



Newsletter

7 May 2024

Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

King's Birthday June 3rd,
Combined schools Teacher
Only Day June 4th.

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Principal: principal@solway.school.nz Web: www.solway.school.nz **Term 2 Week 2**

Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi ki te whānau o te kura o Solway

I have been away for a few days, I was attending a block course at Waikato University (about coaching and mentoring), it's great to be home and I am looking forward to a busy week ahead.

PEDAL READY Rob is onsite from 'Pedal Ready'. This is a great project sponsored by Transit which teaches road safety to cyclists.

ZERO WASTE We also have Neen back from Zero Waste completing our 2nd week on recycling.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY this Sunday, "Happy Mother's Day" to all the mums, grandmas and women who care for our kids! Thank you for everything you do, Solway Schools wishes you a wonderful day on Sunday- we hope you get spoiled.

Mufti Day Friday May 17th - We are having a mufti day (non uniform day) next Friday. This is Pink Shirt Day, students are welcome to wear a pink shirt or just normal mufti if they wish. We are asking for a Gold coin donation which will be going towards supporting counselling services for victims of trauma and abuse in our community.

Structured Literacy Late last week the minister of education announced that structured literacy will become compulsory in all New Zealand Primary schools. This was signalled pre-election and was expected. Currently 80% of schools already have structured literacy programmes in place (and all schools in Masterton). At Solway we use the Better Start Literacy Approach from Canterbury University (BSLA) which as of late last year accounted for 48% of schools. Essentially this is a scientifically proven phonics based scaffolded teaching method. Also as part of the changes the old format of Reading Recovery that has been used for around 50 years will be replaced with a new model which is based around the structured literacy approach also. Whilst we do not have all the details yet I am looking forward to the planned changes.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau i tenei Arangi

Have a great week, Nga mihi **Mark Bridges (Principal)**

Solway School 2024 Dates

Term 2 April 29th to July 5th

King's Birthday June 3rd, Combined schools Teacher Only Day June 4th.

Term 3 July 22nd to September 27th

Term 4 October 14th to December 12th

Teacher Only Day October 25th, Labour Day October 28th

Pedal Ready

This programme is an opportunity for Year 5 and 6 students to have instruction in safe riding practises from a very experienced tutor Rob King.

Matai and Totara year 5 students will need bikes, helmets and closed in shoes on Thursday 9th May

Year 6 students will be on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th this week. Your child's teacher will let you know on Seesaw which day they will be involved.

Note* There will be some bikes available for those students without a bike.

Sushi lunches are no longer available.

Lunches Pita-Pit

Good news for our Solway children returning and new families to Solway, our Friday Pita Pit lunches are Fridays.

For our new families: It's simple; all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s using your child's name & 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 8.30 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 as it saves many tears on a Friday and Monday!



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Out of Zone Enrolments

Thanks to ongoing construction at Solway School we are able to offer very limited Out of Zone enrolments for the remainder of 2024 and early in 2025.

We have just 10 places for new entrants students turning 5 from terms 3 in 2024 to term 2 2025.

Applications are available from the school office, office@solway.school.nz
These must be received by 4pm Thursday May 30th.
Ballot Day if required is Thursday June 6th.

Te Karetī o Kānihera
Chanel College



Matariki

OPEN EVENING & STUDENT SHOWCASE

Wednesday 19th June
School open in action -
1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.
Showcase -
4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Food
Entertainment
Stuff to buy

Come along and see what our school has to offer your child and check out the great mahi of our current students.



After School Art Classes by Jo Bridgwater

Monday: Fun With Beads and Buttons Course.
Tuesday: Fun With Mosaics Course.
Wednesday: Fun With Paint Course.
Thursday: Fun With Photography Course.
Friday: Fun With Wool and Fibre Course.

classes held at 2 Perry Street Masterton CLM building
1st floor office.

I will run a junior group first ages 8-12, then a senior group ages 13-16.
For more info. email me at jsbridgwater@gmail.com



TOTS TO TEENS
This month's magazine is
available to read here issue2402.totstoteens.co.nz



STAR OF THE WEEK



Pohutukawa: Charlotte and Rena for being so amazing at following our class routines. They both listen and follow instructions carefully, well done girls

Kanuka: Aliza is such a keen and inquisitive learner. She takes great care when completing tasks; giving attention to detail and always doing her best. Miharo Aliza!

Rimu: Emily for Manawanui. She perseveres with her reading and writing even when it is tricky. She has been improving so much. Well done Emily. Miharo!

Harakeke: Lily is such a kind caring friend to everyone. She uses Manaakitanga often and always returns her weekly books to the basket without being reminded. Ka pai Lily!

Titoki: Jaxon W for an awesome start to Term 2. Jason has been striving to show our Solway School values both inside the classroom and at break times. Tino Pai Jaxon!

Kowhai: Zara always shows respect to her friends and teachers. She is also a very helpful member of Kowhai. Ka mau te wehi Zara.

Totara: Billy's having a fabulous Term 2 so far! His increased level of focus is really noticeable; the amount of work he's achieving is excellent and the care he's taking is producing great results. Thanks Billy! That's fabulous Manaakitanga.

Matai: Dre has been showing Manaakitanga by helping other people out. He wants to be helpful and look after others. Ka mau te wehi Dre.

Manuka: Kieran Hooper - Kieran has come back to school putting a huge amount of effort into his school work and shows high levels of Manaakitanga in all areas.

Rata: For fabulous retention of detail, with the Zero Waste Programme. Kai Pai!