

Solway School Newsletter - Term 3, Week 7

Tuesday 1st September



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

School Production -

Thursday September 3rd
11:30am Matinee
6:30pm Evening Show

Have a go sports day -
September 8th

End of Term 3 - September
25th

Start of Term 4 - October
12th

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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

THIS WEEK – A Night at the Oscars!

The big week has finally arrived! Our whole-school production, **A Night at the Oscars**, takes place **this Thursday 3 September at Wairarapa College**.

After weeks of rehearsals and preparation, we can't wait to see our tamariki take to the stage!

Performance Times

- Matinee – 11.30am
- Evening Performance – 6.30pm

All students will travel together by bus to Wairarapa College for both **Wednesday's rehearsal and Thursday's matinee**.

All children will return to school by bus following Thursday's matinee performance.

For the evening performance, **please have children at Wairarapa College at 6.15pm – no earlier please.**

Tickets are available from the school office. Apologies, but ticket sales are **cash only**.

The **Friends of Solway** will also have snacks and drinks available for purchase at the evening performance, so please support them if you can - **bring some cash**.

A huge amount of work has gone into bringing **A Night at the Oscars** together. Whole-school productions only come around every couple of years, and for some of our tamariki this will be one of the real highlights of their time at Solway.

A massive thank you to our staff and everyone who has helped behind the scenes. Now it's time to enjoy the show – **we can't wait for Thursday night!**

Wood is Good!

We were very fortunate to welcome the **Wood is Good** programme to Solway last week. Wood is Good is supported by the forestry industry and helps educate children about trees, forestry and the important role the industry plays in our communities and New Zealand's economy.

A huge thank you to our visiting educators **Madeline and Vickie**, along with the fantastic teams from **McCarthy Transport and JNL**, who went above and beyond to make the day such a success.

Our children explored a logging truck, learnt about keeping safe around logging trucks and on our roads, learnt about pruning and even got to have a go themselves!

We were also very generously given a wonderful collection of books and resources that will continue to support learning long after the visit.



ERO Report – Plenty to Celebrate

We are delighted with our latest ERO report. For the majority of categories assessed, Solway was found to be “Doing well”, with achievement generally very strong and most students achieving at or above expected levels.

Our teachers received particularly positive feedback, with teaching described as “purposeful, well organised and relationship focused”. ERO also highlighted our calm classrooms, inclusive culture, strong whānau trust and excellent support for children with additional needs.

I remain disappointed that ERO’s new format measures schools against theoretical national targets that very few schools currently meet, rather than giving greater recognition to context and progress. However, there is plenty to celebrate.

A huge thank you to our staff, students, Board and whānau who contributed to such a positive review. The full report is now available on our website

<https://www.solway.school.nz/resources/sites/165/files/picker/2026-content/solway-school-2991-school-ero-report.pdf>.

Jump Jam Competition – What a Night for Solway!

What a fantastic night for Solway at the Jump Jam competition!

🏆 **First place for the Solway Bangin’ Beats!** A brilliant result and very well deserved.

 **Second place for the Solway Spice Girls!** Another outstanding performance and something to be very proud of.

Our **Solway Jammers** also had a great night, receiving awards for both **Presentation and Technique**. They took on a challenging routine and absolutely mastered it.

A huge congratulations to all of our tamariki who represented Solway so proudly. We are incredibly proud of you all.

A massive thank you also to **Juliet, Rosie, Ellaine and Kirsty**, who gave up so much of their time preparing our teams. Results like these don't happen without some pretty special teachers behind the scenes!



Year 6 students Information and enrolment link for Masterton Intermediate School is below:

<https://enrolments.linc-ed.com/apply/NZ/2909>

Tea Towel Fundraiser: Pre-Orders Open Now !

This year, instead of the calendar art, every child will be drawing their own self-portrait, which will be printed onto a class keepsake tea towel. Pre-orders open **Tuesday 1 September** and close **12pm, Friday 16 October**.

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau



School Photos Update

Key Codes will be sent to parents on the email addresses you have supplied to Solway, Check your junk and spam if you cannot see it in your inbox. We have a master list of keycodes in the office if you have not received one. All online orders placed by midnight Sunday 13th September will be eligible for free delivery in a bulk delivery to the school. If you do unfortunately miss this date there will be a delivery charge applied to your order. If you need any help let us know at the office.

Solway School 2026 Dates

Term 3 July 20th to September 25th

Term 4 October 12th to December 11th

Teacher only day October 23rd, Labour day October 26th

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

Sports



Mini Ball Draw - 2nd Sept



Please contact Hannah if your child cannot play

All teams are doing so well - will try get some pics this week

Solway Thunder vs DPS, 3:30 pm - court 2

Solway Stars vs MPS, 4pm - court 1

Solway Lightning vs MPS, 4pm - court 2

Solway Breakers vs MPS, 6pm - court 1

Solway Shooters vs DPS, 7pm - court 2

Week 7 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Danni, Emmy, Luke, Saskia, George, Harrison,
Sage, Hank, Charli & Aliyana



**Tickets On Sale
now from the
Office!**

CASH ONLY



IMPORTANT: Please note that **NO** students are to be bought or given any drinks, lollies, ice creams or ice blocks at the show.

CANDY BAR
at
A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

CASH AND EFTPOS AVAILABLE

WATER	\$1
FIZZY DRINKS	\$2.50
LOLLY BAGS	\$2
ICE CREAMS	\$3
ICE BLOCKS	\$2

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LIGHTS
CAMERA
ACTION!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Kahikatea: Harper has been showing great resilience and giving things a go, even when things are tricky. She is engaging well in her oral language and reading and has been a fantastic role model for our new students. Harper is showing our Manawanui value every day. Ka pai Harper!

Pōhutukawa: Emma always tries her very best and shows such a positive attitude towards her learning. She has also been a real star in our class dance, giving it her all and performing with such confidence and enthusiasm. We are so proud of you, Emma! Ka mau te wehi!

Kānuka: Charlie Majury came to school fantastically well-prepared for his talking topic presentation. He captivated the entire class as he shared his special Lego beach house, speaking with wonderful confidence and clarity. Charlie walked us through every detail, explaining who gave him the set, who built it with him, pointing out all the neat features inside. Ka rawe, Charlie!

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Harakeke: Kyle is the star in Harakeke. We have watched you growing in confidence over the term and being brave in answering questions. We love your happy smiling face that tells us you are liking learning and school. We are proud of you Kyle!

Tītiki: Aliza is our Star of the week. Aliza is a very hard worker. 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: Aiya is our Star of the Week! She has been incredibly creative and has made some truly wonderful and imaginative creations during Play, Make, Create. Keep letting your creativity shine, Aiya!

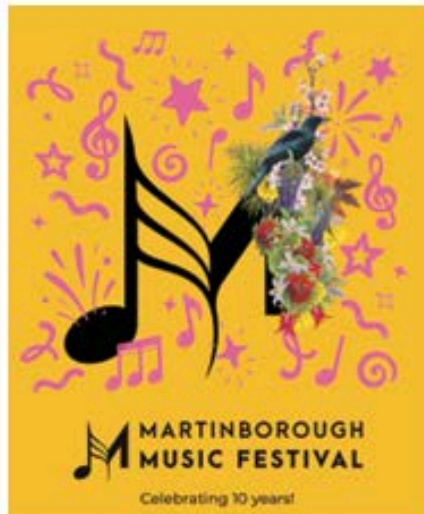
Tōtara: Addison has an absolutely amazing attitude to school work. Her work follows the instructions well; it's done with a good level of detail and has shown stunning progress through the year. Ka Pai Addison!

Matai: Jessie has shown Manawanui in Māori enrichment by being dedicated, trying her best, and showing resilience. Learning languages is hard! I like the way you have stuck at it and turned kupu into rerenga. "Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu ko, me he maunga teitei."

Mānuka: Tori has made a fantastic contribution to our class novel reading. She read clearly and accurately with expression. Tino Pai Tori.

Rata: Karli was a real standout for me during my first week in Rata. She demonstrated all the Solway School values in a calm and mature manner. I love Karli's positive attitude and work ethic. Ka pai, Karli!

Community Notices



Martinborough Music Festival
Family concert, Sunday 27th September 10am
St. Andrew's Church Hall, Dublin St, Martinborough
A Magical Musical Adventure for All Ages – KOHA admission

Come along to the Martinborough Music Festival's Family concert! The Druz'ya quartet will treat you to an hour of informal, interactive classical music designed to introduce families to the magical world of live music up close.



Expect vibrant virtuosity, lively rhythms and beautiful melodies, woven together with entertaining stories and engaging introductions from our performers. Little ones are welcome to wriggle, move around and make a little noise—this is a concert made for families, not silence!



There'll also be the opportunity to see the instruments up close, discover how they work and ask our musicians questions.

Whether you're bringing a nine-month-old to their very first concert, looking for something to entertain a teenager, or simply fancy a shorter and more interactive musical experience, this relaxed taster concert promises something to delight and inspire every generation.

Admission is Koha and very casual, bring a cushion, relax and enjoy the fun.
See you there!

mmf.nz/family-concert



SEPT 28 - OCT 2

SPORT AND MOVEMENT

REGISTRATION:

\$30 PER DAY **\$50** PER DAY FOR 2 KIDS

GIVE YOUR CHILD AN ACTIVE & FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ FOOTBALL
- ✓ BASKETBALL
- ✓ PARKOUR & GYMNASTIC
- ✓ FLOORBALL
- ✓ + MORE!!

FOR AGES 5-14

EVERY DAY 9AM-12PM

YMCA
371 QUEEN STREET, MASTERTON

REGISTER NOW



ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL:
HELEN@KIAHAKINAKINA.CO.NZ



COBBLESTONES
WAIRARAPA'S HERITAGE VILLAGE

10am - 3pm
\$5 per adult.
Children free



SPRING FAIR

Farm Animals - Entertainment
Food and Games

Saturday 3rd October
169 Main St, Greytown

EQUIPPERS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Open:
6:45am- 8:45am
2:30pm - 6:00pm

Pick ups and drop off to
all local schools.
Breakfast and afternoon
tea provided.

Contact:
oscar@equipperschurch.com
outofschoolcare.co.nz
021 086 32187



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PRESENTS

PLANT FAIR

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER
FROM 9AM
SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

1000s OF PLANTS!

PLANTS INCLUDE

- NATIVES
- VEGETABLES
- FRUIT BUSHES
- FLOWERING PLANTS
- INDOOR PLANTS
- AND MORE!

GREAT PRICES
GREAT QUALITY

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
& OUR STUDENTS

CASH & EFTPOS
AVAILABLE

SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

STOCK DRIVE

HELP US GROW. SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.

- ANY SHEEP, RAM OR LAMB CAN BE DONATED
- KEEN TO REAR LAMB FOR SCHOOL, *we can make this happen!*
- CONTACT KELLY LISSINGTON
kelly.bot@solway.school.nz
with any questions
- PLEASE REGISTER INTEREST
- ANIMALS TO BE READY FOR JANUARY PICK UP OR EARLIER IF WEIGHT REACHED (40KG+ IDEAL WEIGHT)

Thank you for supporting Solway Primary School!

Friends of Solway

CLASS SELF-PORTRAIT TEA TOWELS

A little piece of their school days to treasure forever

A special keepsake featuring the self portraits of your child and their classmates!

\$15 FOR YOUR FIRST ONE

\$10 EACH THEREAFTER

COMING SOON!

Ordering details will be announced soon - watch this space!



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Out of Zone Enrolments

Solway School is pleased to be able to offer a limited number of Out of Zone enrolments for 2027. We have just 5 places for new entrants students who turn five in 2027.

Applications are available from the school office,
office@solway.school.nz.

These must be received by 3pm Friday September 25th.

Ballot Day if required is Wednesday September 30th.



Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki