

Solway School Newsletter - Term 3, Week 3

Tuesday 29th July, 2025



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- ★ School photos 30th July
- ★ 'Reading Nights' starts Monday 4th August
- ★ Girls Rippa Rugby Tournament 6th Aug
- ★ Grandparents day 8th Aug

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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,

Brilliant assembly on Friday by Totara, thank you to all in our community who attended.



Food at School - As you are all aware, Solway is not part of the school lunch programme. This is purely down to the socio economics of Solway's zone. Only the most deprived 25% of schools in New Zealand qualify. We do however enjoy a steady supply of free Weetbix from Sanitarium and Milk from Fonterra. If for some reason students forget their lunch (breakfast) or are simply still hungry after an active day they can always come to the office during break or lunchtime / no questions asked. We greatly appreciate the generosity of these two iconic Kiwi companies.

Photos on Wednesday - Class photos are at school on Wednesday, please make sure students have the correct uniform.

Grandparents Day - Friday August 8th, please ask Grandparents to keep this morning free

AUGUST READING CHALLENGE - Solway School's *Reading Nights challenge*, for 2025 is about to begin! This challenge - for all students, will run throughout August, from 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. How this is done, is simply according to how the homework reading reality works for your child/ren. The focus is *not* specifically about how many nights one reads this time, albeit that's necessary, but to seriously read **for the WHOLE MONTH of AUGUST** itself.

At the end of every week, teachers will identify who has completed a full week, to see who goes into the *Mystery Envelope Draw*, that'll be held during the assembly on Monday mornings. Inside the mystery envelope will be some vouchers for extra fun! 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. **This 'Reading Nights' programme starts NEXT MONDAY NIGHT: August 4th.** Have fun! 😊

Midyear Academic Data - I was really delighted with our midyear achievement data. Those achieving at or above the expected level were 85% for Reading, 84% for Maths (our best in the past 8 years) and 76% for writing. The maths result is a good indicator that our new maths schemes are having an impact. Well Done to all of our staff and students for your hard work. All curriculum areas are well above the historic national averages. It should be noted that this data is based on the old levels for NZ schools. Next year a new standard will be in place that will almost certainly lift the bar considerably.

Absenteeism & Holidays During Schooltime. Unfortunately we have a bug doing the rounds over the past week. Winter bugs really impact our attendance but if children are sick then they need to stay home. Also at the time of year we have a steady trickle of parents taking their children out of school for holidays, particularly to sunny locations. Please let the school know if you plan to be away so we are not having to ring you daily to find out where your child is. Trips like this often create memories that last a lifetime. Whilst we wish personally you all the best on your vacations please be aware any holiday during termtime has to be recorded as unjustified in the ministry of education's data base. If your child already has low attendance this may be enough to bring your child to the attention of the Truancy service.

Our Board of Trustee elections are approaching, and this year all nominations and voting (if required) will be managed online by an external provider. Our current board includes five parent representatives, with at least one stepping down at the end of the term. If you're interested in serving our school community, nominations are closing in the coming days. For more information, contact: election@electionpilot.nz or 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369).

Ngā mihi

Mark Bridges

School Notices

CLASS SPOTLIGHT - Rimu



On Thursday Rimu celebrated 100 days of school by creating a video counting all the way to 100 using a range of different materials. We loved creating the video to share with our families!

Koro Nanny Granny Gramps Grandma Grandpa Grandad

Grandparents Day 2025

An invitation to all Grandparents - come and join us at Solway School on
Friday 8th August 2025

9:30am - Grandparents turn up - welcome in the school hall (children come to school as normal)

9:45 - visit your grandchild's class and look at their work and take part in the activities in their class

11am - cup of tea/coffee back in the hall for the grandparents (children can go to play outside)

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

Oma Opa Nana Pop Kuia Poppa

Week 3 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations Ada, Lily, Issy, Lottie, Daniel,
Nixon, Max, Luke & Louie!



MINI BALL 2025



If your child would like to play Mini Ball please fill in the form by Thursday 31st July - no late registrations will be accepted. This was also sent out on seesaw & FB on 24th July.



Mini Ball is on Wednesday afternoons at the YMCA anytime from 3:30pm starting Week 5 13th August, until the last Wednesday of the term 17th September.

It runs for 6 weeks and will cost approx \$25 per child to play.

It is open for Year 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6.

If we do not have enough players or support with the teams on Wednesdays then we will not be entering any teams.

Any further information please contact hannah@solway.school.nz

[MINI BALL FORM TO REGISTER](#)

2025 Solway School Board of Trustee Parent Representative Elections

This will be happening in September this year. The school electoral roll is printed and available at the office if you wish to see if you are on the roll and eligible to vote.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Kingston has been working so hard in maths. He can confidently count all the way to 100 in 1s and 10s, ka pai Kingston! We're so proud of the great effort and focus you show in your learning. Keep it up!

Kānuka: Kaiyah is our star this week. Kaiyah always shows pride in our school by picking up rubbish and doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. You're a fantastic role model and valued member of our class. Ka pai and keep being awesome!

Rimu: Constantine is trying his best with his reading and writing. He is sounding out words he is writing and checking his word card. It is great to see your increased focus this Term Constantine!

Harakeke: We have three super stars this week in Harakeke. Angus, Abi and Khadija started their Solway journey in Term 3 and are happy and have settled in well.

Tītoki: Charlotte Kahu for writing a fantastic recount about how Titoki celebrated 100 days at school. Charlotte also shows our school value of Manawanui when learning; she has a positive 'can-do' attitude and gives everything a 'go!' Ka mau te wehi, Charlotte!

Kōwhai: Nixon has shown awesome Manawanui towards his learning this week! He put in a big effort during reading and gave it his all in spelling, achieving great results in his tests. Ka mau te wehi, Nixon! Keep up the fantastic mahi!

Tōtara: Jessie and Georgia Rangi have shown all the values since they started with us at the beginning of this term. They are incredibly dedicated to their work, have proven to be awesome friends already and get involved in everything that's on offer. Ka Pai!

Matai: Artorius has shown a lot of Manawanui in reading, making some great improvements. He is also managing himself and reading independently. Keep up the good work, Artorius.

Mānuka: Lexus for being a kind, caring and supportive friend and working steadily in class. Tino Pai Lexus.

Rata: Carter has displayed lots of Manaakitanga lately. He's super helpful and reliable, always ready to support his peers or lend a helping hand to the teacher. Thank you Carter! Ka mau te wehi!

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Mr WIFI
WIFI & Network Specialist

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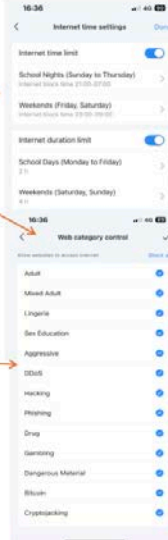
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