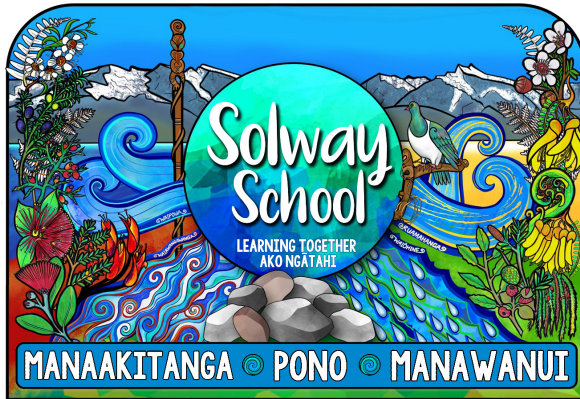


# Solway School Newsletter - Term 3, Week 6

Tuesday 19th August, 2025



## Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- ★ 'Reading Nights' continues til the end of August
- ★ Mufti day - Daffodil Day August 29th

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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,*

A very busy week ahead. We have Netball finals this evening. We will keep you posted on any changes due to the weather. Very warm welcome to our newest student Sage who has just started in Kanuka, we know you are going to love being a Solway kid.

**JUMP JAM** This Thursday evening, from 6-8pm at Wairarapa College, our Jump Jam team will take the stage. A huge thank you goes to Rosie, Ellaine, and our amazing students for their commitment and energy. Like many school activities, the costs of Jump Jam continue to rise each year. While the school subsidises participation so that every child who wishes to take part can do so, we are incredibly grateful for the support of two local businesses who have come on board as sponsors. A special thank you to **McCarthy Transport** and **Guthrie Bowron Masterton** for helping make this opportunity possible for our students. <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/16311>



**MATHARAPA:** Last Wednesday 2 teams from Solway School went to the Matharapa competition. They represented the school really well and also achieved success, the Rata team coming second in the second round. This was a great team effort.



**HOCKEY:** A good crowd came out on Friday to support the last game of the season; The Whitesticks vs the Blacksticks. It was close for a while, but the Whitesticks were stronger across the board and ran away with the win. Many thanks to Zane Hopman for coaching the Whitesticks, and Felicity Brooks for managing and assistant coaching the Blacksticks. To all the Year 6's, good luck for your future hockey endeavours. To the Year 5's, I hope to see you all next year.

**Well Done : Times Table Rock Stars** We are so proud to announce that Solway came 7th out of 294 schools in the Times Table Rock Stars New Zealand-wide competition! Our Solway tamariki worked incredibly hard and showed they definitely know their tables, with one of our classes finishing in 15th place out of 1,438 classes nationwide! Ka mau te wehi, Solway. Top 10 nationwide and number 1 in the region!!

**NZEI Meeting** - August Thursday August 21st. Please note many schools are closing for the afternoon of August 21st for a union meeting. Solway will remain open, teachers have offered to manage their meetings in a way to have the least impact on student learning. - Thank you Solway Teachers.

Ngā mihi

Mark Bridges

# School Notices

**AUGUST READING CHALLENGE** - Solway School's *Reading Nights challenge*, for 2025 is for all students, throughout August, Weeks 4-7.

Students are encouraged to ensure they are reading **every single night, Monday-Thursday nights** - getting their Reading Log signed in the process.

**Congratulations** to our Reading Challenge winners yesterday! Five winners, five vouchers - ranging from Urban Eats to tickets to the pools, Top Job Team!

At the end of the week, teachers identify who has completed a full week of reading, to see who goes into the *Mystery Envelope Draw*. Students who complete a full week of reading **every week** in August, will score an awesome **Fish 'n Chip Lunch** on Monday 1st September. This will recognise and celebrate how 'into reading' we can all be. Have fun!

## School photos

Photo Life will be emailing photo codes to the email address that we have on our student management system for your child/ren. Please check your junk/spam. If the email does not appear within the next few days, please contact the office.

**Please note:** Free delivery is available for all orders placed before **MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, 31 AUGUST 2025.**

## Week 6 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Rena, Liam, Abel, Oscar, Sophia, Jonty, Mia, Marnie and Kingston!



## CLASS SPOTLIGHT - Kōwhai



Kōwhai had a super special visitor – May, Enzo's aunty who came all the way from China! She showed us how to make beautiful fans in a fun arts and crafts session and spoiled us with lots of goodies. We loved having her!

**Mini Ball Draw Wednesday 20th August at YMCA**  
**Year 3/4 team Solway Thunder 5:30 pm**  
**Year 5/6 team Solway Lightning **BYE****



## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Pōhutukawa:** Ethan has only been at school for 5 weeks, but he is already showing how responsible and independent he is. He comes into class with a smile, ready to learn, and is always calm and happy. Ka pai, Ethan!

**Kānuka:** Marni is our star this week. Marni is showing wonderful writing skills! You are working hard to put your ideas on paper and extend your sentences. Ka pai!

**Rimu:** Vinnie for trying hard to make sure he is focused on the mat and during learning time. Vinnie has joined us in Rimu this term and is showing Manaakitanga by remembering to keep his eyes on the speaker. Keep up the good work Vinnie, keep trying hard!

**Harakeke:** Nathan for being a super mathematician! He tries to use what he already knows about numbers to solve new problems. You are amazing Nathan!

**Tītoki:** Aiya for stepping up and being courageous by hosting our team assembly. Aiya's self-confidence is growing daily and we saw that when she volunteered to speak in front of our junior team. You should be very proud of yourself! Kia kaha Aiya!

**Kōwhai:** Jack Taplin, for being a great role model in Kowhai. Jack stepped up and took responsibility for 'duties' in Kowhai while his teacher was away. Jack showed integrity - by doing the right thing even when no one was looking. Ka pai Jack, you have shown us that you can be counted on. Mīharo!

**Tōtara:** Troy, for taking his reading a lot more seriously now. He's doing a wonderful job with his reading work in class, in particular and is making good progress now. Manawanui to Troy.

**Matai:** Nehemiah has shown Manawanui with his reading recently. He is challenging himself and reading harder books. He is reading every night at home. He is making great progress. Kei runga noa atu, Nehemiah.

**Mānuka:** Fairuz is always polite and respectful in Manuka. She is working hard and always does her best and is making great progress. Welcome to Manuka Fairuz.

**Rata:** Harry has shown Manawanui this week while competing in the TTRS competition. Your focus, determination and effort was exemplary! Mīharo!

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