

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events
Dates & Reminders

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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

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

Mid year student achievement results - I am sure you will have heard in the media about the deteriorating academic results across NZ over the past few years, I am very happy to report that has not been the case at Solway School.

We collect assessment data for our learners twice a year to measure student progress and to assess the success of our teaching programmes.

The government has set an ambitious target to have **80%** of all students working at or above the expected level by 2030. The pre covid average was around 70%. Solways mid year results for 2024 are -

Reading 87%

Maths 86%

Writing 75%

It should be noted we are particularly hard markers for writing at Solway. Not included in these results are those in their first year of school. Early indications are that structured literacy is having a huge impact.

Changes to Maths across all schools Data released this week shows that across New Zealand only **22%** of year 8 students are working at their expected level. This is a disgrace!! As a result from next year all schools will need to choose one of several proven numeracy schemes. This will be fully funded. I see this as a very positive step to assure consistent teaching across the country. Solway has been moving down this path anyway, the big change for us is that now it is funded. As you will have read above, **86%** of Solway students are working at or above the expected level for maths (**Well Done Team Solway**)

Late to School : Process for late children - please make sure that if your child is more than 5 minutes late for school they report to the office first so we know they have arrived (children do not get told off). This will hopefully mean you avoid being called for an absence.

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES - this week , Today 1:30pm to 5:30pm, tomorrow August 7th 3:10pm to 5:00pm - School will finish at 1pm today, buses will run at 3pm, supervision until 3pm will be available if needed. School runs as usual until 3pm tomorrow.

Here is the link to book appointments <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/vuwqt>

Here is the address if you are looking at a paper copy of this newsletter

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MUFTI DAY on this Friday - **FOODBANK Mufti Day- Can donations - Friday August**

9th We are collecting food for the Masterton food bank, instead of a gold coin we are asking students bring a can (or two) of food.

Grandparent day August 16th

Koro Nanny Granny Gramps Grandma Grandpa

Grandparents Day 2024

An invitation to all Grandparents - come and join us at
Solway School on 16th August 2024

9am - welcome in the school hall
9:30 - visit your grandchild's class and look at their work and
take part in the activities across the school
11am - cup of tea/coffee back in the hall

*We would love to see you and have you spend the morning
with us at Solway*

Oma Opa Nana Pop Kuia Poppa Grandad

Have a great week,

Nga mihi **Mark Bridges (Principal)**

Solway School 2024 Dates

Term 3 July 22nd to September 27th

Term 4 October 14th to December 12th

Teacher Only Day October 25th, Labour Day October 28th

Lunches Pita-Pit

Good news for our Solway children returning and new families to Solway, our Pita Pit lunches are Fridays.

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: John for settling into school so well! A new school, town AND country and managing everything like a pro! Well done John!

Kanuka: Erin for showing Manaakitanga in Kanuka. Erin has a kind heart and is always ready to help whenever anyone needs a friend to cheer them up.

Rimu: Saanvi for Manawanui. Saanvi is a new student to Solway and she has settled into Rimu and Solway wonderfully. She has made lots of new friends and she always shows our School Values. Miharo Saanvi!

Harakeke: Wolfie for showing Manaakitanga by being kind to others. When someone is feeling sad Wolfie will always be a good friend. Ka pai Wolfie!

Titoki: Ariah has shown Manaakitanga while settling into her new class. She has made some wonderful friendships and has immediately joined in with everything we do in Titoki, with a smile!! Tino Pai, Ariah. We are lucky to have you!

Kowhai: Evie for demonstrating Manawanui in her learning. Evie has been giving everything 100% effort with a smile on her face.

Totara: Mia has shown Manaakitanga with her maths in particular recently - listening incredibly well to what's taught and conquering new equations as a result. Kai Pai Mia!

Matai: Brianna has shown Pono in so many subjects this term. She is contributing to our production item, trying hard to present her weather forecast in te reo Maori, working on division facts, and completing excellent information reports in writing. Awesome Brianna.

Manuka: Jacob for his amazing effort this term. He is showing Manaakitanga by making great choices in the classroom to help him stay focused and on task! Keep it up Jacob!

Rata: Maddison Dixon- for showing lots of resilience and learning to take things in her stride and approaching new learning with more confidence - Manawanui




TERM 3, 2024

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:
 July 25th
 August 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th
 September 5th, 12th, 19th 26th


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 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.

SOLWAY COLLEGE & COMAG WAIRARAPA INTERSCHOOLS DRESSAGE





25 September 2024



Solway Showgrounds, Masterton
 Year 1-13, all abilities welcome

More information available online @ www.main-events.com



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