

Solway School Newsletter - Term 3, week 1

Tuesday 21 July 2026



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

Learning Conferences -
August 4th (early finish) &
August 5th (3pm finish)

School Photos- August 7th

Foodbank Muftiday- August
14th

Grandparents Day - Friday
August 21st

Jump Jam Competition -
August 27th

School Production -
September 3rd

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Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula
Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi ki te whānau o te kura o Solway
Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau i tenei Arangi



A few pictures from the end of last term, Māori enrichment visit to Aratoi, Chinese Language week and Matariki

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a relaxing break and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends. It's great to see our school full of happy faces again and we're looking forward to another very busy and exciting term.

A warm welcome to our seven new five-year-olds (Ava, George, Harper, Levi, Lincoln, Noah & Olivia) who have started their schooling journey with us this term. They are in our old library, Kahikatea with our wonderful new teacher, Deborah Lyttle. We're delighted to have Deborah and our newest learners as part of the Solway whānau.

Very special welcome back to Deborah Hurrell who has been away on Medical leave.

There is plenty happening over the next ten weeks. Some of the highlights include:

- **Learning Conferences (Week 3):** Booking information will be shared next week. Conferences will be held on Tuesday 4 August, with an early school finish to allow afternoon appointments, and will continue after school on Wednesday 5 August.
- **School Photos:** Also taking place in Week 3 / Friday August 7th.
- **Grandparents' Day:** Friday 21 August - one of our favourite days of the year as we welcome grandparents and special family members into our classrooms.
- **Jump Jam Competition:** Thursday 27 August. We wish our Jump Jam teams all the very best as they prepare to represent Solway.

The highlight of the term is likely to be our school production, **A Night at the Oscars**, which will be performed at Wairarapa College on Thursday 3 September. Our students and staff have already begun preparing, and we can't wait to showcase the incredible talent, confidence and creativity of our tamariki. More information about tickets and performance times will be shared closer to the event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another fantastic term of learning, achievement and fun at Solway School.

Ngā mihi

Mark Bridges

 **Uniform Reminder** As we begin Term 3, please check that your child has the correct school uniform. In particular, school shoes should be **plain black**, with no coloured branding, stripes or logos. If you have borrowed school uniforms from the sickbay could we have these returned. Thank you for your support.

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/>



Scale A Teacher

Great kids. Great staff. Great school. Solway Primary School is looking for a great teacher who loves kids to join us. Flexible options available for the right person. Come work somewhere people actually enjoy teaching. (Relievers also needed).

Ph 063774850 or send your CV to Mark Bridges at
principal@solway.school.nz
by 3pm Monday August 3rd

Solway needs at least one extra teacher from late August until the end of the year. Between now and Christmas we have 2 teachers scheduled for operations, a maternity leave (1 day per week) and a separate vacancy in week 6 not to mention an ever growing roll. Could suit part time or full-time teachers. Please spread the word.

Younger Siblings / Whānau Starting at Solway

If you have younger children who are due to start school in 2026, 2027, or even 2028, we would really appreciate you letting the office know or popping in to complete an enrolment form.

Advance enrolments are incredibly helpful for school planning. They provide important evidence when applying for additional staffing, classrooms, and other property improvements to ensure we have the facilities and resources needed for our growing school. Even if your child is still a few years away from starting, please let us know—we would love to hear from you.

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

Community Notices

PIZZA
Fridays!

\$1 FROM EVERY PIZZA SOLD DONATED TO
FRIENDS OF SOLWAY!

PROUDLY PARTNERED WITH DOMINOS!

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\$5.50
EACH

DAIRY & GLUTEN FREE
options available!

\$7
COMBOS!
PIZZA + FRIES

ORDER NOW!

VISIT THE WEBSITE:
WWW.FRIENDSOFSOLWAY.CO.NZ

SCAN ME!

Cut me out and hang me on the fridge!



SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLANT SALE

START GROWING NOW!



Our School Plant Sale is coming this **OCTOBER**,
and we need **YOUR HELP!**

We're inviting all Solway families to grow, propagate,
or nurture a few plants at home to donate to our
annual fundraising plant sale.

♥ **EVERY PLANT DONATED HELPS
RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

WHAT CAN YOU GROW?

-  Flowering plants
-  Indoor plants
-  Vegetable seedlings
-  Herbs
-  Succulents & cacti
-  Fruit plants
-  Native plants
-  Interesting foliage plants

EASY PLANTS TO START FROM SEED!

 Sunflowers	 Zinnias
 Tomato	 Peas & Beans
 Lettuce	 Pumpkin
 Basil	 Parsley
 Cosmos	 Nasturtiums
 Marigolds	



HOW TO HELP

- ☒ Plant some seeds
- ☒ Take cuttings from favourite plants
- ☒ Grow a few extras for the school sale
- ☒ Get the kids involved!

No gardening experience needed – just give it a go.



THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE

 Potting mix / soil
 Pots (some available)
 Plant labels

IMPORTANT

 Please do not grow or donate pest plants.

Before propagating a plant, check that it is not on New Zealand's National Pest Plant Accord list.

Let's keep our gardens and environment healthy!



**EVERY EXTRA PLANT
MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

♥ **ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL'S
SWIMMING POOL AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.** ♥



**MASTERTON SCHOOLS
NON-UNIFORM DAY
MASTERTON FOOD BANK**
Friday 14th August

*Instead of a gold
coin donation,
please bring at least
1 non-perishable
food item.*



Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki