


Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 8

Tuesday 9th 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,*



VISIT FROM ERO : A very warm welcome to Mary Eli and Zeb Nicklin from the Education Review Office (ERO), who are visiting Solway today and much of tomorrow. They will be observing teaching and learning in classrooms across the school and meeting with staff, leadership and our Board. This is an opportunity for us to showcase the great work happening every day at Solway. While no school is perfect, I am incredibly proud of our staff, students and wider community, and I look forward to sharing our story with them.

INTERSCHOOLS CROSSCOUNTRY & Friends of Solway Fundraiser : Today we have around 45 students representing Solway at the Inter-Schools Cross Country at the Solway Showgrounds. Good luck to all of our runners—we are proud of you already for earning your place and giving it your best effort.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Solway for organising today's sausage sizzle and bake sale fundraiser. An even bigger thank you to our incredible community for the amazing amount of baking that has been donated. The generosity shown has been outstanding. Any unsold baking

will be offered for sale at school on Wednesday, and we will let families know later today whether a school bake sale is needed.

I love this community. The willingness of people to pitch in and support our tamariki never ceases to amaze me.

New Uniform Rule Trial : Last week our lost property contained an estimated 40-50 polar fleeces. It was literally a mountain of clothing!

This week we are trialling a simple new rule. If a child removes an item of clothing, such as a jumper, polar fleece or shoes, they need to return it to their classroom and place it straight into their bag.

It's a simple idea, but we're hoping it might save families a lot of money and frustration. At this stage there are no consequences beyond a friendly reminder (or perhaps a gentle growling from an adult!). Let's see if it helps reduce our ever-growing lost property collection.

Art Week & Matariki : The final week of term is one of our favourites—**Art Week**. Throughout the week the hall will be open during school hours for whānau and friends to come and admire the amazing artwork created by our tamariki.

The week culminates with our annual **Matariki Celebration on Friday 3 July**.

Matariki begins at **6:00am** with breakfast, hot drinks, a kapa haka performance, sparklers and the release of lanterns into the morning sky. Parents and whānau generally head off around 7:00am, while students stay for a special day of activities at school. School will finish early at **12:30pm** that day.

Matariki has become one of the highlights of our school year—a special opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate the Māori New Year, reflect on those who have gone before us, and look ahead with hope and excitement for the future.

FRIDAY 19th June - Mufti Day / wear yellow for Harold the Giraffe & the Life Education Trust!!

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 8 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Louie L, Georgia Y, Oliver, Frank, Lucy, Jed, Graysen, Louie S, Tiaia, Tommy, Jessica, Georgia V, Iver, Lottie, Georgia R and Fynn!

A double draw this week, Woohoo!!



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

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.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Quinn has settled into school life so well. He comes to school organised, ready to learn, and always gives his best effort. Quinn is soaking up all his new learning like a little sponge and is making fantastic progress. Ka pai, Quinn!

Kānuka: A huge congratulations to Louie, our well-deserved star of the week. Louie absolutely shone during our Cross Country event, speeding around the track with incredible energy and pace. He showed immense determination, grit, and focus from the starting line all the way to the finish. Louie should be incredibly proud of himself for his fantastic effort. Mīharo, Louie!

Rimu: Lily-May is our Star of the week! Lily-May has been working very hard with her phonics in Taumata 3! She is carefully sounding out words to spell split digraphs! Lily-May is also showing determination and confidence during her hockey fun sticks games on Thursday evenings. Ka mau te wehi Lily-May!

Harakeke: Ariella is our star of the week. You work so hard in Harakeke. It is so lovely to see you producing the best work you possibly can., Ariella! You take responsibility for all your belongings so well. Ka pai, Ariella!

Tītoki: Elyse is our Star of the Week!! Elyse you are amazing. 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: Maia is always respectful to her friends and teachers. She is kind, caring, and a great helper in Kauri - keep showing your wonderful Manaakitanga, Maia!

Tōtara: Alex has made absolutely incredible progress with his handwriting, the writing when he processes his reading work and with all the words he writes during our word study/BSLA PhOM work. His attention to letter size and spacing is great!

Matai: Ayva has shown a lot of Manawanui in her times tables. Recently she sat a test and got 93/100! What an awesome display of motivation and determination. Kua pai to mahi.

Mānuka: Te Aroha, for upholding the values of Manaakitanga. You are kind and empathetic toward others. This, combined with your steady focus and insightful ideas in class, make you a truly deserving Star of the Week. Ka Mau te Wehi.

Rata: Aubree is our Star of the Week for the incredible Manawanui she has brought to her math lessons lately! She has shown fantastic growth when learning both short division and the order of operations. Her hard work is paying off as she begins to master these new skills. Ka pai, Aubree!

Community Notices



WAIARAPA COLLEGE
TE KĀRETI O WAIARAPA

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

NEW ZEALAND
FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS
GREYTOWN

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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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
STENMAN

— 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

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

BRING CASH FOR INTERMISSION TREATS

BUY TICKETS AT WAIRARAPAEC.CO.NZ



Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki