

Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 7

Wednesday 3rd June



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- Curriculum Information Evening
17th June 6pm
- 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,



Cross Country: Well done to all of our students who took part in last week's Cross Country. I was incredibly proud of the resilience, determination, and positive attitude shown by every runner. It was a fantastic afternoon that highlighted both our students' efforts and the strength of our supportive school community.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Solway for running the sausage sizzle and to Tom's Cycles for providing the coffee cart. Next Tuesday, our fastest senior runners will compete at the Regional Cross Country. The Friends of Solway are still looking for volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle fundraiser on the day. Unfortunately, with ERO visiting the school, our staff will be unable to assist this year.

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.

Class Movements for Next Term: Due to our continued roll growth and record numbers of new entrants starting school this year, we will be making some class adjustments at the beginning of next term. These changes will affect only a small number of students in our junior school.

Class movements are a normal part of school life and are not simply about making room for new students. They also help ensure children are in classes that best meet their learning and social needs, and in some cases provide opportunities for greater extension and challenge.

Families of students affected by these changes have either already been contacted or will be contacted within the next 48 hours. We will work carefully to ensure any transitions are smooth and positive for everyone involved.

Teacher Only Day (Yesterday): Thank you to our families for their support of yesterday's Teacher Only Day. All Solway teachers attended the annual Masterton Schools Conference at Wairarapa College, alongside colleagues from local primary schools, intermediate & secondary schools, and many early childhood centres.

Now in its sixth year, this event provides a valuable opportunity for educators across the region to learn together. Teachers attended workshops and presentations from speakers from around New Zealand, focusing on curriculum changes, effective teaching practices, student wellbeing, and ways to continue improving outcomes for our learners.

ERO Visit: Next Tuesday and Wednesday we will be welcoming ERO to Solway School. ERO's role is to work alongside schools, reviewing areas such as teaching and learning, student achievement, school systems, and planning. They also provide feedback to help schools continue to improve.

We are fortunate that the lead ERO evaluator knows both our school and me well, which helps provide valuable context for their visit. While no school is perfect, I am confident ERO will see many strengths at Solway. This is also a particularly interesting time for the review, as we are implementing more significant changes this year than at any point in my 30 years in education. We look forward to sharing our journey and receiving constructive feedback on how we can continue to grow and improve.

Children About to Turn 5 - We are fortunate to have a record number of 5-year-olds starting at Solway in 2026, with a new classroom opening next term. If you have a child turning 5 in the next 12 months, please let the office know early to help us plan staffing, transition visits, and classroom spaces.

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,
Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

School Notices

Term 2 Sport

Cross Country Results

Waipoua	Waiohine	Waiawangawanga	Ruamahanga
220	179	233	229

	Year 0+1 Girls	Year 0+1 Boys	Year 2 Girls	Year 2 Boys	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
1st	Emma Halder	Louie H.	Willow R.	Tom J.	Jessica B.	Zave V.
2nd	Emma Houston	Jed L.	Sophia H.	Archie W.	Lilly R.	Louie L.
3rd	Ellie H.	Jonty F.	Amelia R.	Anders P.	Aiya P.	Louie S.
	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1st	Willow S.	Finnley D.	Lucy F.	Rio R-L	Paisley S.	Grayson V.
2nd	Indie O.	Angus M.	Skylah S-P.	Dylan M.	Lyla H.	Manaaki H.
3rd	Emmy D.	Louie B.	Mikaela S.	Knox C.	Ella R.	Harry M.

School Lunches are available from Friday each week ordering on the.... [kindo.co.nz](https://shop.kindo.co.nz) website.

Ezlunch is back for Term 2

Ordering Ezlunch through Kindo is quick, easy, and one less thing to think about in the morning. You order from home (or on the go), and your child's lunch is delivered to school, ready to eat.

Here's a link that takes you straight to the Solway Lunch Menu

https://shop.kindo.co.nz/shop/upload/pdf/school/solway_school/Menu.pdf



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Carter is our star of the week. Carter is a kind and caring member of our class. He always shows empathy towards his peers and is quick to help others when they need it. We are so lucky to have such a thoughtful friend in our classroom. Mahi pai Carter!

Kānuka: Rome is our star this week for bringing so much confidence and a big smile to school every day. We love how she jumps into everything with a great attitude and always tries her absolute best. She has also been a wonderful helper and a fantastic role model for our newest, younger students. Ka rawe, Rome!

Rimu: Nellie is our star this week! Nellie has been working hard on her resilience this term, and she displayed this amazingly during our recent cross-country event. She also showed great confidence and excellent oral language skills when sharing a joke with the whole school at assembly. Nellie spoke clearly and calmly in front of the large group. Fantastic effort Nellie!

Harakeke: Then, you have fitted in to Harakeke so well, it's as if you have been here forever! You have been showing Pono at school, being honest and inclusive. We are so happy to have you with us. Ka pai, Thenu!

Tītoki: Lottie is our Star of the Week. Lottie shows our value of Pono (honest, genuine and sincere, always showing integrity). Lottie has a fantastic attitude around school life and gives her very best in all that school has to offer. We are super proud of you, Lottie. Ka pai rawa!!

Kauri: Erin is our Star of the Week! She has shown amazing Manaakitanga by caring for her friend when she was hurt. Erin is always quick to help others and is a fantastic helper in the classroom. We are so lucky to have such a caring and thoughtful class member. Mīharo, Erin!

Tōtara: Indie - you've shown a lot of Manawanui recently. Thanks for the effort you've been putting into everything we've been doing - from our art for the hall and the cross country work, to all the BSLA activities and times tables mahi. Ka Pai!

Matai: Lily has shown a lot of Manawanui learning new Māori words. She has put together sentences describing the weather and is gaining confidence presenting these sentences to an audience. Keep up the good work, Lily. Tu Meke!

Mānuka: Blake has been really passionate about his writing and is always keen to share what he has written. Tino Pai Blake

Rata: Nehemiah is our star for displaying Manaakitanga every single day in Rata. This was particularly evident at cross country where he supported one of his buddies throughout the event. Ka mau te wehi! Thank you for being so kind hearted!

Community Notices



WAIARARAPA COLLEGE
TE KĀRETI O WAIARARAPA

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday
10 June
6-8pm
College Hall

Connect Engage LEAD
Wairarapa

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



Cobblestones
Winter Fair

SATURDAY 18 JULY
10.00AM - 2.30PM

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

 **COBBLESTONES**
WAIARARAPA'S HERITAGE VILLAGE
169 MAIN STREET, GREYTOWN COBBLESTONESMUSEUM.ORG.NZ

 **NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS**
GREYTOWN

Footloose

STAGE ADAPTATION BY
DEAN PITCHFORD & WALTER BOBBIE

BASED ON THE ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY
DEAN PITCHFORD

MUSIC BY
TOM SNOW

LYRICS BY
DEAN PITCHFORD




ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY ERIC CARMEN,
 SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS & JIM
 STEINMAN

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— **RATHKEALE COLLEGE & ST MATTHEW'S SENIOR COLLEGE** —

TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED
 FROM TRYBOOKING
 \$20 ADULTS \$10 CONCESSION

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

Wairarapa
 Youth Orchestra

FATE & HOPE

SYMPHONIES
HOPE

HOLST
 BEETHOVEN
 DVORAK
 TCHAIKOVSKY

LIVE CONCERT

27 JUNE 2026
 3:00 PM
 WAIRARAPA
 EVENTS CENTRE

SCAN FOR
 TICKETS

EARLY BIRD
 SPECIALS
 UNTIL
 26 MAY

CHILDREN \$5 | CONCESSION \$10 | ADULTS \$15

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 INTERMISSION TREATS

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