

Solway School Newsletter - Term 3, Week 4

Tuesday 11th August



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

Grandparents Day - Friday
August 21st

Jump Jam Competition -
August 27th

School Production -
September 3rd 6:30pm
Evening Show
11:30am Matinee

End of Term 3 - September
25th

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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



So much to celebrate over the last week, Hockey, Girls Rippa, Matharapa, Times Table Rockstars.....

Reminder : Grandparents day - this Friday 9:30 - 11:30am

Farewell to Ellaine Hurndell

At the end of this week, we farewell Ellaine Hurndell, who has been a wonderful part of the Solway team for the past seven years.

Ellaine is an outstanding teacher who is genuinely loved and respected by students, staff and our wider school community, she is very much part of our school family. She has given so much to Solway over the last 7 years, and we have been incredibly fortunate to have her as part of our team.

Ellaine is taking up a new role as Learning Support Coordinator for Mākoura College and Chanel College. While we are very sad to see her leave our staff, this is a fantastic opportunity and a role we know she will be brilliant in.

Thankfully, she isn't escaping Solway completely — Ellaine will remain a Solway Mum, so we will still see plenty of her around the school!

We wish Ellaine every success in her new role and thank her sincerely for everything she has contributed to Solway over the years.

Sarah Booth will teach Rata for the remainder of 2026, ensuring continuity and consistency.



Grandparents' Day – This Friday (21 August)

One of our favourite days of the year is nearly here! Grandparents and other special family members play such an important role in the lives of our children — and their parents too. They provide love, stability, wisdom, early pickups and at times that all-important safety net when families need it. We know how fortunate our kids are to have grandparents, great-grandparents and other special people supporting them and cheering them on.

We look forward to welcoming them into Solway to visit classrooms, meet the children and share in their learning.

Lots of parking is available on both sides of the new street where Carters is (Te Ara Purata) Hunting & Fishing also have some spaces but please leave room for customers (or buy a pair of socks).

Friday 21 August

9.30am–11.30am

We can't wait to welcome everyone!

Jump Jam Competition – Thursday 27 August

We wish our Jump Jam teams every success as they proudly represent Solway on Thursday 27 August. The teams have been working incredibly hard in preparation, and we know they will do us proud. Good luck everyone! Tickets are available online now.

<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/event/20448/tickets?sessionId=76953§ionId=57939>

School Production – *A Night at the Oscars*

Thursday 3 September – Wairarapa College

One of the highlights of the term will undoubtedly be our whole-school production, *A Night at the Oscars*. Students and staff are already hard at work rehearsing, and we can't wait to share a fantastic day celebrating the talent, confidence and creativity of our tamariki.

There will be two performances on Thursday 3 September:

- **Matinee performance** during the school day 11:30am
- **Evening performance** for families and the wider community 6:30pm

Please see the attached flyer for performance times and ticket information.

Tickets are now available from the school office. Apologies, but ticket sales are **cash only**.

Thank you for your support – we can't wait for the show!

Foodbank Solway had a record number of food items donated for our Masterton Food Bank Mufti Day on Friday. A huge thank you to our amazing Solway whānau for your generosity and for helping our tamariki support others in our community.

Timestables Rockstars Our Tararua team achieved an incredible 10th place out of 307 primary schools nationwide in Times Tables Rock Stars — and 1st in our region! An outstanding effort, especially with students away for sport, sickness and Matharapa. A big thank you to Hannah for shouting the whole team chocolate ice creams to celebrate! 🍦

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

Solway School 2026 Dates

Term 3 July 20th to September 25th

Term 4 October 12th to December 11th

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

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

Sports

Girls Rippa Rugby Festival

We had 5 teams take part in this. Everyone played so well and showed a heap of manawanui in cold conditions. Thanks to Kelly, Sonya, Shelley, Liv, Joe, and Latoiya for helping with a team on the day. Also thanks to Martha from Solway too.



Winter Hockey

Over the last 14 weeks 7 teams of hearty players have been fronting up to training on Mondays and games at Clareville throughout the week. Since I have been at Solway, I have seen the steady growth of hockey and I am pleased with the direction it is going. Every year new players take up the game, often from a little taster they got at school.

I would like to thank: Greg and Shelley Mason (who trained and coached a Y5/6 team, and coached a Y3/4 team), Dane Lett, Kelsie and Hayden Sargeant, Felicity Brooks (this is her last year helping Solway Hockey), Debbie Paardekooper, Haley Malcolm, and Rebecca Hunt. 2027 is looking promising.



Netball Both Pulse (Year 5s) and the Mystics (Y6s) made it to the semi finals! Thank you to our coaches Jordan Hooper, Kristin Robinson - coaches for Solway Mystics and the girls Zoe and Georgia from St Matthews - coaches for Solway Pulse.



🏀🏀🏀🏀 **Mini Ball Draw** 🏀🏀🏀🏀

Please contact me if your child cannot play - Hannah

A big thank you to Liz Watkins, Sonya Soromon and Laura McFadzean
for helping with the coaching 🙌🙌🙌🙌

Solway Thunder vs Lakeview 4pm Court 2

Solway Stars vs Lakeview 4:30pm Court 1

Solway Lightning vs Lakeview 4:30pm Court 2

Solway Shooters vs Solway Breakers 7pm Court 2

Solway Breakers vs Solway Shooters 7pm Court 2

Week 5 Ako Card Winners!!!

**Congratulations to Jayden, Zave, Max, Ariella, Luka, Sophia, Emma,
Nathan, Skylah, Ayva, Mia & Mason**



**Tickets On Sale
now from the
Office!**

CASH ONLY

SOLWAY SCHOOL
— PRODUCTION —

A night at the
OSCARS

★ **THURSDAY** ★
3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

★ **VENUE:** ★
WAIRARAPA COLLEGE HALL

MATINEE
11:30AM

EVENING SHOW
6:30PM

**TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY
AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE NOW**

\$10 PER ADULT
\$5 FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
UNDER 5'S **FREE**

SOLWAY SCHOOL

Grandparents' Day
2026
You're Invited!

Come and join us at Solway School for a special morning celebrating our wonderful grandparents and special whānau.

Date: Friday 21st August 2026

9:30 am
Welcome in the School Hall

Following the welcome
Visit your grandchild's class, explore their learning, and join in with fun activities happening across the school.

11:00 am
Return to the School Hall for tea, coffee, and a chance to chat together.

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

Koro • Nanny • Granny • Gramps • Grandma • Grandpa • Grandad
Oma • Opa • Nana • Pop • Kuia • Poppa

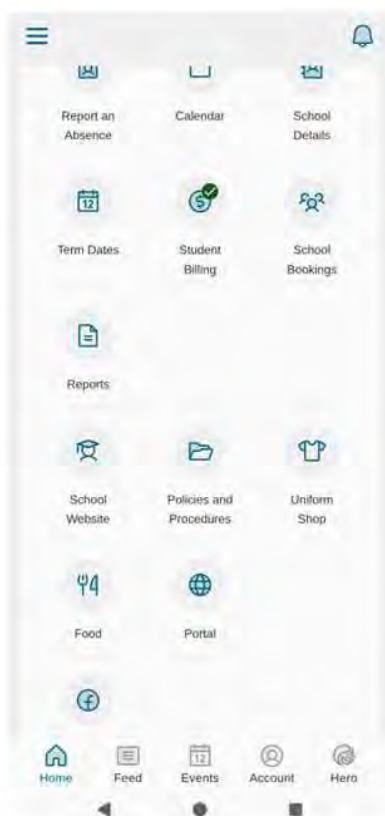
Celebrating the special people who make a difference in our children's lives every day.

Solway School
LEARNING YOUR WAY
2025-2026

**We look forward to
welcoming Grandparents and
other special family members
into Solway to visit
classrooms, meet the children
and share in their learning.**

HERO UPDATES

New features and quick links now available in Hero



Calendar

View all school events including Sports, Wheels Day, Mufti Day and other school activities.

School Bookings

See upcoming and past teacher meetings.

Food

Order Pita Pit school lunches directly through Hero.

Portal

Access the Friends of Solway website and pizza ordering link.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Kahikatea: Ava comes to school with a lovely smile and is always ready to learn. She is doing a fantastic job with her letter sounds and always takes care with her letter formation. Ava follows our school values, especially Manaakitanga. We love hearing the cool facts she shares with us and watching her dance moves during production practice!

Pōhutukawa: Louis has been making fantastic progress in his writing! He is becoming quicker and more independent, and we are seeing his confidence grow as he works on his own. His letter size is getting smaller and neater too. It has been lovely to see Louis proudly sharing his writing with Mr Bridges as well.

Kānuka: Jaxson McKay has demonstrated wonderful Manaakitanga by always trying his best and taking responsibility for his learning journey. His hard work and focus while learning his steps for our Moana production dance, has paid off! You are a superstar performer and a great role model, Jaxson!

Rimu: Ethan is our Star of the Week. Ethan is working so hard with his writing and reading and there has been a huge increase in his confidence because of this mahi! Keep up the great work Ethan.

Harakeke: Peyton has made huge leaps with showing responsibility and following our class treaty this term. She respects our classroom and is helpful with keeping it tidy. We have watched Peyton showing Manaakitanga. Tino pai Peyton!

Tītiki: Maverick is our Star of the Week. Maverick you are showing Manaakitanga by always trying your best. You are working hard to be an awesome Solway School kid. Keep reaching for the stars. We are very proud of you.

Kauri: Mason, you have put in lots of effort learning our class item for the production. I love how hard you have been working and how much you are improving. Keep up the great work!

Tōtara: Walter: Thanks for settling so incredibly well into our class, and for making outstanding progress - across all subjects. in a remarkably short space of time! We love your friendly nature, that's wonderfully social and considerate. Pono, Manawanui & Manaakitanga.

Matai: Enzo has shown Manawanui with his handwriting and presentation of work. He is trying really hard to keep his book work tidy. The extra effort is starting to pay off. Tau ke, Enzo.

Mānuka: Riley always shows lots of passion when writing his made up stories. He is expanding his ideas and learning to use powerful verbs and interesting descriptive language. Tino Pai Riley.

Rata: Keaton consistently shows all of our school values, all the time. He is always quietly doing the right thing at the right time and gives his best in everything he does. Keaton is focused and hardworking and he is also a fantastic friend and role model. Well done, Keaton.

Community Notices



147th ANNUAL SHOW

1 NOVEMBER 2026
CALF CLUB CLASSES

In conjunction with the SOUTH WAIRARAPA GROUP DAY
Judging will commence at 11:00am on Sunday
ENTRIES CLOSE: 23 OCTOBER 2026
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per class
BNZ Account: 02-0608-0018129-004
Reference: Please use the word "calf".

IMPORTANT NAIT REQUIREMENTS

Full NAIT Number must be provided with all entries.
Example: 982 123471584356
Calves will be scanned in their pens to confirm RFID numbers.
Calves will be penned in the Cattle Pavilion.
Please park behind the pavilion and use the middle door.

Email Entries To: colvale@xtra.co.nz
We look forward to seeing you at the 147th Annual Show

Friends of Solway
PRESENTS
PLANT FAIR
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER FROM 9AM
SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL
1000s OF PLANTS!
PLANTS INCLUDE: NATIVES, VEGETABLES, FRUIT BUSHES, FLOWERING PLANTS, INDOOR PLANTS, AND MORE!
GREAT PRICES GREAT QUALITY | SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & OUR STUDENTS | CASH & EFTPOS AVAILABLE

EQUIPPERS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Open:
6:45am- 8:45am
2:30pm - 6:00pm

Pick ups and drop off to
all local schools.
Breakfast and afternoon
tea provided.

Contact:
oscar@equipperschurch.com
outofschoolcare.co.nz
021 086 32187



SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

STOCK DRIVE

HELP US GROW. SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.

-  ANY SHEEP, RAM OR LAMB CAN BE DONATED
-  KEEN TO RARE A LAMB FOR SCHOOL, *we can make this happen!*
-  CONTACT KELLY LISSINGTON
kelly.bot@solway.school.nz
with any questions
-  PLEASE REGISTER INTEREST
-  ANIMALS TO BE READY FOR JANUARY PICK UP OR EARLIER IF WEIGHT REACHED (40KG+ IDEAL WEIGHT)

Thank you for supporting Solway Primary School!




Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki