

Solway School Newsletter - Term 1, Week 3

Tuesday 17th February



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

March 2nd 5:30pm Solway Triathlon **TBC**

March 10-13 Year 6 Camp

March 24 & 25 Learning Conferences

April 2nd Last Day of Term 1

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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,

Yesterday's extreme weather created challenging conditions across the region. While many schools were required to close, Solway School remained open for supervision only, as we were fortunate to still have both power and water. Had either of these services been unavailable, or had a state of emergency been declared, we would have been required to close. "Supervision only" allows families without power or water, and those working in essential services, to continue sending their children to school if needed. It also means that, while students may be onsite, normal classroom programmes, staffing ratios, and learning routines may not be able to operate as usual. Whenever it is safe to do so, we believe it is important for the school to remain available to support our community. Thank you to our staff and families for working together during these unusual circumstances. The school actually escaped the worst of it. We expect the pool to be back in action on Thursday. Unfortunately the field is currently closed until the arborists have a chance to make a couple of trees safe - as you can imagine, they are very busy.




Above are a few pictures of Kowhai which is currently being converted into a specialist classroom and safe outdoor play space for our students with extra needs. Eventually we will be adding a shade sail (on order) and some specialist outdoor play items. Rich in sensory activities it's been transformative in how we can cater for our students. Each student still has their own home classroom but they have a combined learning through play session in the middle block everyday. Other schools are watching our progress closely - huge thanks to Juliet, Hannah and our amazing team of teacher aides for making this happen.

Easter is coming... and so are the YUMMY Hot Cross Buns! 😊 Friends of Solway are selling them to raise funds for our school – so every delicious bite counts!

Order online here: [Hot Cross Buns Order Form](#)

 **Orders close:** 08 March 2026

 **Pick-up date:** Friday 27 March 2026 2pm - 4pm at Solway Primary School.

 **Share the love!** Forward this link to friends, whānau, neighbours, and colleagues – the more buns we sell, the more we raise for our students.

Thank you for helping us make a difference – and enjoy your buns! 🍩 ✨

Ngā mihi,
Friends of Solway

ICE BLOCKS: Friends of Solway will be selling Iceblocks again Friday lunchtime for \$1.

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

School Notices

Term 1 Sport

- Tee Ball / Mod Softball starts this week. I'll post the draw out as soon as I get it.
- Netball starts Tuesday the 24th February. We have 3 teams registered.
- Senior swimming sports is on Thursday the 26th of February, at 1pm, the town pools. *Masterton swimming sports have been moved to the 18th of March.*
- Ki-o-Rahi coastal classic at Riversdale is on Friday the 6th of March. Brenda is going to be organising a team this week. Hannah is going to be taking the team to Riversdale.

School Lunches are available from this Friday each week ordering on the...

kindo.co.nz website.

Families that previously had a lunch online account and any unused balance has been transferred to kindo, Pop in and update your details and carry on. There are a few different options to choose from. New families can set up a user-friendly account in a few short steps. We are happier with some of the options than we are with others but we are making it available to our school community to see what you think. We are not locked into a contract and may look at changing our Friday lunch offerings at some point in the future.





STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Iyla-Rose is our Star of the Week! She has come back to school this year showing fantastic listening skills and a wonderful attitude towards her learning. We are so proud of you Iyla-Rose, keep up the great work!

Kānuka: Charlie Majury has made a fantastic start to school. He comes to Solway every morning, ready to learn and to try his best. He focuses during learning time, participates in our class discussions and absorbs new information like a sponge. He whetu koe, Charlie!

Rimu: Emma has come back to school showing responsibility and enthusiasm ready for her learning. She is focused, and trying her best. What a great role model Emma. Ka mau te wehi!

Harakeke: Abel has really impressed us with managing himself, he is listening and contributing amazingly. Keep it up Abel, you should be feeling very proud of yourself.

Tītoki: Te Atawhai is our Star of the Week! She has shown that she is a wonderful Solway School student, who approaches everything with enthusiasm. Always willing to help, hardworking and reliable. We are very proud of you Te Atawhai. Keep up the great work!

Kauri: Oscar is always respectful to his friends and teachers. He is kind, caring, and a great helper in Kauri - keep showing your wonderful Manaakitanga, Oscar!

Tōtara: Louie B's adjusting incredibly well to senior school life! He's naturally checking in now, to tune in what's coming up and how it'll roll. He's soaking up a range of perspectives with some very mature responses in the mix now. Ka Pai Louie!

Matai: Skylah has shown Pono this week. She is organised and driven to do her best. Each piece of work she completes is wonderfully presented and of a high standard. She sets a good example for other students. Ka mau te wehi, Skylah.

Mānuka: Zane - For being an awesome road Patroller in the first two weeks. Always stepping up and showing great responsibility.

Rata: Charlotte has demonstrated Manawanui this week, settling beautifully into Rata. She has shown confidence in building new relationships, quickly learned our routines, and approaches her learning with a positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see Charlotte become part of our Solway community.

Community Notices



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

CLM MASTERTON

6.45AM-8.45AM
2.30PM-5.45PM

Breakfast & Afternoon tea provided
Swimming Tuesday & Thursday afternoons
Homework help
Friendly, trained and educated staff
Drop off and pick up to Swim Tangaroa lessons



NEW LOCATION:
2 DIXON ST MASTERTON (TRUST HOUSE POOLS - LOCATED IN STADIUM)

CONTACT US:
mastertonchillout@clmz.co.nz
027 467 7156
or pop in and see us!



Douglas Villa AFC

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 SEASON

We welcome all new and returning players

Ages 5 - 13

More info and to register:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/469509>



Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki