



Letter to Parents of Students Enrolled to enter in 2012

14 October 2011

Dear Parent

This newsletter contains information that will assist both you and your child to prepare for next year. You can also keep up with the School's news by visiting our website where newsletters are published fortnightly during term time – www.southwell.school.nz. To give you an idea of Southwell's rules and routines, take a look at the **Parent Handbook** under **Parental Information**, and for what's happening on a day-by-day basis look at the **Term Planner**.

▪ **Friday 18th November, Orientation Day for Years 3 – 8**

To enable new students to familiarise themselves with the school, we will be holding an Orientation Day on the above date. Staff will spend time working with the children assessing their level of understanding in Language and Mathematics. This information will be helpful when making up classes for next year. **Please note that the results of these assessments are for staff information only.**

On arrival at school your child will be "buddied up" for the day with a child in the same year group. Your child should attend in mufti and bring some morning tea. Lunch will be provided for Year 5 to 8 students. All writing materials will be provided. The programme for the day will be as follows:

Orientation Day Programme for Year 3 & 4 Students

8.45 am Arrive at School. The Headmaster will speak to all parents in the Performing Arts Centre.
9.00 am English Assessment
10.00 am Mathematics Assessment
11.10 am Morning Tea
11.30 am Classroom activities / Games
12.45 pm **Students collected by Parents from outside the Management Centre**

Orientation Day Programme for Year 5 to 8 Students

8.45 am Arrive at School. The Headmaster will speak to all parents in the Performing Arts Centre
9.00 am English and Mathematics Assessment
11.10 am Morning Tea
11.30 am English and Mathematics Assessment
12.50 pm Lunch will be provided
1.45 pm Games
2.45 pm **Students collected by Parents from outside the Management Centre.**

Please note: If your child is entering Year 7 next year he/she will be eligible to sit the Southwell Scholarship Examinations (information enclosed) which will be held on the same day and will follow the same programme.

Headmaster: R.A.Helm, M.Ed. (Admin.), B.Ed., Dip.Tchg.

▪ **Tuesday 22nd November, Orientation Day for Years 1 – 2**

Junior Students commencing in Term 1, 2012 are invited to come along to the school **from 10.30 am – 3.00 pm** on the above date. Full details of the day's programme will be sent to you closer to the time. In the meantime please mark this date in your diary.

▪ **Students entering Year 0 during 2012**

All Junior students joining the School at the beginning of Terms 2, 3 and 4 next year will be invited to an orientation day prior to their commencement, and will also be contacted around the same time with regards to a clothing shop appointment.

▪ **Clothing Shop**

The school's clothing shop will be open **by appointment** for new students only from the beginning of Term 4 through to mid-December (excluding the 15th which is Prize Giving Day).

Please telephone Bev Parkinson in the School Office from Tuesday 25 October to make an appointment. Please don't bring your child in during the shop's normal opening hours as this time would not be suitable for your requirements. Payment for uniform can be made by Cheque, Cash, Eftpos or Credit Card.

▪ **Dates for 2012**

- **New Boarders will arrive at School on the afternoon of Tuesday 31 January.**
- There will be a "New Parents' Function" at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 31 January hosted by the SSA (Southwell School Association). The Headmaster will introduce the teaching staff and you will be able to meet your child's teacher and other new parents. Drinks and finger food will be served. An invitation giving full details will be sent to you in December.
- **All new students will commence at 9.00 am on Wednesday 1 February.** This allows new students to have another "orientation day" prior to the full school starting on Thursday 2 February.

Term 1	2 February	-	30 March
	<i>Camp Week, 27 February to 2 March</i>		
Term 2	23 April	-	22 June
Term 3	16 July	-	21 September
Term 4	15 October	-	12 December

Another newsletter will be sent to all new families in December. If you have any queries in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact my PA, Gloria Archer.

Yours sincerely



R A Helm
Headmaster

Reminder Orientation Days

Friday 18 November

Y3-4 from 8.45 to 12.45 pm
Y5-8 from 8.45 am to 2.45 pm

Tuesday 22 November

Y1-2 from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm