

# Solway School Newsletter - Term 4, Week 10

Tuesday 9th December, 2025



## Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- ★ End of year Prize Giving Fri 12th Dec 1 pm at Wairarapa College
- ★ Last day of school for children Tue 16th Dec

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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,*

**Wednesday 10th : Year 6 Graduation, Solway Hall, 6pm**

**Thursday 11th : Solway Parent helpers & Volunteers** morning tea, 11am in the staffroom.

**Friday 12th : Prizegiving 1pm Wairarapa College Hall**, this should finish around 2pm. Children go home from Wairarapa College. 1 bus will return to school for those not able to be picked up, 3pm bus running as usual. Please note that this is not the final day of school, please check your child has the correct uniform on Friday.

**Monday 15th : WHOLE SCHOOL FUN DAY** wheels day, mufti, swimming, a water slide, free whole school sausage sizzle, free iceblocks and plenty of exciting activities to celebrate the end of another great year!

**Tuesday 16th : Last Day** - classroom pack ups, movies, popcorn, pool & some surprise events, we are hoping to have some very special visitors - 3pm finish.

**First day of 2026 : Monday February 2nd**

**With the hot weather children will swim each day other than Friday.**

**SeeSaw no longer allows us to use its messaging so please download the HERO App and check your emails.**

*Farewell to Our Year 6 Students as we reach the end of the school year, we say a heartfelt farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students, most of whom came to us as 5 year olds as well as those who are moving on to new schools. We've watched you grow in confidence, kindness, and character, and we couldn't be prouder of the young people you've become.*

*You'll always be part of our wider Solway whānau—this will always be your school. As you head off to intermediate and college, remember, once a Solway Kid, always a Solway Kid.*

For 2025 we are farewelling two teacher aides, Shylo Davis & Kristal Edmonds and class teachers Andrea Harvey, Viv Booth and Valmai Holmes. Huge thanks to all five for their fantastic service to our tamariki and wish you all the very best in the future.

All other existing staff are returning in 2025, we will also be welcoming Kirsty Hull from Carterton School who will be teaching in Titoki and Juliet Bridges (my wife) who is coming from Douglas Park School and will be teaching a mix of maths, special needs support and teacher release. For the first time, all students from years 3 to 6 who are below expectations in maths will be put through a partially ministry funded 12 week acceleration programme led by Juliet. As is usually the case, we have had to slightly tweak our classroom and team compositions, this is purely down to numbers. We will stay as two teams. The Rangitumau run by Rosie Milne and the Tararua Team lead by Mr Veale. Hannah and Mr Hornby remain as Deputy Principals.

Special thanks to everyone involved with Solway - the Administration staff - Office Manager Viv and Office Administrator Selina have kept the office duties humming along.

To the leadership team ( Hannah, Steve, Niheta and Rosie ) I always appreciate your support and I am blessed to work in a school with such a professional team.

To our teachers full-time and part time ( Tessa, Andrea, Jo, Rose, Jenny, Simona, Deb, Andrea, Viv, Valmai, Sarah, Ellaine, Penny, Salome, Martha in Literacy Support and Nikki Irwin our LSC) thank you for your dedication and commitment to Solway School. To our teacher aides (Sheryn, Shylo, Kristal, Nina, Kelly, Brenda, Jocelyn and Katrina) who have supported children and classroom teachers, thank you for all your hard work.

Our cleaners Joseph and Mary and to Dave our Caretaker, you have all been amazing.

To all our volunteers who pop into classes to support and help, thank you. To all our parent helpers who put their hands up to transport children on trips, to sleep overnight at camps and help in any way you can, thank you. To our sports coaches for coaching and managing sports teams throughout the year - what would we do without you, thank you.

Finally to the Board of Trustees, Katie Grant, Shannon Bayliss, Sean Jarvis, Kelly Lissington, Jaco Le Roux and former members Felicity Brooks, Briar Harvey and Barri Cooper, thank you for your hard work in governing the school - you are a great team. At the heart of all things has been better outcomes for our learners.

Wishing you all a fabulous festive season and summer holiday - we will look forward to seeing you all back at Solway on Monday 2nd February 2026.

**Have a very Merry Christmas**

***Join “Friends of Solway” – Help Make a Difference!***

*We're looking for enthusiastic parents, caregivers, and community members to join **Friends of Solway** – a group that helps plan and run fundraising events for our school.*

*Whether you have great ideas, can lend a hand at events, or just want to be part of a fun team that supports our tamariki, we'd love to have you involved!*

*All funds raised go directly towards making Solway an even better place for our kids to learn and thrive.*

*Our first meeting will be coming up soon – so if you're keen to help (even in a small way!),*

*please get in touch at [katie.bot@solway.school.nz](mailto:katie.bot@solway.school.nz)*

*Together, we can make a big difference!*

*Ngā mihi*

*Mark Bridges*

# School Notices

**READY, SET, SIGN IN!**

Stay in the loop by following these steps

- 1. DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP**  
Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'
- 2. ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**  
Select "Next"
- 3. SELECT "NEW USER"**  
Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.
- 4. SELECT "SUBMIT"**  
Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.
- 5. CHECK YOUR EMAIL**  
You should receive an email within five minutes.
- 6. FOLLOW THE LINK**  
This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.

Hero

## HERO

We NEED all parents to sign up to HERO as soon as possible. This app will replace Seesaw and is where we will communicate messages and celebrate your child's learning journey.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS in Term 4**

- Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 10th December
- Prize Giving Friday December 12th 1 pm at Wairarapa College Hall
- Last day of school Tuesday December 16th. *(Please note that Prize giving isn't on the last day this year simply due to the availability of the Wairarapa College Hall).*

🐑 🐑 🐑 . An exciting fundraising project for Solway School has been organised by the newly formed 'Friends of Solway' fundraising committee - please share with any farmers you may know 🐑 🐑 🐑

## GOT TOO MANY SHEEP... LOVE SOLWAY PRIMARY?!

Do you or people you know have sheep that need to move on, or are willing to donate?

If you are in a position, Solway Primary School's fundraising committee will pick up your animals and take them off your hands. All proceeds will go to the school

**Contact Us**

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Please register your interest with the following information below:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address where sheep are:

Any questions or don't have sheep and want to support...

Ask grandparents Aunties Uncles Friends

2026

# 25

JANUARY

MINIMUM 40KG WEIGHT

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL POOL AND PLAYGROUND

Prizes for:  
Heaviest grown SHEEP  
Heaviest grown LAMB

### Week 10 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Lily, Jacob, Spencer, Freya, Rio, Emilie, Mikaela, Ollie, Ariella, George & Oscar





# STARS OF THE WEEK



**Pōhutukawa:** Star of the week goes to everyone in Pōhutukawa! They are a beautiful class and lots of fun. It's been a fantastic year in Pōhutukawa thanks to each and every one of you!!!

**Kānuka:** Star of the week in Kanuka is Marni. Marni is a focused and independent learner who manages herself confidently and consistently throughout the school day. Ka pai Marni

**Rimu:** Star of the week goes to everyone in Rimu! It has been a fantastic year of learning in Rimu this year. We have had lots of fun, making new friends and learning together!

**Harakeke:** Harakeke are the stars this week. I love their positive energy and attitude towards learning. Ka rawe Harakeke!

**Tītoki:** Emilie Majurie is our star this week for her positive attitude to her learning. Always eager to ask questions and share in class discussions enthusiastically. Ka pai Emilie, you have made so many valuable contributions to Tītoki this year!

**Kōwhai:** Willow is our Star of the Week for showing all three of our school values. She always tries her best and takes her time to make sure her work is neat and to a high standard. Willow is super helpful in the classroom and is always quick to help her classmates when they need a hand. Mīharo, Willow!

**Tōtara:** Aubree has made absolutely outstanding progress in every subject area throughout the year. She's been so full-on with her progress, that she really could have been classified as our 'Star' every week!

**Mataī:** Ella has shown all three values. She has been pushing herself to do the best she can. She takes her time to make sure her work is at a high standard. Ella is also friendly and welcoming to others. It has been a great year, Ella.

**Mānuka:** Thanks for a wonderful year together. We've been involved in so much. The progress we've seen has been incredible, for so many of you! Tu meke Manuka!

**Rata:** Star of the week goes to everyone in Rata. What an awesome year we have had together, I am proud of all that you've done and all that you've achieved.

# Community Notices

## Support your local community by teaming up with Tremains.

List and sell with us and we will give \$500 to Solway Primary School to help with their fundraising efforts. Contact us today to find out more.

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# XMAS PONY MORNING

**KITTYHAWKE RIDING ACADEMY**  
**MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025**  
**9-12PM.**  
**PM KITTYHAWKE RIDING ACADEMY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT.**

The poster features a yellow background with a white speech bubble containing the event title. It includes several small images of people riding horses and a person with a horse. The bottom section has a blue background with white stars.

## Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://travellerdeclaration.govt.nz)

**Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Government

**New Zealand Traveller Declaration** | Whakapuakanga Tangata Haere ki Aotearoa

The poster has a teal background with a white airplane icon in a yellow circle. It features a repeating pattern of the New Zealand flag's colors in the background.

🎵 **Try an Orchestra Instrument!** 🎵

Ever wondered what it's like to play a trumpet, trombone, French horn or clarinet? Now's your chance to give it a go — no experience needed!

🎵 **One-Off Music Lesson — Just \$10!**

Perfect for curious kids who want to explore the world of orchestral music.

- 🎸 Hands-on experience with real instruments
- ☀️ Fun, friendly and supportive environment
- 🎓 Taught by experienced musicians

📧 **Sign Up Today!**

Spots are limited — don't miss out!

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Kia Manako! / We Serve



**Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki**