



Newsletter

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Upcoming Events, Dates & Reminders

River house group walks
22nd March

Learning Conferences
26th & 27th March

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

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

Tararua team Government House & Te Papa trip. Tomorrow (Wednesday) all year 4 to 6 students are travelling by bus to Wellington. They will need packed lunches and full school uniforms. All students need to be at school by 8:10am with buses leaving soon afterwards. We expect to be back to Solway at about 4:30pm. We will SeeSaw message all families when we get to Featherston.



Ki O Rahi Tournament at Riversdale Big thank you to Mrs Wharekawa and Sheryn for taking students to the Ki O Rahi tournament at Riversdale on Friday. Despite it not being so summer like our students did us proud and gave it their very best.

Sausage Sizzle due to our Wellington trip tomorrow the sausage sizzle will be on Thursday this week.

Learning Conferences March 26-27th - Learning conferences will be held in 2 weeks today. On **Tuesday March 26th we will close the school at 1pm** (some emergency supervision will be provided). On Wednesday 27th school will finish at 3pm as usual. A link for making online bookings will be shared next week.

Swimming - This week is going to be the last week of school swimming for the season. The pool is getting a little too chilly in the mornings. We send off the pool each year with our traditional Solway Pool Regatta- this fun activity will involve the older students helping the younger students create boats, some float, some don't. Huge thanks to Jimmy and Dave for maintaining it for us over the summer.

River Trip - just a heads up, next Friday (March 22nd) we have our House Group River Trip. Children and staff travel by bus to the River their House group is associated with. No swimming is involved and children are back well before lunchtime.

Have a great week, Nga mihi **Mark Bridges (Principal)**

EASTER RAFFLE: Congratulations to our two raffle winners, the Humphries family and Kristy.



The Rangitumau team Year 0-3 invites any interested parents to an information evening on BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach). Hannah and Rosie are trained facilitators in this literacy approach and the teachers are trained or are training to implement it into their class programmes. This is a highly successful research based method of teaching reading through structured phonics. This

whanau hui is Thursday 21st March at 6pm in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you came to this hui in 2023 you are warmly invited to come along again and bring any questions that you have. It will be the same content as the 2023 meeting.

Morning and afternoon dropoff. Please keep the drive through area between the marked disabled car park and garden free in the mornings and afternoons.

These spots are reserved for a couple of families (vehicles shown in the pictures) who have students with special needs. It may seem a minor issue for most of us but change in routines can cause unneeded anxiety and distress for these students.



Solway School 2024 Dates

Term 1 events coming up that will be good to take note of -

March 4th - Triathlon (5:30pm) This is a Solway tradition with all students participating, we follow with a picnic / sausage sizzle and swim.

March 13th - Tararua team to Government House & Te Papa.

March 26-27th - Learning conferences.

April 3-5th - Year 6 Camp

Term 1 January 30th to April 12th

Waitangi Day Feb 6th, Easter Break March 29th to April 2nd.

Term 2 April 29th to July 5th

King's Birthday June 3rd, Combined schools teacher only day June 4th.

Term 3 July 22nd to September 27th

Term 4 October 14th to December 12th

Teacher only day October 25th, Labour day October 28th

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.

SOLWAY HOUSE GROUP - Awa walks

On Friday 22nd March all of Solway School are going to visit their house group river. Please return the permission form for this trip asap or email your child's teacher saying that they can go.

Swimming Sports

These students have been entered into the Masterton cluster swimming competition on Wednesday 6th March: Issy Hopman, Malakai Soromon, Brooklyn Bowman, Macey Shaw, Meila Goodger, Peri Larsen, Grayson Vollebregt, Mila Duckett, Zara Connell, Jessica McRae-Kreig, Jodie Dennes, Parker Dancey, Tayla Clarke, Charlotte Thompson, Manaaki Harwood, Harry Newton.
Well done to the Solway School Swim Champs for 2024

Tee Ball and Mod Softball

Solway has one Tee Ball team and one Mod Softball team. The games that I have seen, students have shown the Solway school values. A special thanks to Amy Munn, who coaches the Tee Ball team, and Sonia Rutene and Kellie Lissington, who were gently persuaded into coaching the Mod Softball team.

Year 1 - 4 Netball

Netball has been off to a great start, especially with the donation of 14 new Size 4 netballs. The teams are coached by: Shannon Bayliss (Y0-2), Dena Hartnell ((Y0-2), Mel Futter (Y3-4), and Danielle Bishop (Y3-4).

Year 6 Camp

This will be held the 3rd, 4th and 5th April at Kaitoke Outdoor Recreation Centre. More details coming home with year 6 children today. Check Seesaw for links to fill in online forms. We will require parent help but places may be limited. Let Steve know through Seesaw if you would like to come.

Sausage Sizzle

This will happen over the next 6 weeks, Orders need to be in each Tuesday, Sausages will be eaten on Wednesdays. \$2 per sausage.

Lunches Pita-Pit

Good news for our Solway children returning and new families to Solway, we will start up Friday Pita Pit lunches again on: **Friday 2nd February.**

Sushi lunches on Mondays starting **Monday 5th February.**

For our new families: It's simple; all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s using your child's name & classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before ordering
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order

Orders can be placed right up until 8.30 on the day the lunches are available. Any problems/queries with set-up please see Selina in the office. We have found the lunches healthy & enjoyed by the children with quite a few options available.

IMPORTANT: Can families with existing accounts for children, please make sure you update the classroom for your child/ren as it saves many tears on a Friday and Monday!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Pohutukawa: Elyse for always thoughtfully contributing to class and group discussions and having a go at new things. Mahi pai Elyse!

Kanuka: Zave has been a fantastic role model for the tamariki in Kānuka. He shows Manaakitanga by being a sensible student and taking responsibility for his learning, particularly during our maths sessions. Ka mau te wehi, Zave!

Rimu: Max for Manawanui. He has been putting in so much effort and hard work into his reading and writing. Keep up the great mahi! Tō kerewai hoki Max.

Harakeke: Isla for Manaakitanga. She is a responsible learner who is always ready and taking an active part in the class. I am proud of you Isla!

Titoki: Lucy, has been showing our Solway School values in everything she does. I have been particularly proud of her patience and kindness this week. Tu meke Lucy!

Kowhai: Luke and Max Traill for Manaakitanga. Luke and Max were very creative with their props for the play and showed great teamwork. Ka mau te wehi!

Totara: Indy's our Star this week. She's displaying huge levels of Manaakitanga - taking on the responsibility of several things in class, from student-led check in for the various systems we have, through to processing all our sausage orders as well.

Matai: Lyla has been a perfect example of someone showing Manaakitanga. She is so caring and helpful to other students in class. She has a big heart and is a respectful member of Matai.

Manuka: Sarah is an awesome role model in Manuka. She is working extremely hard self managing her independent tasks and putting in her best effort into everything she does at Solway! Keep it up Sarah!

Rata: Carter - for being responsible and respectful in Rata. Thank you!



Masterton redstar
Job registrations
Colombo rd clubrooms
 Thursday 14TH March 5.00 – 6.30pm
 Sunday 24th March 1.00 – 2.30 pm
 Tuesday 2nd april 5.00 – 6.30 pm
 No registration fees for 2024



SAVE THE DATE!
CARTERTON
COLOUR RUN

When: Saturday 20th April 12pm
Where: Carrington Park
 Wear white and bring your gold coin entry

Register your interest here- 



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This month's magazine is available
 to read here

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WE'RE HIRING

WEEKEND SWIM TEACHERS

THIS POSITION IS PREDOMINANTLY FOR A SUNDAY SHIFT, WITH THE CHANCE TO PICK MORE SHIFTS UP DURING THE TERM AND HOLIDAYS.

PERFECT FOR A STUDENT WANTING EXTRA MONEY.

MUST BE GREAT WITH CHILDREN AS YOU'LL BE WORKING PREDOMINANTLY WITH UNDER 5S AND THEIR PARENTS

