

Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 2

Tuesday 28 April



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

Wednesday May 27th -
Solway School Cross
Country 1pm

Monday 1st - June King's
Birthday

Tuesday 2nd June - All
Masterton Schools teacher
only day

Friday 3rd July - Last day of
Term 2

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Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Mālō e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura o Solway,



Thank you to all the families who joined us for the Dawn Service on Saturday - Lest We Forget.

Welcome back to Hannah, who has spent the past three weeks in Ireland (at her own expense) exploring different models of special needs education. Ireland is widely regarded as having a world-leading system in this area, and we're excited to hear about her experiences and see what ideas might be adapted for use here at Solway.

SMART Tool Trial – Years 3–6 (Next Week)

Next week, students in Years 3–6 will be trialling the Ministry of Education's new SMART Tool for reading, writing, and maths. These online assessments are automatically marked and are intended to use artificial intelligence to generate reports showing student strengths and next learning steps. As this is a trial, our focus is on familiarising students with the format. Results will not determine final grades, which remain based on teacher professional judgement. Full attendance next week would be greatly appreciated to support this process.

Phonics Learning – Morning Block

A reminder that all classes are now teaching phonics in the first block of the day. This allows teaching teams to group students according to their current phonics stage and better target learning. As a result, children may at times work with a different teacher for about 20 minutes during this session.

Extension and Specialist Classes

Just to make parents aware, we currently have a number of additional support and extension programmes running across the school, including MAP (Maths Acceleration Programme). There is no cause for concern if your child is selected—these programmes are designed to provide an extra boost and support progress. While Ministry funding is available, our goal is to include as many students as possible. At present, around a quarter of our Year 3–6 students will take part in this maths booster during the year.

Events this Term

King Birthday weekend/ Monday June 1st is a public holiday & Tuesday June 2nd is a Combined Teacher Only Day for all Masterton Schools

Matariki - Join us for our annual 6am Matariki Celebration 3rd July - School will finish early at 1pm

Cross Country - Wednesday 27th May

Life Education Trust - This great programme with Harold the Giraffe will run in weeks 9 & 10.

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

School Notices

Term 2 Sport

Good luck to all the students starting winter sports this week.

- Netball starts this afternoon for Year 5-6s
- Kiwisticks (Year 5-6) hockey starts Wednesday.
- Ministicks hockey starts Thursday.
- Funsticks also starts Thursday.

Information has been shared on Hero. After the first game, your coach or manager will organise messenger, whatsapp, or text groups to communicate with everyone.

School Lunches are available from this Friday each week ordering on the.... kindo.co.nz website.

Ezlunch is back for Term 2

Ordering Ezlunch through Kindo is quick, easy, and one less thing to think about in the morning. You order from home (or on the go), and your child's lunch is delivered to school, ready to eat.

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Annabel is our star of the week. She has been a wonderful role model for our new children and has settled back into school routines beautifully. Ka pai, Annabel, keep up the great work!

Kānuka: Jed is our star because he is a conscientious and respectful student who consistently puts forth his best effort in all learning tasks. His helpful nature makes him a valuable, kind, and supportive member of Kānuka. Jed demonstrates an exceptional work ethic, particularly in mathematics, where he is grasping new concepts quickly.

Rimu: Jenni is our star of the week. She has settled back into Term 2 very well and is showing Manaakitanga throughout the day by staying focused on her learning. She comes to school each day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude that lifts those around her. Ka rawe, Jenni!

Harakeke: Willow Robertson is our star this week for showing Manaakitanga in the classroom with new technology. She has been supportive of others and has been responsible in her learning. Ka pai, Willow!

Tītoki: Harry is our star this week. I have been really impressed by how hard Harry has been working. He is showing resilience through Manawanui. This has resulted in some positive progress in all areas. Keep up the fantastic effort, Harry. We are very proud of you.

Kauri: Abi consistently shows Manaakitanga by caring for others and contributing positively to our classroom. She is responsible with her learning, always staying focused and giving her best effort. You are such a reliable and thoughtful member of Kauri. Tino pai, Abi.

Tōtara: Ben Munn was a great example of what it takes to show Manawanui. He showed an incredible level of resilience as he took on the invite to lead the way with a choice-based talking topic, this term. He was clear - so was easily understood and came with props, so his audience could relate well to his topic. Ka Pai Ben!

Matai: Dominic has shown Manawanui in his writing. He has been trying so hard with his persuasive writing and has made some great arguments about keeping animals in zoos. Ka mau te wehi, Dominic.

Mānuka: Riley Crosbie - We are celebrating you for the Manaakitanga you show in our classroom. You have been making a genuine effort to have positive, kind interactions with everyone around you. It's great to see you looking out for your classmates and helping make our room a friendly place to be. Keep up the great work!

Rata: Mila is our star this week for showing Manawanui in her learning. Her hard work in multi-digit addition and subtraction is paying off, and she is showing great progress in understanding factors and multiples. Keep up the fantastic effort!

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A DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY

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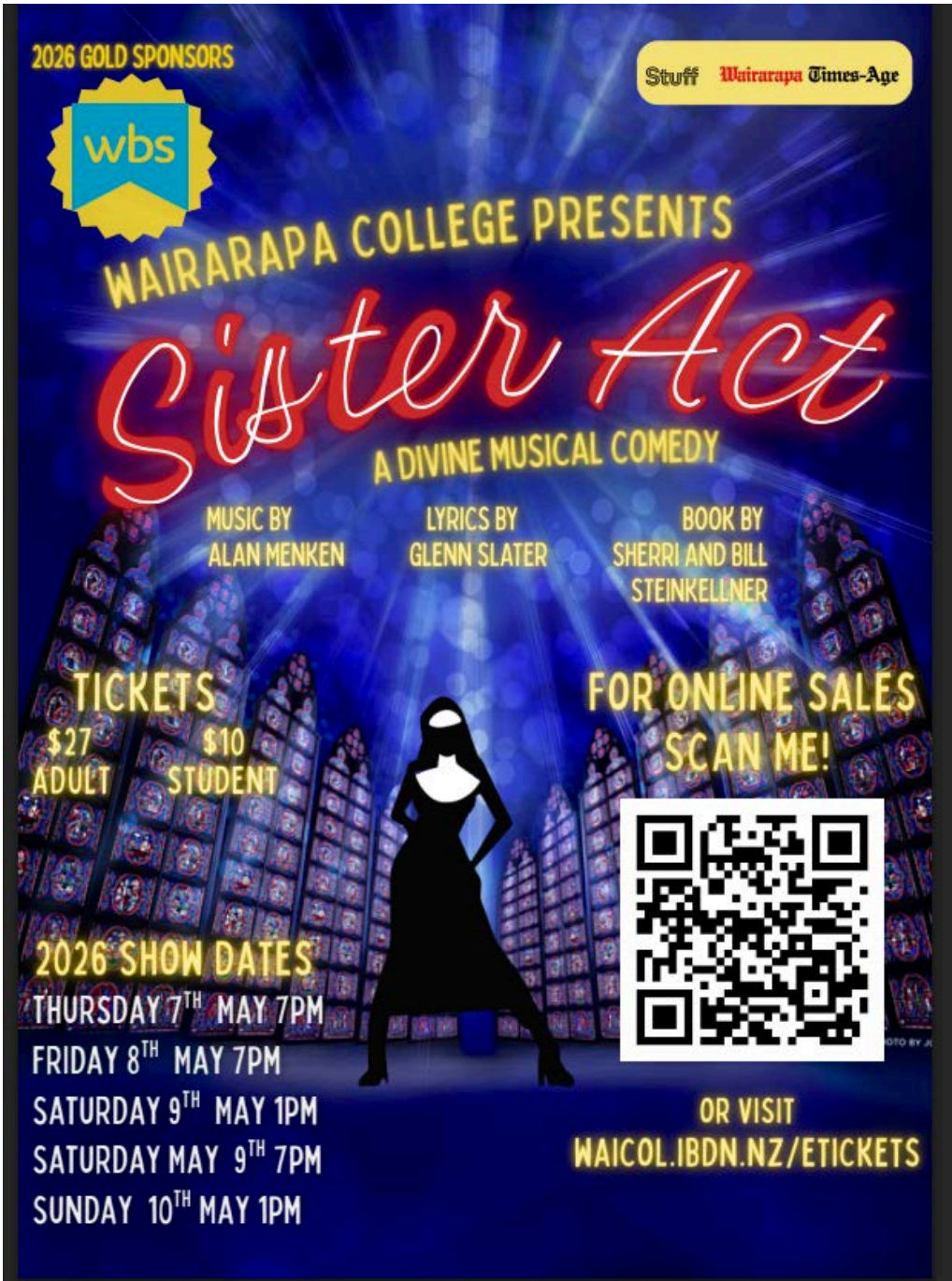
TICKETS
\$27 ADULT \$10 STUDENT

**FOR ONLINE SALES
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2026 SHOW DATES
THURSDAY 7TH MAY 7PM
FRIDAY 8TH MAY 7PM
SATURDAY 9TH MAY 1PM
SATURDAY MAY 9TH 7PM
SUNDAY 10TH MAY 1PM

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Welcome Weekends in May

Kia ora Solway School,

It's the time of year everyone's been waiting for ... Welcome Weekends is back for 2026!

For 120 years, Te Nukuao Wellington Zoo has been part of the fabric of Te Whanganui-a-Tara. To say thank you to all of you who have supported us over the years, we want to welcome you to the Zoo for cheap!

Every week, we will release **\$10 Adult tickets** and **\$5 Child tickets** (14 years and under), every Tuesday before the weekend they're valid for.

Tickets will only be available online and must be purchased via our website.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages to find out when tickets drop!

These tickets are extremely limited and will be sold on a first-in, first-served basis – so get in quick to secure your spot!

Find out more about Welcome Weekends on our website.

STRENGTH NATION MASTERTON

Strength Nation Masterton has been teasing something exciting — and it's finally here.

To celebrate the transition to our new ownership team, Strength Nation Masterton is launching a Re-Activation Week, packed with opportunities for both new and returning members to experience what our community is all about.

Across the week, we'll be running an expanded timetable featuring a variety of classes for all fitness levels - there's something for everyone. Whether you're brand new to training, getting back into it, or looking to try something different, this is the perfect time to jump in.



We're also excited to announce our new partnership with Riaka Reformer, with exclusive benefits available for SN members!

You can view the full Re-Activation Week timetable here:
<https://strengthnation.co.nz/masterton/>

With membership prices increasing on June 1st, joining during Re-Activation Week is the perfect opportunity to lock in current rates. We'd love to see you there and be part of the next chapter at Strength Nation Masterton.

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Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki