please contact:

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