



Newsletter

10 December 2024

Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

-Prize Giving / Last Day : Wairarapa College 11am - 12:30pm



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Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi ki te whānau ō te kura ō Solway

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau i tenei Arangi

EARLY FINISH, 12:30pm This Thursday Dec 12th. Children to be collected from Wairarapa College.

Solway School will be holding its Annual Prize Giving Assembly at Wairarapa College this year. It starts at 11am with a 12:30pm finish. Students will be travelling by bus from school and will go home with families once released at the end of the Prize Giving.

For 2024 we are farewelling two teacher aides, Sam Wright & Brenda Duckett and Anne Scott who has been one of our reading recovery teachers at Solway for the last 2 years. We also have Viv Booth who is retiring after 49 years teaching, 28 at Solway primary. Viv was deputy Principal for all but the last few years and on several extended occasions Acting Principal. Whilst she is most certainly a legend she isn't finished yet and we will still see her from time to time when she isn't being a grandparent or on a cruise. We thank all four for their fantastic service to our tamariki and wish you all the very best in the future.

All other existing staff are returning in 2024, we will also be welcoming Penny Thomson who will be teaching part time in the Tararua team. We have had to slightly tweak our classroom and team compositions, this is purely down to numbers. We will stay as two teams. The Rangitumau will now run from years 0-2 and the Tararua Team from years 3 to 6. Rosie will continue to lead the Rangitumau team whilst Niheta Veale will lead the Tararua team for 2025.

In term 2 I will be going on my first sabbatical in almost 30 years teaching, Hannah will become Acting Principal for the term and Steve Hornby will plug a number of gaps as Deputy Principal.

The Year That Was.....2024 - We have had a great year, Matariki, Grandparents day, 2 camps, Pet Day, Jump Jam and major renovations and extensions taking place.

Student achievement remains consistently high with all students remaining above the national average in all curriculum areas. For 2025 we will continue in our structured literacy journey and as a school begin using the Oxford University Press mathematics scheme for students in year 2 and up.

Special thanks to everyone involved with Solway - the Administration staff - Office Manager Viv and Office Administrator Selina have kept the office duties humming along.

To the leadership team (Hannah, Steve, Niheta and Rosie) I always appreciate your support and I am blessed to work in a school with such a professional team.

To our teachers full-time and part time (Tessa, Jo, Rose, Jenny, Simona, Deb, Andrea, Amanda, Cheryl, Sarah Booth, Ellaine, Viv Booth, Salome, Anne and Martha in Reading Recovery and Nikki Irwin our LSC) thank you for your dedication and commitment to Solway School. To our teacher aides (Sheryn, Cheryl, Nina, Vicky, Kelly, Sam, Brenda, Jocelyn and Katrina) who have supported children and classroom teachers, thank you for all your hard work.

Our cleaners Holly, Jane and Margery and to Jimmy and Dave our Caretakers, you have all been amazing.

To all our volunteers who pop into classes to support and help, thank you. To all our parent helpers who put their hands up to transport children on trips, to sleep overnight at camps and help in any way you can, thank you. To our sports coaches for coaching and managing sports teams throughout the year - what would we do without you, thank you.

Finally to the Board of Trustees, Briar Harvey, Felicity Brooks, Kelly Lissington, Jaco Le Roux and Barri Cooper, thank you for your hard work in governing the school - you have been a very easy team to work with and for. At the heart of all things has been better outcomes for our learners.

Wishing you all a fabulous festive season and summer holiday - we will look forward to seeing you all back at Solway on Monday 3rd February 2025.

Have a very Merry Christmas

Last day of school - PRIZE GIVING . Thursday (December 12th) - Wairarapa College Hall, 11am - 12:30pm. All students will travel to the hall by bus with the expectation they will go home from Wai Col. Students are to be collected from Wairarapa College at 12:30pm.

Have a great week,

Nga mihi

Mark Bridges (Principal)



Just a few pictures from our Farewell Assembly for Mrs Booth yesterday, she has had a huge impact on our community. We owe her so much and yet she showered us with gifts, a painting for the new staffroom, a lovely fairy play table and three large school value signs to be unveiled next year. Thank you Viv. Tena koe, ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau.

First Day of 2025 - Monday February 3rd 8:55am - 3pm.

Solway School 2024 Dates

Term 4 October 14th to December 12th

LOST PROPERTY



Polar Fleecees - one size 8, five size 10's , three size 12's - either not named or names that cannot be read. Please come along and have a LOOK !

SURF LIFE SAVING - BEACH EDUCATION Cancelled

Unfortunately when the final costs came in for buses and the course itself it was just under \$10,000, double what it was just 2 years ago. Even with parents contributing \$15 per child the school would have needed to subsidize a further \$30 per student.

We will look at doing our own water safety unit in the school pool as an alternative.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Pohutukawa: This week's star is EVERYONE in Pōhutukawa! What an amazing term we've had. From growing grass and planting beans to exploring life cycles with butterflies, caterpillars, tadpoles, and frogs, it has been packed with exciting activities. We've enjoyed the Life Education lessons on body systems, athletics day, our train trip, sausage sizzles, and pet and flower day. Wow—what a busy Term 4!

Kanuka: Liam Pratt- Rees - always arriving at school with the biggest smile. Liam really loves school and is trying hard with all his learning. Tino pai Liam!

Rimu: Louie S is our star this week. You have consistently worked hard with both your story writing and also your mat manners. It is so lovely to see you blossom this term with all your learning. Ka rawe!

Kauri: Brooke, for your awesome writing. We absolutely love reading your stories. They are filled with fabulous words and so many ideas. We have loved seeing your writing grow this term. Tino pai!

Harakeke: This week's star is EVERYONE in Harakeke. What an amazing term and year we've had. Ka rawe!!

Titoki: Harper Dean is our star this week. Harper started her school journey at Solway in January 2022, and is now moving on to Tauranga for a new adventure. You have been such a joy to get to know & to teach Harper. You are truly loved by all your classmates. We will all miss you so much!

Kowhai: Zara has shown Manawanui in her maths. She has a great attitude towards her learning and keeps trying, even when things get tricky and the numbers get bigger. Keep up the great work, Zara.

Totara: Mehar's made fabulous progress in everything he focussed on this term, with clear evidence that his tables, his speech and his writing ability have improved the most. This is stunning considering English is not the only language he uses! Manaakitanga.

Matai: Blake has shown Manawanui recently. He has been working really hard to complete tasks and has been keeping an open mind about learning new things. He is getting better at managing himself. Awesome, Blake.

Manuka: Thanks to the whole class for showing Pono this week, with all the moving and disruptions. Ka Pai!

Rata: Thanks to the whole class for showing Pono this week, with all the moving and disruptions. Ka Pai!



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AGE: 7-14yo TIME: 9am -12pm

MASTERTON

DATE: 17 - 19 December

LOCATION: Rathkeale College

COST: \$50/ day OR \$120 for 3 days

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December 17-20 "Bah Humbug"



Bah Hum Bug is set in the LMA (Leave Me Alone) Retirement Home for the rich & famous. Join Dr. Troy, Sister Grimsby & the nursing staff as they prepare for the arrival of celebrity TV presenter Tina Talkalot and her sidekicks Taffy & Toots for the interview of the year. What could possibly go wrong? But they hadn't counted on cleaners, Jose and Cactus, or Vera, the forgetful tea lady, getting in on the action.

Hans and Heidi have been caught cheating at cards again. The Grand Shuffler is very disappointed, so he decides to teach them a lesson by removing the four Aces from the pack. No more card games ever again! The Aces have been sent to the Land of the Bogels, the Land of the Dryads, and the Land of Dreams, but the Joker has escaped and cast a spell on the Grand Dream Giver so he can only give bad dreams! Can Hans & Heidi find the Aces and return them to the pack and halt the Joker's evil scheme? Will there ever be good dreams again?



January 21- 24 "The Joker's Wild"

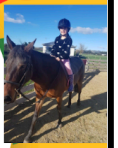
- Ages:** 8 to 13 years (No previous experience required)
- Venue:** St Matthew's Collegiate School
- Hours:** Program operates 9am-3pm - Venue open 8.30am-3.30pm
- Performance:** 3pm on the final day in the Auditorium
- Fees:** \$195 (Includes tuition, script, costumes, Acting Antics book bag, Kids Club folder & performance certificate)
- Director:** Deborah Percy

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PONY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



KITTYHAWKE RIDING ACADEMY

MONDAY 16TH AND 23RD

DECEMBER 2024

9-12PM.

PM KITTYHAWKE RIDING ACADEMY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT.