

	<p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter 11th February 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events Dates &amp; Reminders</b></p> <p><b>Feb 13: Meet the Teacher 2:30pm</b>  Feb 27: Triathlon (Evening)  March 5-7: Year 6 Camp  March 21: Cultural Day  March 28: Awa / River trips  April 1-2: Learning Conferences</p>
<p>Contacts Phone: 06 377 4850, Cell: 022 105 3218 Email: <a href="mailto:office@solway.school.nz">office@solway.school.nz</a>  Principal: <a href="mailto:principal@solway.school.nz">principal@solway.school.nz</a> Web: <a href="http://www.solway.school.nz">www.solway.school.nz</a> <b>Term 1 Week 2</b></p>		

**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**

Welcome back Solway School,

*It's been a great start to the year with lots of learning happening in all our classes.*

*Just a reminder regarding your child being away or late to school. We need to know prior to the start of the day that your child will be away and why. The ministry is now collecting this data daily. You can email [office@solway.school.nz](mailto:office@solway.school.nz) or report an absence on our website*

*<https://www.solway.school.nz/contact-us/report-absence/> or call & leave a message or text, or leave a message through the Skoolloop. Phone: 06 377 4850. Cell: 022 105 3218. If your child is late for school please make sure they come to the office before they go to class so the office can mark them present.*

*Those who do not make contact will receive a call.*

*Generally the attendance at Solway is outstanding, there is logically a direct correlation between regular attendance and academic progress. New Zealand attendance rates are currently some of the worst in the OECD, the aim of the government is to have at least 80% of students missing no more than 10% or 1 day a fortnight of school by 2030. This rate at Solway is currently 79%, the national average is 51.3%.*

**MEET THE TEACHER**: This **Thursday February 13th 2:30-3pm** we are having an open classroom afternoon for parents to come and meet their child's teacher. At 2:30pm all students will go to the hall (I will make sure the air con is on). When parents arrive they can collect their child / children from the hall and they can accompany you to their classroom. All other students will be dismissed at 3pm as per usual.

*This is just an informal meet and greet, formal one on one learning conferences are later in the term.*



**Solway School Fundraiser** - Saturday March 15th the Cophthorne is hosting the **GMSV Corvette Nationals**. New & old Corvette sports cars from all over New Zealand are coming to Masterton. The Corvette Club has reached out to the local school (Solway Primary) and offered to raise money for us by opening up the collection for a couple of hours in the morning to the public in return for gold coin donations (all going to Solway). Our hope is to purchase STEM equipment for the school (likely lego). We will need half a dozen volunteers to help run the event, collect coins etc and **we need everyone to come along with their friends and extended family**.

A Corvette will be coming to Solway tomorrow at hometime - keep a lookout!!  
Ngā mihi **Mark Bridges (Principal)**

*We all know finances are tight. Parents do have the option of paying off expenses like stationery, camps and trips over the course of the year by setting up automatic payments. If you would like to discuss options please phone the office.*

**No students at school before 8am - Just a reminder that no students should be at school before 8am. School starts at 8:55am. Teachers cannot and should not supervise children who come early.**

**Road Patrol** - There is a teacher and signs out from 8:30am-8:50am daily for safe road crossing. Everyone must use the crossing to cross the road both in the morning and afternoon even if you do not have your child with you when you cross.

### **Solway School 2025 Dates**

**Term 1** February 3rd to April 11th  
Waitangi Day Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

**Term 2** April 28th to June 27th  
King's Birthday June 2nd, Combined schools teacher only day June 3rd, Matariki June 20th

**Term 3** July 14th to September 19th

**Term 4** October 6th to December 16th  
Teacher only day October 24th, Labour day October 27th

## Year 6 Camp

The time is flying and it is only 3 weeks before we are going to camp.

If your child is a year 6 and you haven't registered them for camp yet can you please do this ASAP.

<https://book.venue.life/ycentraloutdoors/register/0201-syear-6>

Check your Seesaw for a digital link.

Please check **Seesaw** regularly as I will send all information through this method.



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Pohutukawa:** Abel for kicking the year off with awesome independence and being a great role model for new students in our class, showing lots of Manaakitanga. Well done Abel, keep it up!!

**Kanuka:** Marni is our star in Kanuka. What a fabulous leader you are being with all of our new students. It's so great to have such an awesome role model. Ka rawe!

**Rimu:** Kyle for showing Manawanui every day at school. Kyle is demonstrating resilience by being brave and settling into the classroom quickly each day. Ka mau te wehi Kyle!

**Harakeke:** Zave for showing Manaakitanga and being such a focused role model in Harakeke. He is an awesome listener and always tries his best. Ka rawe Zave!

**Titoki:** Freya for showing our Solway School value of Manawanui. Freya has started this term with a broken leg and had to navigate her way around school on crutches. She has done this with positivity, resilience and a 'can - do' attitude. Kia kaha Freya.

**Kowhai:** Louie always shows Manaakitanga in the classroom. He is responsible and reliable, always working carefully and consistently on his tasks. Tino pai Louie!

**Totara:** Ayla-May for all round inclusivity / Pono - from organising class sports activities to being part of helping out with what's on - getting involved in all that there is to do. Ka Pai Ayla-May!

**Matai:** Olivia has shown Manawanui by showing diligence and rising to challenges. What a fantastic start to the year. Awesome, Olivia.

**Manuka:** Kestrel - Manaakitanga, for showing lots of enthusiasm and initiative.

**Rata:** Leah, for your positivity and enthusiasm with new learning and being a super helper!



WAIRARAPA  
NEW ZEALAND



MOTHERS  
HIGH PERFORMANCE CAR CARE

CORVETTE  
NATIONALS 2025

PUBLIC CAR SHOW

COPTHORNE at SOLWAY - MASTERTON

SATURDAY MARCH 15 2025

9.00 TO 11.00am :: Gold Coin Koha

All proceeds to Solway School



TERM 1, 2025

Indoor skating sessions

for roller/inline skaters of all levels

Weekly sessions - Most  
Thursdays  
4:30 - 5:30pm

Children and adults of all  
age

Skate Dates:

February 13th, 20th and 27th

March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

April 3rd and 10th

Clareville A&P  
Stadium,  
2nd entrance off  
Chester Road.

No bookings required, just turn up on the day.

Adults, please stay and supervise your children. Skates are BYO, safety gear (especially wrist guards) is recommended.

We have some skates available to borrow, please call/text Leah on 021 1590782 the day before with the size you require.

Carterton Roller Skaters is a not-for-profit community group. Join us on facebook for the latest news.