Solway School Newsletter - Term 4, Week 4

Tuesday 3rd November

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Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

Athletics Day - Wednesday 11th November

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








Friends of Solway – A Fantastic Plant Fair!

What a fantastic morning we had at Saturday's Plant Fair! A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends of Solway team and everyone who donated plants, baking, raffle prizes or their time to make the event such a success.

It was an exceptionally successful morning, with raffle tickets, candy floss and baking all selling out, along with the vast majority of our plants! We have a few vegetable seedlings left over, so don't be surprised if some come home with your children over the next few days!

All this fundraising has a very real purpose – **making our school an even better place for our children.** And we are already seeing the results!

Our Swimming Pool is Getting Heated!

Some exciting news! Friends of Solway have now placed the order for our new school pool heat pump. **For the first time since 1957, Solway's swimming pool will be heated in 2027!**

We are hoping with a bit of luck to have it installed and running before school starts in Term 1 next year.

One of the challenges is that the existing power supply to the pool isn't sufficient to run a heat pump. Fortunately, our wonderful Solway community tradies, led by Sparkie and BOT member Sean Jarvis, are coming to the rescue! They will be upgrading the power supply and laying new underground cables as part of the project.

Our next goal is to reline the pool over the winter of 2027. This will stop the pool leaking water, which we will soon be paying for, and hopefully mean we won't need to repaint it for several decades.

These are big improvements to our school, and they simply wouldn't be possible without the generosity and hard work of our Friends of Solway and wider school community. Thank you!

Wednesday – Wheels Day! 🚲

Children are welcome to bring their bikes, scooters, skateboards and skates to school. Please make sure everyone has a helmet.

Thursday – Ice Creams! 🍦

With a lovely 25°C forecast for Thursday, we will be selling full-sized Trumpet ice creams for just **$3** each, with a range of flavours including gluten-free options.

These are leftover ice creams from previous Friends of Solway fundraisers, so we are simply selling through our remaining stock. **Once they're gone, they're gone!** See the advertisement below.

Friday – Pizza Day! 🍕

Our popular Friday pizzas are available again this week! Each child gets their own individual Domino's pizza for $5.50, or $7 with fries.

For every pizza sold, $1 goes directly to Friends of Solway to support improvements around our school.

Orders must be placed by **midday Wednesday** through the Friends of Solway website:

https://www.friendsofsolway.co.nz/

Thank You, Solway!

A huge thank you once again to everyone who supports these fundraisers, whether you're buying a pizza, donating a plant, helping at an event or giving up your time and expertise.

It's wonderful to see our community working together to make Solway an even better school for our children!





Return of Cups. Any students who were awarded cups or shields at last year's prize giving, could these please be returned to the school office **asap** so we can get them engraved for the 2026 recipients. Thank you to those who have returned them already.

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 Lakeview Aces @ Lakeview
Solway Rakau vs Lakeview Stars @ Lakeview
Solway Rangitumau - Bye
Solway Tararua vs Douglas Park @ Douglas Park

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

Twilight Hockey - Games start on Wednesday. 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.

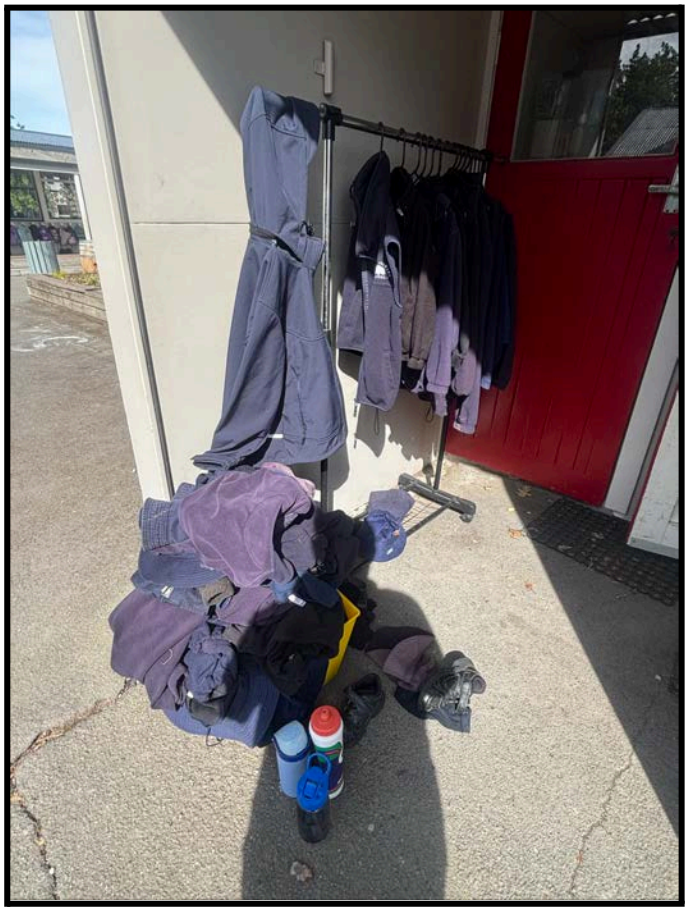
Rotation	1	2	3	4	Drinks	5	6	7	8
Time	9:40	10:00	10:20	10:40	Break	11:00	11:20	11:40	12:00
Short Sprint	Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1	Ruamahanga 2		Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 2	Waipoua 1	Waiohine 2
Long Jump	Waiohine 2	Waiohine 1	Waiawangawanga 2	Waiawangawanga 1		Ruamahanga 2	Ruamahanga 1	Waipoua 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

Lost Property – The Pile is Growing Again!



Our lost property pile is building up again! Chances are, if your child has come home without a jersey, jacket or hat, it may well be sitting in our lost property. Please take a moment to have a look. Sometimes clothing that goes missing at school turns up a few days later, or even a week or two, later. It may have accidentally gone home with another child or been left somewhere around the school. **The golden rule is to clearly name EVERYTHING!** It makes it so much easier for us to return lost items to their rightful owners.

Week 4 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Ariah, Maddox, Jaxon, Addison, Aliza, Fergus, Louie, Aliyana, Olivia, Fynn, Alaya, Emma H, & Emma P



STARS OF THE WEEK

Kahikatea: Ariana, you are a star! Your reading is coming along beautifully, and you are blending sounds confidently and using great strategies to work out tricky words. You are becoming more fluent every day and should be proud of your progress. You participate well in all our lessons and always make positive choices. You are an absolute delight to have in Kahikatea - keep shining!

Pōhutukawa: Oscar, you are making awesome progress with your learning! It has been wonderful to see you growing in confidence and becoming more independent, especially when it comes to your writing. You are working hard and giving things a go all by yourself. Keep up the fantastic effort, Oscar!

Kānuka:Tharu is our star of the week for settling into school so brilliantly! Starting a new school journey is a big milestone, but Tharu has jumped right in with a wonderful, friendly attitude and has quickly made new friends. We are so proud of how well you have settled in, Tharu. Ka mau te wehi!

Rimu: Serenity has been working extra hard on her writing, striving to achieve her learning goals. She shows Manaakitanga and responsibility by making sure her handwriting is neat and has correctly sized spaces between her words. Amazing mahi, Serenity, keep it up!

Harakeke: Abel, I can see the effort you are putting into taking part in class discussions and sharing your great ideas. I can see your confidence growing in having a go. Tino pai Abel!

Tītoki: Emilie is our star of the week. Emilie is a very hard worker and shows all of the Solway school values. She is independent and strives to be the best that she can be. She is an ideal Solway School student. Ka pai rawa. We are very proud of you.

Kauri: Jayden is our Star of the Week for his fantastic persuasive writing! He followed the writing plan carefully, used a variety of sentence starters, and included lots of interesting reasons and beautiful adjectives to make his writing engaging and convincing. Ka pai, Jayden! Keep up the amazing mahi!

Tōtara: Isla is a wonderful role model in Tōtara, consistently making positive choices and taking pride in everything she does. She is always willing to help and support others with their learning, often taking the initiative without even being asked. Isla, you are a shining star! He whetū koe!

Matai: Ayla-May has shown a lot of Pono in her financial literacy project. She has planned a cool trip to Fiji, keeping a budget, converting currency, and working out expenses. You have been so focused and switched on. Tau ke, Ayla-May.

Mānuka: Lyla really embodies Manawanui values. She's a great friend who always supports those around her, and she consistently brings thoughtful, practical ideas to discussions. Her positive attitude, respect for others, and active participation make a big difference in the group.

Rātā: Theymika has shown outstanding focus in maths, successfully working at Stage 7 (Advanced Multiplicative). His excellent knowledge and instant recall of basic facts is a huge asset that helps him thrive in all other areas of his mathematical learning. Ka pai, Theymika!

Friends of Solway Notices

Thank you
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Stronger Brighter Together

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Plant Fair.
It was great to see so many of you there stocking up the garden. Your support makes a real difference for the tamariki at Solway Primary School.

Thank you to the parents who baked such a great selection of treats for the bake sale, and to the staff who gave up their time to help on the day.

We are also very grateful to **The Florist in Greytown, Norfolk Road Nursery, Akura Nursery and Piwakawaka Plants** for generously donating plants. The fair wouldn't have been the same without them, and we encourage you to support these local businesses if you can.

A special thank you to **Christie, Chelsea, Julie (Kellie's Mum) and Paula (Christie's Mum),** who put in so much time and effort before and during the event. We couldn't have done it without you.

Ngā mihi nui,
Friends of Solway

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