

Solway School Newsletter - Term 1, Week 7

Tuesday 17th March



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

March 20th Solway Cultural Day

March 24 & 25 Learning Conferences

March 27th House Group Awa/River visits

April 2nd Last Day of Term 1

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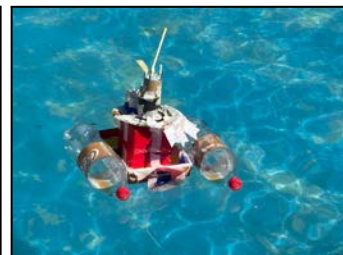
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Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Mālō e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura o Solway,



Boat day was a real hit yesterday, great seeing the buddy classes working together.

Well Done Solway - I just had a call from the organisers of the **Golden Shears**. They just wanted us to know that they were so impressed with the behaviour and questions from Solway students. In their words - Eketahuna & Solway were the stand out schools - Ka Pai Solway!

Learning Conferences Our upcoming Learning Conferences are a chance for teachers and parents to connect early in the year, share how students have settled into class, and discuss their learning so far. As it is still early in the year, only limited formal assessment has been completed.

Tuesday 24 March: **School finishes at 1:00pm**. Conferences run 1:20–5:30pm (break 3:30–3:50pm). *Emergency supervision is available until 3:00pm, with buses running as usual from 3:00pm.*

Wednesday 25 March: School finishes 3:00pm, with conferences 3:20–5:00pm.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/c5sp6>

Cultural Day - This Friday March 20th is our Cultural Day, come dressed in something that represents your culture. This may be traditional, it may be some Kiwiani, it may relate to your National sports team. Teachers will have a number of fun activities throughout the day.

Free ice blocks on Friday from 'Friends of Solway' for Cultural Day - Thank you !!!

Friends of Solway / All are welcome to attend, a job shared is a job halved. The next meeting is this Thursday 7pm in the school staff room. Anyone is welcome to come along, no RSVP required :)

CAMP - The feedback from camp has been outstanding, thank you so much to all of the parents and staff who made it possible - big congratulations to our fabulous year 6 students too. The teachers were so impressed with their enthusiasm and great behaviour. Nina has already booked up to be camp chef again in 2027!

Golf in Schools - Wednesday & Thursday this week we have the Golf in Schools programme coming to Solway. This is the first time we have offered this. Students in Harakeke and up will be given 2 x 45 minute introductory lessons - it should be lots of fun.

Easter Hamper raffle tickets are now on sale for \$2 each to help reduce camp cost to families. *We have already factored in fundraising to the cost to parents have been given.*

MUSIC LESSONS : Goodtime Music Academy are offering Private music tuition during school time, if enough interest exists they will come to Solway during the school day.



LEARN MUSIC IN-SCHOOL!!!

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Goodtime MUSIC ACADEMY

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whānau

School Notices

School Interviews

Here is the link to book interviews

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/c5sp6>

School Lunches are available Friday each week ordering on the kindo.co.nz website. Families that previously had a lunch online account and any unused balance has been transferred to kindo, Pop in and update your details and carry on. There are a few different options to choose from. New families can set up a user-friendly account in a few short steps. We are happier with some of the options than we are with others but we are making it available to our school community to see what you think. We are not locked into a contract and may look at changing our Friday lunch offerings at some point in the future.

Term 1 Sport

Hockey Registrations Fun Sticks registrations are now done through schools. This is a first for Hockey Wairarapa. A link has been sent out on Hero for students that Fun Sticks applies to.

Girls Smash Cricket This was a great success. There were a lot of buzzing girls afterwards.



Non-Stop Cricket Competition For the next 3 weeks there will be a non-stop cricket competition for any students to participate in during lunchtimes, Wednesday to Friday.

Masterton Swimming Sports Good luck to our swimming team representing Solway tomorrow.





Year 5-6 Netball Registrations Open

Do you have a child keen to play Year 5-6 netball next term? Click the link below if so, to register.

[Registration Form](#)

A vibrant poster for Solway School Cultural Day. The background is a bright yellow and orange sunburst pattern. At the top, the text 'Celebrate Our Stories... SOLWAY SCHOOL Cultural Day!' is written in large, blue, bubbly letters. Below the text, a group of diverse children are shown in various cultural costumes, including a girl in a blue and red dress, a boy in a red and white patterned shirt, and a girl in a green and white outfit. There are also illustrations of a drum, a conga, and a boy playing a bagpipe. At the bottom, two children are shown in traditional Maori attire, including a haka. The date 'FRIDAY 20TH MARCH!' is written in large, green, bubbly letters. Below the date, there is a paragraph of text: 'Come dressed in something that represents your culture. Join the Celebration Parade and 'Travel Around the World' visiting different classrooms to explore and celebrate the many rich cultures represented in our school.' The bottom of the poster features a blue wavy line representing water and some pink flowers.

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Paige did a wonderful job helping and welcoming the new children who joined our class last week. She was kind and caring, and made sure they felt included. We are very proud of the way you look out for others, Paige.

Kānuka: Frankie is our star this week because she is a great leader in Kānuka. She has shown Manaakitanga by being respectful and kind towards her classmates. She also takes responsibility for her learning by being organised, sensible and focused. Ka pai Frankie, you're a star!

Rimu: Emma is our Star this week! Emma is a very responsible member of Rimu. She is always displaying Manaakitanga inside and outside of the classroom, by showing respect for her peers and teachers. Emma is always making sure she is doing the right thing and showing kindness to everyone! What an awesome role model Emma!

Harakeke: Thomas is such a positive and cheerful member of our class. He tries hard and gives everything a go. Thomas is always kind and caring towards his peers. We love having you in Harakeke Thomas.

Tītoki: Amelia is our star this week. She is always showing Manaakitanga by being respectful and kind towards others. She is extremely hard working, focused and engaged in learning. Ka pai rawa! Amelia, we are very proud of you.

Kauri: Rena has shown fantastic focus during reading and has been working hard on her learning. She has also been a wonderful helper in Kauri, tidying the classroom without being asked and showing great Manaakitanga. Ka pai, Rena!

Tōtara: Piper - thanks for showing all the values, all of the time. You're a wonderful role model in class with all we do in there and your interactions with others are just lovely - kind, considerate and hugely supportive. Thank you!

Matai: Angus has shown a lot of Manawanui recently. He has shown this value in a number of areas: Swimming, reading, art, mathematics, and te reo Māori. I like the diligence and perseverance you have shown, Angus. Natural talent will get you so far, but hard work is a trait that will carry you through challenging times forever. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui, Angus.

Mānuka: Daniel showed impressive resilience at camp, worked positively with others, and managed himself independently. Tino Pai Daniel.

Rata: Fergus showed all of our school values at Year 6 camp. He followed instructions, gave everything a go and had an amazing time! Well done, Fergus.

Community Notices

Masterton Redstar JAB Rugby registration days

Colombo Rd Clubrooms on Thursday the 5th of March 4:30 – 6:00

Colombo Rd Clubrooms on Sunday the 21st of March 12:00 - 2:30pm

Registrations will be \$30 this year.

Open Day
20 March 2026

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Wairarapa

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14/04/2026 – 17/04/2026
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WAIRARAPA DOUGLAS VILLA A.F.C.

Douglas Villa AFC

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2026 SEASON

We welcome all new and returning players

Ages 5 - 13

More info and to register:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/469509>

Marist Junior Rugby Muster
Wednesday 11th March, 4-6pm @ Marist Clubrooms

- Click here Marist Facebook
- Click here to re-register
- Click here for new parents to create a Rugby Xplorer account

All registered kids will receive a rugby ball and mouthguard courtesy of the Union.

click here for
Contact: Blair Gardner, mastetonmaristjab@gmail.com

Save the Dates

CARTERTON RUGBY

JAB MUSTER

CRFC BELVEDERE ROAD

5th MARCH 2026 THU 4PM
17th MARCH 2026 TUE 4PM
28th MARCH 2026 SAT 11AM

All kids aged 4-13 are welcome to come play fun games and ask any questions about the upcoming 2026 season.

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Disability Sports Day

Wairarapa

Saturday 28 March
1pm - 3pm
Colin Pugh Sports Bowl, Masterton

Ages 5-18 (siblings welcome)
FREE BBQ

This event is open to those with physical impairments

Contact Sharon: 027 443 3957 wairarapa@dsport.nz

CARTERTON SCOUT GROUP

Do you like working as teams, exploring options and practising survival skills?

Come visit us, bring any mates you'd like, girls and boys, for great and exciting Scouting experiences!

Keas	5-8yrs	Mondays	4.30-5.30pm
Cubs	8-11yrs	Mondays	6.00-7.30pm
Scouts	11-14yrs	Thursdays	6.30-8.30pm

For further details contact Ben Laybourn | 027 641 7249 | info@cartertonscouts.org.nz



Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki