

Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 9

Tuesday 16th June



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- Curriculum Information Evening
17th June 6pm
- Friday 19th June - Yellow Mufti Day for Harold the Giraffe
- Friday 3rd July, Matariki - Last day of Term 2, 12:30pm finish.

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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,



Curriculum Information Evening (Tomorrow) - Wednesday 17 June, 6:00pm-7:00pm: Parents and whānau are warmly invited to our Curriculum Information Evening in the school hall. We will explain the Government's curriculum changes, what they mean for teaching and learning at Solway, and how they will affect student reporting. With achievement expectations changing across many year levels, this is a valuable opportunity to understand what it may mean for your child.

Pizza Fridays!

The Friends of Solway are launching a new Pizza Friday fundraiser from next week.

- 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. Please see the separate advertisement for details.

FRIDAY 19 JUNE - Mufti Day for Harold & Life Education : A warm welcome to Holly and Harold the Giraffe from the Life Education Trust, who will be at Solway for the next two weeks. This visit will focus on nutrition and healthy eating. Life Education visits Solway every second year

and relies on community support to continue its valuable work. To help, we will be holding a Mufti Day this Friday. Students are encouraged to wear yellow and bring a gold coin donation in support of Harold and the Life Education Trust. Thank you for your support.

ERO Visit Update

Thank you to our staff, students, Board and wider community for helping showcase Solway during last week's ERO visit.

While the final report is still some weeks away, the initial feedback was very positive. ERO praised the quality of teaching and learning, student support, and our strong focus on wellbeing, inclusion and relationships.

There will always be areas for further development, but we are delighted with the feedback received and proud of what our school community has achieved together.

Cross Country / Bake Sale Fundraiser Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this week's Inter School Cross Country sausage sizzle and bake sale. Whether you baked, volunteered, donated or purchased items, your support was greatly appreciated. Events like these are only possible because of the incredible community spirit we enjoy at Solway.

Art Week & Matariki

The final week of term is one of our favourites—Art Week. Families and friends are invited to visit the hall during school hours to view the wonderful artwork created by our tamariki.

The week concludes with our annual Matariki Celebration on Friday 3 July. Festivities begin at 6:00am with breakfast, hot drinks, kapa haka, sparklers and lanterns. Whānau usually head home around 7:00am, while students remain for a special day of activities. School will finish at 12:30pm.

Matariki is a special time for our community to celebrate the Māori New Year, reflect on the past, and look forward to the future together.

[Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,](#)

[Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau](#)

Curriculum Information Evening - Wednesday 17 June, 6.00-7.00pm:

We warmly invite all parents and whānau to our Curriculum Information Evening in the school hall. This session will explain recent changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and what these mean for your child's learning, achievement, and school reports.

One of the key changes is that expectations at each year level are generally becoming more demanding, with clearer and higher achievement standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. We will explain how student progress will be reported, what achievement information may look like in future reports, and how families can best support learning at home. We hope you can join us for this important evening.

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.

School Notices

Week 9 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Louie S, Dylan, Sophia, Abi, Annie, Riria, Elise, Kayden, Bodhi, Adeline & Alex!



Come along to our
Curriculum Clarity Evening!

When: Wednesday 17 June, 6:00pm

Where: School Hall

Learn about the changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and how student progress and achievement will be reported to whānau.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Nau Mai, Haere Mai, Welcome to Solway School

Term 2 Sport

Congratulations to the 10 children who will represent Wairarapa in the Wellington cross country on 2nd of July.

Off to Wellington

Willow Sargeant
Indie O'Neale
Finnley Dell
Angus McFadzean
Lucy Futter
Paisley Sargeant
Lyla Harvey
Grayson Vollebregt
Harry McFadzean
Manaaki Harwood



Ka rawe!!

Willow - 1st Year 4 Girl

Grayson - 1st Year 6 Boy

In the Wairarapa Championships last week.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Ruby is our star of the week. She has made a wonderful start to school! She is very responsible and already knows our classroom routines. Ruby follows instructions well, is always ready to learn, and is a great role model for others. We are so proud of the positive attitude she brings to our classroom. Ka pai Ruby!

Kānuka: Charli Lane is our star for proudly finding her voice and coming out of her shell a bit more! Charli is reading with more confidence and speaking with more ease in front of the whole class during oral language time. Keep shining bright, Charli, mīharo!

Rimu: Jonty is our star of the week for showing **responsibility** in everything he does. He has been putting in a fantastic effort to stay focused on his work and is doing a wonderful job of showing **respect** to both his peers and his teachers. Ka mau te wehi Jonty!

Harakeke: Lucy showing Manaakitanga in everything she does. Her kindness towards others, taking responsibility for her learning and helping in class. Ka rawe!

Tītoki: Liam is our star of the week for showing perseverance. Liam always tries his very best at everything that he does. He will keep trying until he is successful. Keep up the great work, Liam. We are very proud of you.

Kauri: Jessica is our Star of the Week! Jessica has shown fantastic Manawanui recently. She has worked hard in cross country training, showing discipline, perseverance, and determination. She consistently puts effort into all areas of her learning, including her artwork, reading homework, times tables, and learning her mihi. Jessica, you should be proud of the effort and determination you show every day. Tino pai tō mahi!

Tōtara: Willow shows all the values, all the time - so much so, that her dedication to fitness, resilience and personal responsibility, scored her an outstanding result with the 2026 Wairarapa Interschool Cross Country. She was the first Year 4 girl! Ka Pai!

Matai: Finnley has shown a lot of Manawanui in cross country running. He has been working hard, showing discipline, and strategy. It is so cool to see you so excited about going to Wellington Regional Cross Country. Tu meke, Finnley.

Mānuka: Isaac, you have shown tremendous resilience in overcoming your surgery and working really hard on exercising your hand. Also, the effort that you are putting into improving your writing is fantastic. Tino Pai Isaac.

Rata: Grayson is our star for showing manawanui in the lead-up to Cross Country. He displayed outstanding determination and resilience by continuing to train as best he could while recovering from an injury. Throughout this time, he maintained a positive attitude and remained committed to achieving his goals. Ka mau te wehi, Grayson!

Community Notices



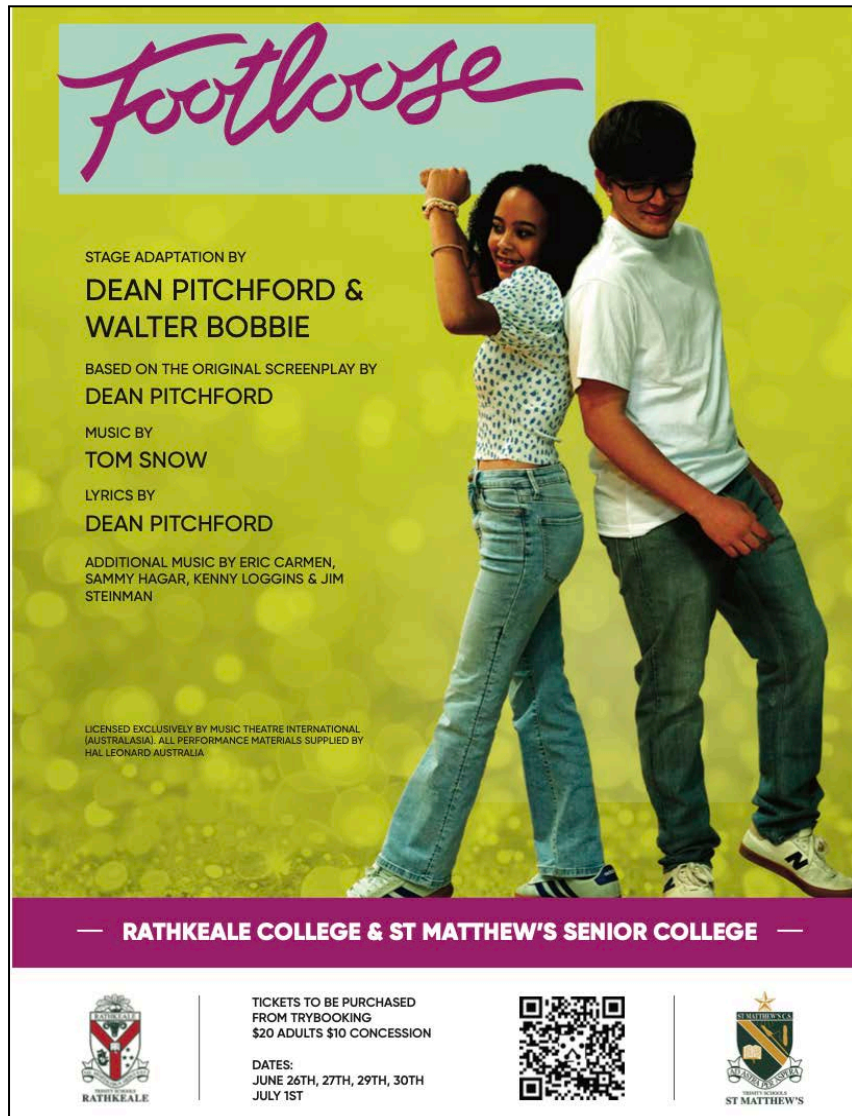
Cobblestones
Winter Fair

SATURDAY 18 JULY
10.00AM - 2.30PM

A VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS
Artisan stalls, Live Entertainment, Kids Games & Yummy food!

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GREYTOWN



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MUSIC BY
TOM SNOW

LYRICS BY
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DATES:
JUNE 26TH, 27TH, 29TH, 30TH
JULY 1ST

TINO RANGITĀNETANGA IWI EXHIBITION 2026



Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc.
Mandated Iwi Authority

Te Waka Wairua o Kurahaupō
28 February - 19 July
Tino Rangitānetanga Iwi Exhibition
2 May - 19 July

FAMILY & GROUP
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

 **Wairarapa**
Youth Orchestra

FATE &

SYMPHONIES

HOPE

LIVE CONCERT

27 JUNE 2026

3:00 PM

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The Wairarapa Kid's Choir was started in 2018 by local music teachers Jill Bebbington and Angie Cook, who were keen to provide a musical option for budding singers. The WKC provides members with training in vocal techniques, performance etiquette, and singing in parts. Now in its 9th year, the WKC has grown to 30+ children ranging in age from 7 to 17. They have done several musical productions including "Little Red Riding Hood and The Wolf", "Rats", and "Oliver With A Twist". The group has also had the opportunity to sing in beautiful, local venues such as the Greek Orthodox Church, Cobblestones Museum, and the Sacred Heart Church in Greytown.



Georgia and Jessie Rangi have joined the WKC this year, and they have already performed once at the recent Vocal Spectacular concert in May. They are excited to share some exciting news with their school!

Every year the WKC put on a fundraising concert for a local charity. This year the children chose to support SPCA Masterton, and the choir will be holding the concert at Solway Primary School Hall on Saturday, 20th June at 3pm! The choir will be joined by the Masterton District Brass Band and Wairarapa College guitarists Liam & Corbyn. The Masterton SPCA will be there to tell us all about their work in the region, and all funds raised on the night will go toward their wish list. Doors open at 2:45pm and entry is by koha (suggested \$5 per person). We would love for you to join us in support of Masterton SPCA!

 **Wairarapa Kids' Choir**
Fundraiser Concert
Saturday, 20th June @300pm
Solway Primary School Hall,
318 Ngaumutawa Road, Solway, Masterton

Entry by Koha
*suggested \$5/person

All Proceeds to



Special performances by Masterton Brass Band, Liam & Corbyn, and other invited soloists

WANTED: FAMILIES

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to chat.



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