Solway School Newsletter - Term 4, Week 5
Tuesday 10th November

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Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

Prize giving and final day - Friday 11th Dec at Wairarapa College 11am (12:30pm finish)

Last day of 2026 - 11th December

Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula
Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi ki te whānau ō te kura ō Solway



Our Year 6 students visiting MIS last week - exciting times.

Athletics Day – Wednesday- A reminder that our school Athletics Day is taking place this Wednesday, 11 November, with Thursday as our postponement day if needed. At this stage, the weather is looking good.

Please note that Athletics Day is being held at the Masterton Sports Bowl, beside the Deer Park at Queen Elizabeth Park, NOT at school - events start at 9:40am.

Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in their house colours. They should already know which house they belong to, but if you're unsure, please check with your child's teacher. All children will also need a good brimmed hat (preferably their school hat), sunscreen applied before school, a good packed lunch and plenty of water to drink.

Athletics will look a little different this year. We certainly haven't moved away from competition, but we also want to make sure that athletics is something all our tamariki can enjoy, regardless of their sporting ability.

The morning will focus on fun, engaging activities designed to get everyone involved, active and enjoying themselves. We want our children to develop a positive attitude towards sport and physical activity, and sometimes that means doing things a little differently!

In the afternoon, our senior Tararua team will stay on for the more formal, competitive athletics events. These results will be recorded and used to help select students for the upcoming inter-school athletics competitions.

We're looking forward to a great day and, as always, parents and whānau are very welcome to come along and support the children.

Swimming Pool Update We're hoping to have our school pool open from next week, with lunchtime swimming available for our older students (Year 3 and above). This week we're treating the water and working on repairing, or at least reducing, a few leaks!

A huge thank you to Sean Jarvis and the Friends of Solway team, who are making great progress towards having heat pumps installed for the 2027 swimming season. While the heating won't be ready this year, it will make a tremendous difference to how much we can use the pool in the future.

We're incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community, with people willing to give their time and expertise to make things better for our tamariki. Thank you

No Icecreams this week, we may try again next week. We will let you all know well in advance. We are using up surplus stock from a couple of FOS events.

Kindo Friday Lunches Kindo lunches are still available every Friday and can be ordered directly online. Order through myKindo – ezlunch

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,
Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

Solway School 2026 Dates
Term 4 October 12th to December 11th
Teacher only day October 23rd, Labour Day: October 26th
Term 1 2027 Monday 1st Feb 2027 8:55am

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/



School Notices

Term 4 Sports

Tee ball and Mod Softball -
Solway Kakano vs Opaki (Home game)
Solway Rakau vs MPS Cyclones (Home game)
Solway Rangitumau - Lakeview Smashers (Home game)
Solway Tararua vs MPS Thunder (At MPS)

Touch Rugby - Draws can be found here: Primary School Touch Rugby Draws

Solway Chiefs **do** have a game at 5pm now.

Twilight Hockey - Check Play HQ for draws.

Athletics Day Wednesday 11th of November

This is a house event. Students can **wear their house colours**. There are two parts to this day: Non-competitive in the morning for the whole school, and competitive for the Tararua team. Students Year 4 - 6 can qualify for Masterton athletics in: Short sprint, long sprint, high jump, long jump, vortex, and quoit.

Students will need: Sneakers, a hat, drink bottle, and a big lunch.

Students will be told what house group they are in before the day.

Rotation	1	2	3	4	Drinks	5	6	7	8
Time	9:40	10:00	10:20	10:40	Break	11:00	11:20	11:40	12:00
Short Sprint	Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1	Ruamahanga 2		Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 2	Waipoua 1	Waiohine 2
Long Jump	Waiohine 2	Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1		Ruamahanga 2	Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 2	Waipoua 1
High Jump	Waipoua 1	Waiohine 2	Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2		Waiawangawanga 1	Ruamahanga 2	Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 2
Quoit	Waipoua 2	Waipoua 1	Waiohine 2	Waiohine 1		Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1	Ruamahanga 2	Ruamahanga 1
Golf Ball Race	Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 2	Waipoua 1	Waiohine 2		Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1	Ruamahanga 2
Vortex	Ruamahanga 2	Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 2	Waipoua 1		Waiohine 2	Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1
Short Relay	Waiawangawanga 1	Ruamahanga 2	Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 2		Waipoua 1	Waiohine 2	Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2
Chicken Throw	Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1	Ruamahanga 2	Ruamahanga 1		Waipoua 2	Waipoua 1	Waiohine 2	Waiohine 1

Rangitumau students return to school at 12:40. Parents can take Rangitumau students home at 12:40pm.

Competitive Rotation

Rotation	1	2	3	4	5
Time	12:40	1:00	1:20	1:40	2:00
Short Sprint	Year 4 Boys	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Boys
Long Jump	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 5 Girls
High Jump	Year 5 Girls	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls
Quoit	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys	Year 6 Boys
Long Sprint	Year 6 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
Vortex	Year 6 Boys	Year 6 Girls	Year 5 Boys	Year 5 Girls	Year 4 Girls

Week 5 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Reggie, Sophia, Louis, Frank, Lottie, Ellie-May, Selena, Gregory, Emma, Emmy, Jaxon & Thomas





STARS OF THE WEEK



Kahikatea: Emma is a delight to have in Kahikatea! She shows manaakitanga by taking responsibility for her learning. She works hard, loves learning and is becoming a confident, independent writer. She is using great finger spaces, sounding out her words and remembering her full stops. Ka pai, Emma!

Pōhutukawa: Jade has settled beautifully into Pōhutukawa. She arrives each day with a happy smile and a positive attitude, ready for the day. She has done a fantastic job learning our classroom routines and is growing in confidence as she becomes part of our class. Ka pai, Jade!

Kānuka: Kylo is recognized for his kind heart, warm smile, and wonderful attitude. He has made a fantastic start to his journey at Solway School, showing a love for learning every day and delighting everyone with his friendly and social nature. We are so proud to have you in our school family. Mīharo, Kylo.

Rimu: Tom has really stepped up this term! He consistently demonstrates Manaakitanga by being kind and respectful towards his peers and teachers. He is also taking greater responsibility for his belongings and his learning. Ka mau te wehi, Tom! Keep up the fantastic work!

Harakeke: Grace is our star of the week! She has such a kind and caring nature and is always looking out for others. She is a thoughtful friend who makes those around her feel happy and included. I love seeing her positive attitude and the care she puts into everything she does. Tu meke Grace!

Tītoki: Louie is our Star of the week. He consistently displays respect towards others, approaches his learning with independence and is very hard working. Louie you show perseverance through every challenge. Keep up the great work. We are very proud of you. Ka pai rawa!!

Kauri: Robyn is our Star of the Week! She has such a kind and caring nature and is always looking out for others. She is a thoughtful friend who makes those around her feel happy and included. I love seeing her positive attitude and the care she puts into everything she does. Ka mau te wehi, Robyn! We are so lucky to have you in Kauri!

Tōtara: Walter is our Star of the Week for demonstrating Manawanui! Walter has shown amazing resilience, consistently choosing to persevere when the learning gets tough. He approaches all subject areas with a fantastic work ethic, focus and determination, and his efforts are really paying off! Tu meke, Walter!

Matai: Ayla has shown a huge amount of Manawanui in Matai. She has been working hard on the things that challenge her.She has also made pleasing progress in all her end of year assessments. This shows that she has worked really hard. Ka mau te wehi, Ayla.

Mānuka: Rimu is showing manawanui and dedication. He shows determination in his learning and gives things a go and is putting in effort to finish his work to a high standard. Rimu's warm nature and ability to get along well with others make our classroom a better place. Ka mau te wehi!

Rātā: Star of the week in Rātā is Troy. We love how Troy is always positive, polite and continues to put a lot of effort into his work. Troy's persuasive writing and information reports have the correct structure and great sentence starters. Well done Troy, you are a super role model in Rātā, and a star!

Community Notices





Manaakitanga
KINDNESS · RESPECT · RESPONSIBILITY

Manawanui
RESILIENCE · TOLERANCE · DIVERSITY

Pono
HONESTY · INTEGRITY · INCLUSIVENESS