



Southbrook School news & celebrations Term 3 Week 9

Kia ora Koutou

The days are whizzing by. It is hard to believe that we only have 7 school days left of this term! Congratulations to our Kapa Haka group for their performance last Friday at the Kapa Haka festival. You were amazing! A huge thank you to Mrs Marsh, Mrs Croteau, Whāea Bonnie and Mātua Norm for their dedication and hard work in preparing these young people for the festival.

It has been confirmed that we will be hosting around 20 International Students from China next term - 15th to 27th November. I am still looking for a few more host families. If you would like this opportunity (and to earn some extra money) or you have a neighbor or family member or friend that would love this opportunity please let me know by the end of this week.

At our Board meeting last week, our Board approved the 2027 school dates. School begins for everyone on Tuesday 2 February and the year finishes on Thursday 16 December. We will have our whānau meetings Friday 29th January AND Monday 1 February.

It's a busy time for Out of School sport - our three basketball teams are up and running for the season, we have seven football teams ready for next term and possibly four touch teams. As you can appreciate this takes a lot of organisation, so thank you if you have registered your child's interest on time. Thank you to those amazing parents who have offered to coach (or been persuaded!).

Have a fabulous rest of the week.

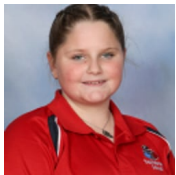
*Ngā mihi nui
Julie*

Celebrating Southbrook Superstars...

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



TEOTEO		<i>Jaxon, we love the positivity and sense of fun that you bring to Teoteco. Your Relationships Kete is growing as your peers are drawn into your dynamic and creative play. We have noticed your increased confidence and willingness to give new things a go. Keep being open to new ideas and thinking and your 3 Kete will continue to grow!</i>
NGĀ MANU NUI		<i>Florence, we love the kindness that you bring to Ngā Manu Nui. Thank you for being such a positive role model and for caring about your classmates. You put so much effort and energy into Gerald's Great Groove and were so passionate during our dance! Keep being you, because you are amazing!</i>

NGAHERE		<i>Ollie, we are so proud of your learning and the effort you have put in this term. You have been trying your best and showing such a positive attitude towards your learning. Keep up the awesome mahi, Ollie, and continue adding to your Three Kete. Tino pai!</i>
TE AWA		<i>Miles, we love your curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. You are always keen to share your ideas and add to your Knowledge Kete. Your community spirit and eagerness to help others succeed are also traits you should be proud of. Keep up the terrific mahi Miles, you are leading the way for others!</i>
AORANGI		<i>Isabelle is a warm, caring, and valued member of our class who naturally looks out for others. She is wonderfully focused and self-motivated, she simply gets on with every task without fuss. Her gentle kindness, strong work ethic, and quiet independence make her a reliable and deeply appreciated student in our kura.</i>

*More Superstars from Southbrook:
Milo Superstars from Week 8*



Reminders:

- Te Awa camp 21st to 23 September
- *Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Southbrook NEXT WEEK - Monday afternoon to Thursday!*

*The library will be filled with heaps of awesome books to purchase - Christmas shopping 😊
You will be able to browse the books 8:30-9:00 AND 2:30-3:30.*

On THURSDAY 24th we will celebrate books by encouraging tamariki to dress as their favourite book character.

- Term 3 Assembly Friday 25 September 1:45pm

Kids do well if they can!

OTHER NOTICES:

School Uniform

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

From our Board:

A message from the Board

The Southbrook School Board met on Wednesday 9 September for the final meeting of Term 3. It seems this year has flown by and we are fast approaching the final term of 2026.

First and foremost, the Board wishes to express gratitude to students, staff and whānau alike for their enthusiastic participation in bringing last week's school production to life. What a joy it was to watch the hard work and energy pay off in what was a delightful piece of performing art.

The Board discussed ongoing key school matters, including research into solar power options to deliver educational, environmental, and sustainability benefits for students. Given the complexity of the market, the Board agreed to take a measured approach and will delay any decision until the right solution is identified.

Another exciting project discussed was the recently awarded "International Code", which means that Southbrook School has been approved to receive international students and can now also work towards offering international trips to our students. The latter is still a work in progress, however we are looking at hosting our first group of international students from China this November. If you are interested in becoming a host family, contact Julie Walls for more information.

Looking ahead to 2027, the Board discussed next year's budget and the complexities of Ministry of Education funding. Because Ministry funding is tightly stretched, we choose to prioritise additional learning support across all our learning spaces—beyond what Ministry funding covers. To make this a possibility, we rely heavily on PTA fundraising. Supporting these events is essential for our school, and we warmly invite you to get involved, whether by joining the PTA, volunteering, or simply attending our events. If you would like to know more, don't hesitate to contact Julie Walls or me.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful rest of the term and a lovely time off during the school holidays.

Louise Moore

Presiding Member

Host International Students at Southbrook School!

We are excited to welcome visiting students (aged 10–13) for a fun two-week exchange. Join us as a host family!



What's Involved?

As a host family, you'll welcome **two students** into your home for 2 weeks. Responsibilities include:

- **Safe Environment:** Provide a supportive & nurturing home.
- **Comfortable Room:** Warm private or shared bedroom.
- **Meals & Snacks:** Provide daily nutritious meals.
- **Kiwi Culture:** Show them a slice of Kiwi life and make their stay fun!



Safeguarding

To ensure student and family safety:

- **Police Vet:** Standard vetting for all host adults.
- **Home Inspection:** Brief home visit.
- **Short Interview:** To ensure a great fit.

Host Allowance

\$35 / night

Per student (\$70 total/night for 2 students) to cover hosting costs.

Interested?

Open your home to this exciting experience!

CONTACT

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A little note from our PTA:

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our upcoming PTA Quiz Night.

We sincerely apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience this may cause, and we would like to thank you for purchasing tickets and supporting our school PTA. Your support means a great deal to us and helps us continue to provide opportunities and resources for our tamariki.

If you have already purchased tickets, you will be refunded to your original form of purchase.

Thank you again for your understanding and for supporting Southbrook School PTA.

Ngā mihi nui,
Southbrook School PTA



BOOK CHARACTER DAY!

Dress up as your favourite book character!

Thursday 24 September

Please bring in a gold coin donation!



Southbrook School Holidays October 2026

26 Marshall Street, Rangiora, New Zealand

Booked for Adventure
Mon 28 Sep
READING Is A TICKET TO Adventure
Today we create some cool accessories for your favourite books & reading space - an adventure treasure hunt & lots more.

Trip GKR Karate
Tue 29 Sep
GKR KARATE
Back by Popular Demand, GKR return with their seriously fun and interactive Kids Karate Workshop. A great safe way for kids to learn Karate.

Star Wars
Wed 30 Sep
STAR WARS
Blaze off for a day of "out-of-this-world" creativity. Build a planet that lights up - lots of other space inspired games and activities.

Trip Kids Stage Show
Thu 01 Oct
XANADU
Luminaire Kids Theatre Co return with "Xanadu 2nd" a line musical stage show full of colour, dance, music and fun. At Papa Hou Theatre.

Woodland Wonders
Fri 02 Oct
WOODLAND WONDERS
Become a woodland explorer for the day & decorate your own cap, create cool pin badges & exploring bags complete with a mini travel guide.

Weather Lab
Mon 05 Oct
STEAM Lab
Calling all Junior Weather Scientists, today is full of STEAM inspired activities including making your own weather station and lots more.

Trip Inflatatun
Tue 06 Oct
Inflatatun Run
FUN HQ's mega awesome inflatable return, test yourself on the huge indoor obstacle course or challenge the balance inflatables. At Kidsbase Okeia.

Clay Studio
Wed 07 Oct
CLAY Studio
Today we create with color, texture and hands on fun, design your very own clay keepee as well as games and yummy treats.

Trip Circus Workshop
Thu 08 Oct
Circus
A super fun and hands on Magic & Circus workshop for all the kids with the incredible Mr. Wlowski & his team. Become part of the circus for a day. At Kidsbase Spreydon.

Backyard Safari
Fri 09 Oct
BACKYARD SAFARI
Kids will transform everyday materials into playful works of art and create their own special project inspired by NZ native birds.

Oct Holiday Programme

Full Day 7:30 am - 6:00 pm \$74.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Full Day 8:30 am - 6:00 pm \$64.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Half Day 7:30 am - 3:00 pm \$64.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)
Half Day 8:30 am - 3:00 pm \$54.00 (All Inclusive - No Extra Fees)

ALL NON-TRIP DAYS INCLUDE "MAKE COMPANY" WOODEN CRAFT KITS - AT NO EXTRA COST.



** WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE ** All Programmes are MSD approved. Children from ALL schools welcome.

For more information, call 027 687 0001 Or 027 239 7690
or email info@kidsbase.co.nz

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**SOUTHBROOK
REFEREE
PROGRAMME**



JOIN THE TEAM

Southbrook Touch is on the look out for referees to join our Junior module in term-4 and term-1 this summer.

“ Interested in meeting new people and having heaps of fun. Social events during the season and some trips away as well.

VENUE

SOUTHBROOK TOUCH

GRADES

**JUNIOR'S YEAR 1-8
YOUTH YEAR 9-13
SENIOR MENS | WOMENS | MIXED**

DATE & TIME

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
DURING OCTOBER
5PM - 6.30PM**

COST

WE PAY YOU!

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