

Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 11

Tuesday 30th June



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- Friday 3rd July, Matariki **6am**- Last day of Term 2, 12:30pm finish - wear MUFTI.
- Wheels Day 1st July
- Monday 20th July - First day of Term 3,

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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,



♥ **THANK YOU VIV** This week we say farewell to **Viv Nicol**, who retires after more than **35 years** of dedicated service to Solway School. Viv has been so much more than our school administrator. She has been part of generations of Solway families and has quietly kept the school running behind the scenes for decades. Thank you, Viv, for everything you have given to our community. We love you, and we hope this isn't goodbye—just the start of dropping in for the occasional coffee and chocolate biscuit!

🌟 **Matariki Celebration - Friday** This Friday we celebrate **Matariki** and **Art Week**, and everyone is warmly invited to join us. Matariki marks the Māori New Year—a time to remember those who have passed, celebrate the present, and look forward with hope to the year ahead. Join us from **6:00am** for a community breakfast. We'll have free sausages, hot cakes, hot chocolate, sparklers, kapa haka and lanterns. Children should wear **muffti** and dress warmly. Families usually head home around **7:15am** before school begins. Students will finish at **12:30pm**, with teachers planning a fun and enjoyable end to the term.

🚲 **Wheels Day** Tomorrow is the **first Wednesday of the month**, which means it's **Wheels Day!** Children are welcome to bring their bikes, scooters or skateboards to school. Please remember that **helmets must be worn**.

Chinese Language Week - As part of **Chinese Language Week**, a big thank you to **Jenny Rees** for organising a range of engaging activities that are helping our students learn about and celebrate Chinese language and culture.

ART WEEK - Children's Art work is on display in the hall - please come and have a look anytime on Friday.

Pizza Lunches The Friends of Solway Pizza Lunches have been a huge success—thank you for supporting this great fundraiser. A reminder that **this Friday school finishes at 12:30pm**. If your child has ordered pizza, they will be able to **take it home** to enjoy after school.

Sponsor Signage A huge thank you to the families and local businesses who have sponsored Solway School through the Friends of Solway fence signage initiative. The first signs are now proudly displayed, with more than a dozen additional signs expected to go up over the coming weeks. Your support makes a real difference to our school.

Uniform Reminder As we head into 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, we just allow sports shoes during Cross Country training. If you have borrowed school uniforms from the sickbay could we have these returned. Thank you for your support.

Wellington Regional Cross Country Team Good luck to the 2026 Wellington Regional Cross Country Team braving the weather at Harcourt Park today. Absent from photo: Grayson Vollebregt and Lucy Futter.



Have a Wonderful Holiday Thank you for another fantastic term. We hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and well-deserved holiday break, and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for Term 3 - Monday July 20th.

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

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/>

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.

A reminder to please return any clothes that we have changed your child into after accidents. We really need these clothes back, particularly smaller ones. Thanks

Money from Grants

A HUGE thank you for the local support from Masterton Trust Lands Trust and Masterton District Council

A VERY big Thank you to the Masterton District Council for a \$500 grant awarded to Solway School to help with our Matariki Breakfast celebrations.



We are very grateful to Masterton Trust Lands Trust for a Year 0-3 literacy grant awarded to Solway School of \$10,180 - this is targeted to Year 0-3 and will provide some amazing new resources to support literacy in the Rangitumau team.



School Notices

Week 11 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Thenu, Finnley, Jayden, Vinnie, Dustin,
Tiaia, Emma, Lucy & William



Term 2 Sport

Term 3 Break

Over the school holidays there are no games in Netball and Hockey for Solway.
Training and games resumes in Week 1, Term 3.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: All of Pōhutukawa are our Stars of the Week! We are so proud of everything they have achieved this term.

Kānuka: Lupe is our star this week! Lupe has settled beautifully into our class and is starting to follow our daily routines. With her friendly nature and incredibly cheerful smile, she brings so much joy to Kanuka. She is an enthusiastic participant during oral language times and shines bright during kapa haka. We are so proud of you, Lupe!

Rimu: Declan and Anders are our stars of the week this week! They have both been amazing leaders in Rimu over the past two Terms. They have shown responsibility for their learning, always trying their best! We know they will be amazing in Titoki next term! Ka mau te wehi!

Harakeke: Eilish Pureau is our star of the week. Eilish, this week you have demonstrated outstanding pono in your learning. You show a wonderful sense of responsibility towards your mahi, always striving to do what is right and giving your best effort, whether working independently or with others. You are a reliable, honest, and self-motivated learner.

Titoki: Max is our star of the week. Max, you are working hard on your handwriting and writing. You always work so hard and make the most of everything at school. You show our values every day in everything that you do. You are a true Solway school kid. We are very proud of you. Keep up the great work. Ka pai rawa!

Kauri: Jayden is our Star of the Week! Jayden has shown fantastic Manawanui through his determination and perseverance while learning his 5x times tables. He has made incredible progress, becoming much faster and more accurate with his recall. Ka rawe, Jayden! Keep up the awesome mahi!

Tōtara: Alexis applies an incredible amount of respect for her learning - and in how she interacts with everything and anyone at school. She's really focused on the details and on how things are done. Alexis hears what's said and really listens to what's involved. Thanks Alexis - you've taken your learning to a whole new level.

Matai: Myra has shown pono with her artwork and maths. She has put 100% into both and listened carefully. It was fantastic to see her recent results in maths and she completed two excellent pieces of art. Tu meke, Myra.

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Rata: Reef is our star this week for the fantastic effort he has been putting into his learning. He has shown great determination when tackling new learning in maths, challenging himself with complex problems! He has also been incredibly focused during writing, producing quality information reports. Ka pai Reef!

Community Notices

Cobblestones
Winter Fair
 SATURDAY 18 JULY
 10.00AM - 2.30PM
A VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS
Artisan stalls, Live Entertainment, Kids Games & Yummy food!

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

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS
 GREYTOWN

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

WANTED: FAMILIES

FOR
JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Share your home. Change a life. Create lifelong connections.

DURATION OF STAY: FEB - NOV **OR FOR ONE TERM WONDERS**

RIGHT NOW: We have a 16 year old girl seeking a family home for **TERM 3**, this year.

OPEN YOUR HOME. ENRICH YOUR FAMILY.
 Most families provide accommodation, meals, care and inclusion - we provide full support all the way.

INTERESTED? Let's have a chat!
 Make a difference in a young person's life - and your own.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR STUDENTS IN 2027 ALSO WELCOME!

Bringing cultures together. Building global friendships.

WYS JAPAN Global Youth Exchange

ALIGNED WITH WYS JAPAN AND A LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK COVERING MANAWATU & WAIRARAPA

Local support. Global impact.

INTERESTED? Contact Jo Gibson: 027 686 0140 to chat.

EQUIPPERS OUT OF SCHOOL CARE PRESENTS...

INFINITY

6TH JULY - 17TH JULY 2026

THESE HOLIDAYS LET YOUR CHILD EMBARK ON A JOURNEY TO
INFINITY AND BEYOND.
OUR PROGRAM COMBINES THE WONDER OF SPACE WITH ENGAGING ON
AND OFFSITE ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVITY BLASTING.



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[HTTPS://ENROLMY.COM/EQUIPPERS-OUT-OF-SCHOOL-CARE](https://enrolmy.com/equippers-out-of-school-care)



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

LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL
(AUSTRALASIA). ALL PERFORMANCE MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY
HAL LEONARD AUSTRALIA



— 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



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.



Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki