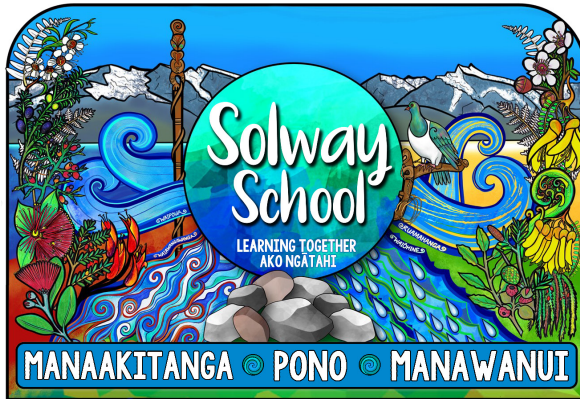


# Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 2

Tuesday 6th May, 2025



## Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- ★ Awa trips Friday 9th May - **this week**
- ★ Pink Shirt Day 16th May - gold coin
- ★ Cross Country 28th May
- ★ Matariki breakfast 19th June 6am
- ★ Term 2 ends Friday 27th June

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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,*

*It is so lovely to have the sun back after last week's stormy weather. Thank you again for your patience with picking up children on those rainy days.*

- *We welcome Neen Kennedy to Solway this week. She is here to run the 'Zero Waste' programme over the next two weeks.*
- *This week is [New Zealand Sign Language](#) week - Signing is an official language of New Zealand and we have children at Solway who use sign language to communicate.*
- *THANKS to Jimmy and Dave for their clean up efforts after the storm.*
- *THANK YOU to **Adam Taplin** from [Arb Solutions](#) who came and assessed the trees around the school. There are some branches that need to be professionally removed so that work will be getting completed asap.*
- ***Updating contact details.** Incase of an emergency we need to make sure we have the correct details to contact you. Please fill in this form asap with your current contact details. [2025 Contact Details](#)*
- *Wheels day is this Wednesday - children must have a helmet to ride their bike or scooter - no hoverboards.*
- *Winter sports are starting and we have many children who are playing sports which is awesome. We know they will represent Solway positively on the field. Thank you for supporting the coaches and your children to get to practises and the games. It is an important commitment to be in a team and we look forward to the season ahead.*

- Parent portal - The Ministry has developed a [parental portal](#) that you can access. Please click on the link to have a look at this site.
- **Pink Shirt Day** on Friday 16th May. We will be taking part in Pink Shirt Day to promote aroha and kindness and end bullying - any bright clothes are perfect for the day + a gold coin which we will donate to the Mental Health Foundation NZ.
- Te Kupu o te Wiki - this week's kupu to practice at home.  
[Whakapai - tidy](#)

Ngā mihi nui  
Hannah Doherty  
(Acting Principal)

## School Notices

### River Trip

On **Friday 9th May** the whole school will visit their local 'house group' awa. Each house group will go to their house river, with staff and explore the river for the morning.

The cost of this trip to cover the buses is **\$5 per child**.

Children can wear sensible walking shoes and clothes that are their house colours.

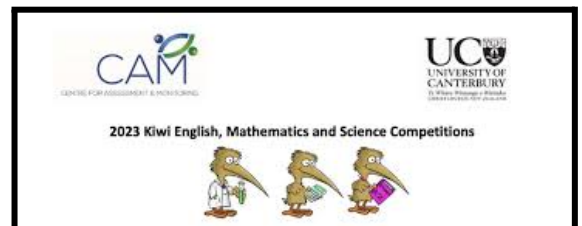
Waipoua River - Blue  
Ruamahanga River - Yellow

Waiawangawanga River - Red  
Waiohine River - Green

### 2025 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions.

This is run by the University of Canterbury and administered at Solway School. It is open to year 5 and 6 students. There is a fee of \$9.50 per test. If you are interested can you please let me know by Friday 9th May. [steve@solway.school.nz](mailto:steve@solway.school.nz)

For more information : [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam)



### Pita-Pit Lunches - Fridays each week

For our new families: It's simple; all you need to do is register at: [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s using your child's name & current classroom
3. Make a payment so you have funds in your account before ordering
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Orders can be placed right up until 8.30am on the day the lunches are available. Any problems/queries with set-up please see Selina in the office. We have found the lunches healthy & enjoyed by the children with quite a few options available.

**IMPORTANT:** Can families with existing accounts for children, please make sure you update the classroom for your child/ren if applicable as it saves many tears on a Friday!!

## School 2025 Dates

- ★ Term 2: April 28th to June 27th  
*King's Birthday June 2nd*  
*Combined schools teacher only day June 3rd*  
*Matariki June 20th*
- ★ Term 3: July 14th to September 19th
- ★ Term 4: October 6th to December 16th  
*Teacher only day October 24th*  
*Labour day October 27th*

## CLASS SPOTLIGHT - Rimu



This week Rimu has been learning their odds & even numbers!



We have been enjoying learning our odds and even numbers using velcro sticky dots to play games including musical dots!



## STARS OF THE WEEK



**Pōhutukawa:** Nellie, we love your sparkly personality! You are always smiling and bringing a positive attitude to our class. You've made a fantastic start to school – keep it up!

**Kānuka:** Eli is our star this week. Welcome to Solway Eli. You have slotted right in with your can-do attitude and inquisitive nature. We look forward to seeing all the amazing things you will learn, discover, and create this year! Nau mai ki te kura.

**Rimu:** Ariella has joined Rimu and Solway School this term all the way from South Africa. She has had an amazing first week in Rimu! Welcome to Solway School Ariella!

**Harakeke:** Jett for showing Manaakitanga by being responsible for getting ready for lessons in class. Jett is trying his best to join in and offer his ideas. Well done Jett.

**Tītoki:** Georgia Vanderburg - For showing Manaakitanga by taking responsibility for her learning. During our maths session Georgia was focused and tried her best - thinking of different ways to write addition and subtraction sums when learning about fact families.

**Kōwhai:** Jaxon has shown awesome Manawanui towards his learning this week. He put in a big effort during reading and maths, staying focused and always giving his best. Jaxon listens well, follows instructions, and makes great choices in the classroom. Ka mau te wehi Jaxon!

**Tōtara:** Peter consistently shows Manaakitanga with all that he does in class, with his learning. He responsibly focuses on all that he needs to do and is making good progress in writing and fabulous progress with his maths as a result. Ka Pai!

**Matai:** Indy has shown Pono through her leadership, compassion, integrity, and work ethic. She sets a good example for other students as she sets high standards for herself. Tu meke, Indy. It has been awesome to see you flourish.

**Mānuka:** Billie always has a positive attitude and completes work that has been set. She includes others and shows empathy and kindness.

**Rata:** Issy has demonstrated Manaakitanga through her positive attitude and willingness to give everything a go. She was also a standout during the holidays, completing an awesome amount of work on Times Table Rock Stars. Ka pai, Issy!

# Community Notices

WAIRARAPA COLLEGE PRESENTS

# CHICAGO

MUSIC BY **John Kander**      BOOK BY **Fred Ebb & Bob Fosse**      LYRICS BY **Fred Ebb**

**TEEN EDITION**

## SHOW DATES

THURSDAY 15TH MAY 7PM      FRIDAY 16TH MAY 7PM  
SATURDAY 17TH MAY 1PM      SATURDAY 17TH MAY 7PM  
SUNDAY 18TH MAY 1PM

## TICKETS

\$27  
ADULT

\$10  
STUDENT

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## Parenting WORKSHOP SERIES

# TALKING TEEN BRAINS WITH NATHAN WALLIS

During adolescence, part of your teenage brain "shuts for renovations". This is the part of the brain responsible for controlling your teenager's moods, for understanding consequences and for thinking about the well-being of others.

So whilst you can't expect teens to be able to display these behaviours consistently during adolescence, there are ways that you can enhance and maximise the times when they can. Understanding the changes that are taking place for your teen will help you to navigate successfully these important and formative years.

**Nathan Wallis** is a father of three & foster parent with a professional background in child counselling, teaching and social service management. He has developed a reputation as a lively and engaging speaker who uses humour and plain language to make this complex topic come to life.

**When: Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Carterton Events Centre**  
**Time: 7.30pm – 9pm**



Purchase your tickets via  
Eventfinder



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