

Solway School Newsletter - Term 4, Week 2

Tuesday 20th October



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

Plant Sale - Saturday
October 31st

Athletics Day - Wednesday
11th November

Prize giving and final day -
Friday 11th Dec at
Wairarapa College 11am

Last day of 2026 - 11th
December

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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

Two four-day weeks in a row, with an extra-long weekend ahead!

We're very sorry for the disappointment of last week's cancelled Pet & Flower Day, but unfortunately, some things (like the weather!) are beyond our control.

With our Teacher Only Day this Friday, there will be no pizza lunches this week. Instead, we'll be selling Tip Top Trumpets for \$3 each on Thursday.

The weather forecast for Thursday is looking fantastic, with a high of 24°C — perfect ice cream weather!

A range of flavours will be available, including gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan options.

Simply send your child along with \$3 in coins. For our younger students, handing their money to their teacher first thing in the morning is always a good idea.

Teacher Only Day & Labour Weekend A reminder that Friday 23 October is a Teacher Only Day, followed by Labour Day on Monday 26 October.

This means a four-day weekend for families, with children returning Tuesday 27 October.

For decades, our teachers have used the Friday before Labour Weekend to plan for the following school year, including classes, curriculum and school priorities.

2027 Class Placement. If you have a particular request regarding friendship combinations or learning styles please put it in writing to myself, either on paper or by email to principal@solway.school.nz before Tuesday October 27th.

We do not allow requests for specific teachers, lots of dynamics are in play with class placements so we cannot guarantee all requests will be actioned but we do value parental input and concerns. Children will be informed of their 2027 classes and teachers in December.

Out of Zone Siblings. (Don't Stress) Due to pressure on our school roll we are unlikely to have any ballots for new families for a number of years. If you have children already attending Solway and they have younger Out of Zone siblings then we still aim to make space for them but a process must be followed. Please write a letter to the Solway School Board of Trustees (care of the office) asking for an out of zone sibling space. These spaces have legal priority over all other out of zone students. Any questions feel free to come and see myself (Mark).

Return of Cups. Any students who were awarded cups or shields at last year's prize giving, could these please be returned to the school office asap so we can get them engraved for the 2026 recipients. Thank you to those who have returned them already.

Friends of Solway – Plant Sale Our wonderful Friends of Solway have their Plant Sale coming up in just under two weeks!

All proceeds support exciting school improvements planned over the next 18 months.

The Friends of Solway have also been running their School Holiday Plant Challenge, encouraging children to grow and care for their own plants, with free pizzas up for grabs!

Please support the sale if you can. Every plant purchased helps make Solway an even better place for our children.

Trumpet Ice-Creams



Gluten-free, dairy-free and Vegan **available too**





Congratulations - Perfect Attendance Well Done to Mason Duffy, Enzo Creech and Addison Haeata who have perfect attendance so far in 2026 other than the day of the big storm. Frank Trail even came to school on that day - in his words "I just love school".

Kindo Friday Lunches Kindo lunches are still available every Friday and can be ordered directly online. [Order through myKindo – ezlunch](#)

[Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,](#)
Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

Solway School 2026 Dates

Term 4 October 12th to December 11th

Teacher only day October 23rd, Labour Day: October 26th

Term 1 2027 Monday 1st Feb 2027 8:55am

Pizza Fridays!

The Friends of Solway Pizza Friday fundraiser.

- Domino's Pizza - \$5.50
- Pizza & Fries Combo - \$7.00

Orders close at 12:00pm **each Wednesday**, with the option to order several weeks in advance.

Link to the Friends of Solway website to order your pizza:

<https://www.friendsofsolway.co.nz/>

School Notices

Term 4 Sports

Tee ball and Mod Softball - Teams are now very full. There are 2 Tee ball teams and 2 Mod Softball teams. A draw is being finalised.

Touch Rugby - It was awesome to see so many parents and kids turn up yesterday for the coaches support session. Draws can be found here: [Primary School Touch Rugby Draws](#)

Year 0-4 Netball - There are four Year 0-2 teams and three Year 3-4 teams. Games start today.

Twilight Hockey - There are 4 teams for Twilight Hockey. A Year 1-2, Year 3-4, and two Year 5-6 teams. Games start Wednesday 28th October.

Road Patrol 2027

If your child will be a year 6 in 2027 (year 5 currently) and would like to be a member of the school road patrol team for next year, please fill in the attached form. There will also be a link sent via HERO. [Road Patrol 2027](#)

Week 2 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Georgia, Penny, Ayla, Emmy, Alexis,
Carter, Frank, Lilly, Rome, Edith & Cooper,





STARS OF THE WEEK



Kahikatea: Reggie has consistently been doing the right thing at the right time especially during learning though play. He is becoming more enthusiastic about his learning and is always eager to join in. He shows manaakitanga by taking responsibility for his learning and making positive choices. Ka pai Reggie!

Pōhutukawa: Liam had a brilliant week! He returned to school full of enthusiasm for his learning and independently wrote a wonderful story about his holiday. He was also super prepared for his holiday talking topic, sharing his experiences with fantastic confidence. Ka mau te wehi Liam!

Kānuka: Rome is an absolute delight to have in Kānuka! She brightens our classroom with her lovely sense of humor and warm personality. Rome demonstrates our Solway School value of pono through her wonderful inclusiveness, she is always looking out for others, seeking out who she can play with, and making sure everyone feels included in her games. Ka mau te wehi, Rome!

Rimu: Graysen has had a fantastic start to Term 4! He returned to school with a positive attitude, fully ready to dive into his learning. Throughout the week, Graysen has shown great dedication by staying on task and maintaining his focus during lessons. It is wonderful to see his commitment and effort right from day one. Keep up the brilliant work, Graysen!

Harakeke: Spencer is our star this week. He has been focused and responding in discussions with amazing answers and ideas. I love that you are trying so hard Spencer and sharing what you know. Ka mau te wehi!

Tītōki: Elise is our star of the week. Elise you are amazing. You always work so hard and make the most of everything at school. You show our values every day in everything that you do. You are a true Solway school kid. We are very proud of you. Keep up the great work. Ka pai rawa!

Kauri: George shows wonderful Manawanui by always trying his best during reading and working hard to improve. He loves joining in our maths discussions and sharing his ideas with the class. Ka pai, George! Keep up the great work!

Tōtara: Our star of the week is Te Ariki for demonstrating Manaakitanga and Manawanui. Te Ariki has made an excellent start to term 4, showing focus and respect during whole class and group activities. He actively contributes to class discussions and confidently takes on the role of kaiako, helping and teaching others. All this while wearing the lovely cheeky smile we all know and love! Ka Rawe Te Ariki! Keep it up!!

Mataī: Jaxon shows Manaakitanga with the way he helps clean up the class. He never needs reminding and he gets the jobs done. He often cleans up after other people, but never complains about it. Thanks for what you do for Matai, Jaxon.

Mānuka: Maahaki has a fantastic general knowledge and has been able to pull out some amazing answers in our BvG quizzes. He has incredible knowledge of geography, Tino Pai Maahaki.

Rātā: Knox has made a fantastic start to the term in Rātā. He is putting in a great effort to stay focused and engaged in his learning. Knox has made an excellent start to persuasive writing, confidently using the correct structure and sentence starters. Keep up the great mahi, Knox!

HELP NEEDED!

WORKING BEE

One last push before our Plant Fair!

 **Friday 23 Oct**
 **9am - 11am**

 **PLANT FAIR**

Many hands make light work!

- Potting plants
- Garden tidy-up
- Final preparations

PLANT FAIR
31 OCTOBER

REMINDER!

Please bring back your **PLANTS** that you have been looking after to school

from **Tuesday 27th of Oct.**

PLANTS HELP OUR SCHOOL GROW

THANK YOU!

Every plant brought back will go into the draw to win a **FREE PIZZA!**

Each class will have **ONE free pizza** drawn!

Thanks for helping make our Plant Fair a success!

SOLWAY PLANT FAIR

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER
FROM 9AM

 Solway Primary School

THOUSANDS OF PLANTS AT GREAT PRICES!

Plants People Community

GROW A BRIGHTER TOMORROW TOGETHER

- PLANTS
- RAFFLES
- CANDYFLOSS
- HOME BAKING
- ICE-CREAMS
- COFFEE CART

Bring the whole family and enjoy a great day out!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Community Notices

GOZONE

HALLOWEEN PARTY TIME

FRIDAY 30TH OCT
5:30PM – 8:00PM



ZAPPC THE MAGICIAN'S HALLOWEEN MAGIC SHOW

PIZZA BUFFET

GO ZONE TRICK OR TREAT CHALLENGES

SPOT PRIZES

TATTOO STATION

TREATS & MUCH MORE!

TICKETS ESSENTIAL!
BOOK ONLINE AT GOZONE.CO.NZ
AND CLICK 'BOOK'

ZAPPC THE MAGICIAN

WAIRARAPA

Spitfires

2026/27 SEASON

BASEBALL CLUB



NEW SEASON REGISTRATIONS OPEN IN SEPTEMBER!
Pre-season training starting soon!

Pre-Christmas Season
October 22nd - December 12th

Post-Christmas Season
TBA (Usually Feb-Apr)

OPEN DAY
Kuranui College Field
Saturday October 17
10-12PM



WCS

ROOKIE BALL - Ages 5 to 8
MAJORS 10 & 12U DEVELOPMENT - Ages 9 - 12
MAJORS 14U & 16U DEVELOPMENT - Ages 13+
12U/14U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS

More info: www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball

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SATURDAY 21 Nov 9AM - 4PM

SUNDAY 22 Nov 9AM - 3.30PM

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WAIRARAPA

ENTRY Adult \$10, child \$5, Under 3 free, Family \$20*, Gold Card Holders \$5

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Support our school, simply by sorting your insurance

As a proud Solway Parent and former student, I'm passionate about giving back to the school that my daughter, Addison, currently attends, and that my son, Fox, will be attending shortly.

Through my work at Venture, I'm offering a simple way for Solway Families to support the school.

**If you arrange your insurance through me,
15% of the commission I receive will be
contributed back to Solway School.**

*Thanks for your support,
Nicole ☺*

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Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki