



Newsletter
25th March 2025

**Upcoming Events
Dates & Reminders**

March 21: Cultural Day
March 28: Awa / River trips
April 1-2: Learning
Conferences (1pm finish on
April 1st).

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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`

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

SOLWAY CULTURAL DAY - Just a few pictures from our Cultural Day, what a gorgeous community.



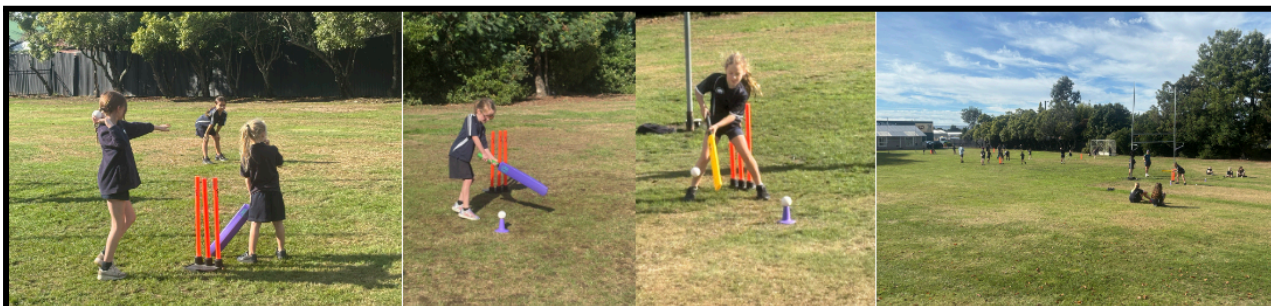
AWA Trips Postponed Due to the tragic death of a young Wairarapa man on the Ruamahanga river over the weekend a Rāhui has been placed on the river until Sunday. The interconnected nature of our waterways adds a further dimension to how we might respectfully continue with our river trips on Friday. After consulting with members of Iwi we have decided the most appropriate thing to do at this time is to postpone the river trips until early next term. We will keep you posted as to the new date. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the young man who lost his life.

FRIDAY WILL NOW BE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM: NOT A MUFTI DAY

LEARNING CONFERENCES: NEXT WEEK *April 1 & 2nd, 1pm early finish on Tuesday April 1st.* We have Learning Conferences on Tuesday April 1 from 1:20 pm to 5:30pm & Wednesday April 2nd from 3:20 pm to 5pm. School will finish early at 1pm on Tuesday, emergency supervision will be provided until 3pm for those with no alternatives. The buses will run at 3pm or later as per usual.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/dxsp5> the code is **dxsp5**

Girls Smash Cricket - Our girls had an awesome day today. Thank you **Wairarapa Cricket**, Mr Veale and our awesome parent helpers.



Social Media Concerns - Recently, we discovered a number of TikTok pages have been created about the school (as is likely the case for many schools). A number of students in Years 5 and 6 have been posting messages outside of school. While not all children were involved, some discussions—about students, teachers, and personal relationships—were inappropriate for primary-aged children. TikTok requires users to be at least 13, and we remind families that children under this age should not be using the platform. We encourage parents to actively monitor their child’s social media activity. While we have reported the page for removal, we do not want to be responsible for managing social media use outside of school. This is ultimately a family responsibility, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing responsible digital behavior at home.

Mr Bridges Sabbatical / Study Leave - A quick reminder that I have been awarded a sabbatical for the final week of this term and all of next term. Many principals in our region have received sabbaticals at some point in their careers, and I am grateful for this opportunity. During my absence, Hannah Doherty will be Acting Principal, supported by Steve Hornby, who will be released from classroom teaching three days a week. Penny Thomson will be covering in Manuka on those days. I have total confidence in this team to ensure the smooth running of the school. I will be using this time for a range of projects, including my role on the Expert Advisory Group for the Ministry of Education, contributing to the redevelopment of attendance and truancy services nationally—an extensive task that has already taken me to Wellington multiple times this year. On a personal note, as part of what I jokingly call my midlife crisis, I will also be walking the Camino de Santiago, an almost 800 km pilgrimage across France and Spain. I start on April 8th and hope to complete it in early May- I promise to share photos along the way! During my sabbatical, all emails to principal@solway.school.nz will be directed to Hannah. I know the school will be in great hands, and I look forward to returning as usual on July 14th, Day 1 of Term 3. Thank you for your support! Mark

FIREWOOD RAFFLE : Time to stock up for winter. \$2 per ticket for over 2 cubic meters of pine donated by Richard Southey. More forms are available at the office. Proceeds going to Year 6 camp, thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi **Mark Bridges (Principal)**



Out of Zone Enrolments

Solway School is pleased to be able to offer a limited number of Out of Zone enrolments in 2025.

We have just 15 places for new entrants students who turn five in 2025 or term one of 2026.

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

These must be received by 4pm Thursday March 27th.

Ballot Day if required is Monday March 31st.



Season's for Growth - this is an 8 week programme for children who have experienced loss or grief. We are able to provide this service for next Term. If you would like your child to be part of this please contact hannah@solway.school.nz

Movin' March

This started last week. Come to school by walking, riding, scootering or by school bus. Fill in the passport (at school) for each trip and go in the draw for prizes



Solway School 2025 Dates

Term 1 February 3rd to April 11th
Waitangi Day Feb 6th

Term 2 April 28th to June 27th
King's Birthday June 2nd, Combined schools teacher only day June 3rd, Matariki June 20th

Term 3 July 14th to September 19th

Term 4 October 6th to December 16th
Teacher only day October 24th, Labour day October 27th

Pita-Pit Lunches

Good news for our Solway children returning and new families to Solway, Pita Pit lunches are up and running on Friday's each week.

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 if applicable as it saves many tears on a Friday!!

The poster for the 'SOLWAY SCHOOL WOOD RAFFLE' is for a fundraiser for Year 6 Camp. It features a photograph of a wooden trailer filled with cut logs. Text on the poster includes '\$2 per ticket', 'PINE 2 cubic metres', and 'Drawn Friday 4th April'.

SOLWAY SCHOOL
WOOD RAFFLE
Fundraiser for Year 6 Camp
\$2 per ticket
PINE
2 cubic metres
Drawn Friday 4th April

Raffle forms sent home Monday 24th February.

More forms are available at the office.

Thank you for your support!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Riria! She is always willing to help others, shows fantastic manners at mat time, and is a super tidy-up champion! Ka pai, Riria - keep up the great work!

Kānuka: Peyton, it is so lovely having you in our class. You always show kindness to all by including them in play. You have respect for all the teachers, and you are a true leader that shows responsibility. Well done.

Rimu: Wolf is always helping others and is a kind friend to everyone in Rimu! Ka mau te wehi Wolf!

Harakeke: Elise is an enthusiastic learner in Harakeke. She shows Manaakitanga by being responsible for being focused and fully taking part and contributing in discussions. Ka rawe Elise!

Tītoki: Te Ariki - for proudly representing his culture during our Solway School Cultural Day. During oral language time, Te Ariki spoke confidently and in a clear voice about his Māori culture. Tino pai, Te Ariki.

Kōwhai: Indie is passionate about her learning. She puts so much effort into everything she does and is a super role model in Kōwhai. Ka rawe, Indie!

Tōtara: Adeline is a wonderful example of a conscientious student, who works hard to pull off all she needs to do - and some! The extra mile Adeline goes with reading, writing and maths in particular is brilliant!

Matai: Zane has shown Manawanui recently. He has risen to the challenges laid before him. Tama tu tama ora, tama noho tama mate. Keep up the good work, Zane.

Mānuka: Sienna shows Manaakitanga. Completed work independently and with enthusiasm.

Rata: Harper, for showing Manawanui in maths. Harper has worked really hard learning about time. She is showing so much more confidence and is excited to participate in our lessons! Ka pai!

GLADSTONE JUNIOR RUGBY 2025

FIRST 100 REGOS FREE RUGBY BALL!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

[HTTPS://EXPLORER.RU.GBY/GLADSTONE-JAB](https://explorer.ru.gby/gladstone-jab)

MORE INFO
GLADSTONE JAB RUGBY
 GLADSTONEJAB@GMAIL.COM

MUSTER THURS 3 APR 3.30-5PM
 MEET YOUR COACH & TEAM. GET YOUR KIT. **FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE.**
 LAST MINUTE REGOS ON THE DAY.

PRACTICES THURS.
 U8-U13 GAMES SAT AM.
 U6 RIPPA GAMES FRI EVE.
 SEASON FEES \$40; SOCKS \$20






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Jab registrations

Colombo rd clubrooms

Saturday 29th March 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Free sausage sizzle

Training jerseys for sale \$10 dollars

Subs \$20

WAIARAPA **BALLOON Festival** EASTER 2025

FAMILY CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

5 hours of action-packed entertainment for the whole family. Plus live music, food trucks and much more.

TICKETS AND DETAILS
www.nzballoons.co.nz







Air balloon walk-throughs
 Live music
 Bouncy Castles
 Face Painting Zone
 Easter Egg Hunt
 Selection of market stalls
 The magical night balloon performance - lit up to music
 Delicious food and beverage options from Street Food vendors
 An unforgettable experience

Gates Open 3pm. Entertainment starts at 3pm

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www.nzballoons.co.nz
 Discount Family Tickets available

Swim Tangaroa Newsletter

Term 1 2025

Welcome back to 2025! We've had a great start to the term with lots of swimmers moving up classes and diving into new challenges. We're looking forward to another fantastic year!

Back to School, Back to Swim!

Term Dates:
 Term 1 ends Sunday 13th April
 Term 2 starts Monday 28th April

HAPPY EASTER
 Wishing you and your family ones a wonderful Easter Season!

All Debit Success (direct debit) customers are automatically rolled over into each term, any class changes will be emailed.

If you do not wish to continue swim lessons in term 2, you must complete and return and cancellation of membership form to stop your payments.

Fast Track:
 Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025.
 Bookings are available now, please email Jess at jmilburn@belgravialeisure.co.nz or grab a form at our reception to book in. This term there will 4x30 minute lessons for \$52.00.

You can enrol your child by downloading the Active World app and using the code TRUST_HOUSE or by completing and returning a swim school enrolment form.
 Active World app: Active World on Googleplay and App Store

Contact us:
 Trust House Recreation Centre, 2 Dixon Street, Masterton.
 06 370 0060 www.trusthousetheatre.com
 email: thousetheatre@belgravialeisure.co.nz







Quiz - Sip - Repeat

READY TO PLAY?
 11 APRIL - 7PM

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

Register - cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com or by phone - 021608088

VENUE - GREYTOWN RUGBY CLUBROOMS
 TEAMS OF 4 - \$120 A TABLE

Tickle Your Brain

Get a team together for a fabulous night of brain teasers, fun and bloopers. There's a cash bar, nibbles are provided and the laughs will keep coming as you nut out the answers.

Experienced or novice doesn't matter. Fun is the name of the game.

Mystery envelopes, Raffle and Auction for added spice.
 Support Cobblestones to preserve our heritage buildings.

reallygreatsite.com

JOIN US!

WAIARAPA Kids Choir

WHAT: A CHOIR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7 AND UP WHO LOVE TO SING

WHERE: CARTERTON COURT HOUSE

WHEN: FRIDAYS 3:50-4:50

CONTACT: [JILLBEBBINGTON@WISE.NET.NZ](mailto:jillbebbington@wise.net.nz)



Notice to Parents and Students

Safe Parking for School Pick-Up and Drop-Off

When picking up or dropping off your children at school, please prioritise safety by choosing legal and safe parking options. While it might seem convenient to park "just for a minute," illegal parking can obscure visibility and endanger our tamariki.

Safer School Runs

Your parking and driving choices significantly impact the safety of children arriving at or leaving school. Good visibility is crucial for both drivers and children. Parking restrictions near schools exist to protect our tamariki. Illegal parking can result in fines:

- On broken yellow lines: **\$100**
- Within 6 meters of a pedestrian crossing or intersection: **\$100**
- On the footpath: **\$70**
- Over or within 1 meter of a vehicle entrance: **\$70**
- Within 50cm of a fire hydrant without someone capable of moving the car: **\$70**
- Closer than 6 meters to a bus stop or on a marked bus stop: **\$70**
- On roadside grass, shrubs, or flower beds: **\$70**
- Double parked: **\$100**
- In an area reserved for disabled persons: **\$750**

As we begin the new year, let's focus on fostering a safe and efficient environment by establishing good parking practices during school pick-up and drop-off times. By working together, we can ensure the safety of your children and all road users, creating a positive start to the year for everyone involved.

Alternative Pick-Up and Drop-Off Points

To ease congestion, consider using alternative pick-up and drop-off points near your Kura. This may mean either walking to the school gate to meet your child or giving them the chance to walk a block or two to you. Children can also walk in groups to create a "safety in numbers" approach.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Holly Hullena
Wairarapa Road Safety Council

For more details on safe road practices, visit: www.wairsc.org.nz

*For a full list of council parking fees and infringements, search:
[Masterton District Council Parking Fees]*

