

Solway School Newsletter – Term 4, Week 1

Tuesday 13th October



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

Pet and Flower Day – Friday
October 16th

Plant Sale – Saturday
October 31st

Prize giving and final day –
Friday 11th Dec at
Wairarapa College 11am

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

Welcome Back – Our Final Term! It's hard to believe we're already into the final nine weeks of 2026. It's going to be a busy term, with plenty to look forward to:

- Pet & Flower Day – Friday 16 October
- Labour weekend (4 day long weekend including Friday's Teacher Only Day)
- Athletics Day
- Year 5 Camp
- School Pool – reopening late November
- Year 6 Graduation
- Prize Giving – Friday 11 December at Wairarapa College, also our final school day.

Looking ahead to next year, school will start again on Monday 1 February 2027.

Pet & Flower Day – Friday 16 October

Our annual Pet & Flower Day is this Friday! Families and pets are invited to join us from 1pm for a picnic lunch and afternoon events.

As always, any animals that don't eat children or teachers are welcome!

Unfortunately, the weather isn't looking promising. After today's 23°C, Friday's forecast is 10°C, southerlies and rain!

We will review the forecast and make a decision by 3pm tomorrow (Wednesday). We may proceed, postpone, cancel or simply hold the morning flower and plant creations. Some things we can control, the weather isn't one of them! Fingers crossed.

Teacher Only Day & Labour Weekend

A reminder that Friday 23 October is a Teacher Only Day, followed by Labour Day on Monday 26 October.

This means a four-day weekend for families, with children returning Tuesday 27 October.

For decades, our teachers have used the Friday before Labour Weekend to plan for the following school year, including classes, curriculum and school priorities.

Teachers & Classes for 2027

We hope to finalise our 2027 staffing and class arrangements within the next two weeks.

We're delighted to welcome Tayla Longstaff and Rachel Nicholson to our teaching team!

- Rachel is a former Solway student, parent and staff member. She's currently completing her final teacher training placement in Rimu.
- Tayla relieved at Solway earlier this year and currently teaches at Martinborough School. She's recently returned from Auckland, and her fiancé is also a former Solway student.

Both will be fantastic additions to our team. We have interviews next week for our final teaching position.

Welcome to Our New Students – A Record Roll!

A very warm welcome to our eight new five-year-olds who started yesterday, with another joining us Thursday.

They've hit the ground running and settled in beautifully!

These arrivals take our roll to 261 students – the largest in Solway School's history! A wonderful milestone for our growing school.

Friends of Solway – Plant Sale

Our wonderful Friends of Solway have their Plant Sale coming up in just under three weeks!

All proceeds support exciting school improvements planned over the next 18 months.

The Friends of Solway have also been running their School Holiday Plant Challenge, encouraging children to grow and care for their own plants, with free pizzas up for grabs!

Please support the sale if you can. Every plant purchased helps make Solway an even better place for our children.

Here's to a fantastic final term!



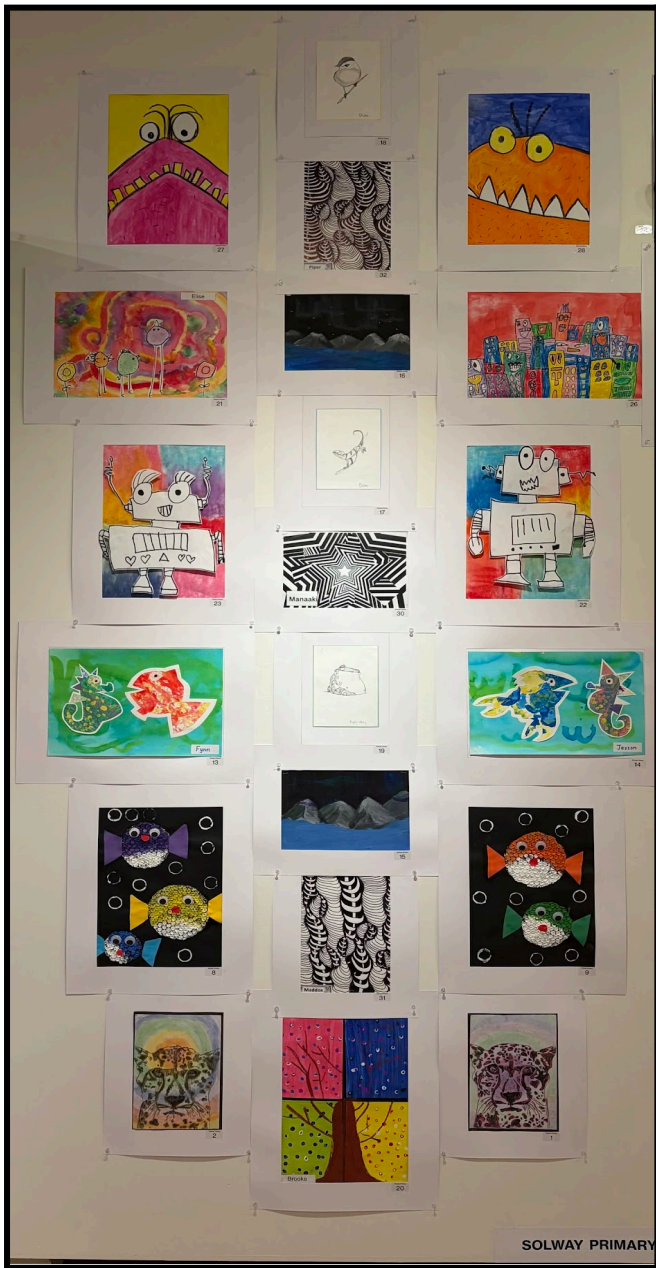
Huge thanks for all the hard work from our Friends of Solway community. It has been a very busy weekend for them providing snacks for the JDDC dance performances at Wairarapa College. You guys are awesome.

Tea Towel Fundraiser – Orders Closing Soon! This year, instead of calendar art, every child is creating their own self-portrait, which will be printed alongside their classmates on a special class keepsake tea towel.

Orders close at 12pm, Friday 16 October, so make sure you get yours in!

[Friends of Solway – Tea Towel Fundraiser Order](#)

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



Well Done to those from Solway who had artwork selected for the Aratoi / Breadcraft Art Exhibition. Art will remain on display for another week.
<https://www.aratoi.org.nz/.../breadcraft-wairarapa...>

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 - Teams are now very full. There are 2 Tee ball teams and 2 Mod Softball teams. A draw has yet to come out.

Touch Rugby - There are a staggering six Year 3+4 teams, and four Year 5+6 teams. 10 teams in total must be a Solway record. Thank you to all the people that put their hands up to coach. There have been 85 teams entered in Masterton, so that means there are multiple draws and it is going to be busy at Red Star Rugby grounds.

The draws can be found here: [Primary School Touch Rugby Draws](#)

Games start this Thursday.

Year 0-4 Netball - There are four Year 0-2 teams and three Year 3-4 teams. Games start next Tuesday. A draw has yet to come out.

Twilight Hockey - There are 4 teams for Twilight Hockey. A Year 1-2, Year 3-4, and two Year 5-6 teams. Games start Wednesday 28th October.

Road Patrol 2027

If your child will be a year 6 in 2027 (year 5 currently) and would like to be a member of the school road patrol team for next year, please fill in the attached form. There will also be a link sent via HERO. [Road Patrol 2027](#)

Friends of Solway Notices

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Bigger
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Friends of Solway

Supporting Solway Primary School

Who Are We?

Friends of Solway (FoS) is Solway Primary School's PTA group. We are a team of parents, whānau and supporters who volunteer our time to fundraise and help support our school wherever we can.

Meet the Team!

Shannon

Katie

Kellie

Chelsea

Christie

Sara

Mariana

Rosie

Tracy

What We Get Up To...



Fundraisers
for school projects
and resources



Pizza
Lunches



Solway
Tea Towels



Supporting
school events



Community
volunteering



Helping wherever
we can to support
our tamariki

Want to get involved?

We'd love to have you on board!

Whether you'd like to become a Friends of Solway member or simply volunteer on occasion, every helping hand makes a difference!

- Meet new people
- Support our tamariki
- Help make our school community even stronger
- Give as much or as little time as you can

All help
is welcome!

Get in touch with us at:



friendsofsolway@solway.school.nz

No pressure. No minimum commitment. Every little bit helps!

Visit Our Website

www.friendsofsolway.co.nz

- See what we've fundraised for
- Find out what's coming up
- Check our fundraising progress and goals
- Order tea towels
- Order pizza lunches
- Keep up to date with FoS news



Take
a look!

Thank You!

Everything we do is made possible by the support of our amazing school community. Together we're helping create opportunities and resources that benefit all Solway students.

OUR SCHOOL

OUR COMMUNITY

OUR TAMARIKI

BRIGHTER
FUTURES

Small Group ♥ Big Impact ♥ Proudly Supporting Solway Primary School.

Community Notices

WAIRARAPA

Spitfires

2026/27 SEASON

BASEBALL CLUB

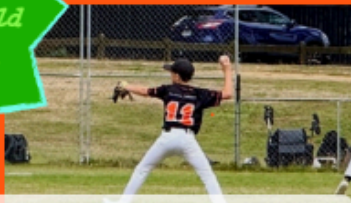


NEW SEASON REGISTRATIONS OPEN IN SEPTEMBER!
Pre-season training starting soon!

Pre-Christmas Season
October 22nd - December 12th

Post-Christmas Season
TBA (Usually Feb-Apr)

OPEN DAY
Kuranui College Field
Saturday October 17
10-12PM



WCS 

ROOKIE BALL - Ages 5 to 8
MAJORS 10 & 12U DEVELOPMENT - Ages 9 - 12
MAJORS 14U & 16U DEVELOPMENT - Ages 13+
12U/14U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS

More info: www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball

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SATURDAY 21 Nov 9AM - 4PM	SUNDAY 22 Nov 9AM - 3.30PM	COPTHORNE HOTEL SOLWAY PARK WAIRARAPA
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ENTRY Adult \$10, child \$5, Under 3 free, Family \$20*, Gold Card Holders \$5

*Two Adults & Three Children

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Support our school, simply by sorting your insurance

As a proud Solway Parent and former student, I'm passionate about giving back to the school that my daughter, Addison, currently attends, and that my son, Fox, will be attending shortly.

Through my work at Venture, I'm offering a simple way for Solway Families to support the school.

**If you arrange your insurance through me,
15% of the commission I receive will be
contributed back to Solway School.**

*Thanks for your support,
Nicole ☺*

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Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki