

# Newsletter

3 December 2024

## Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- Year 6 Graduation Dec 4th 6pm
- Disco Dec 10th
- Prize Giving / Last Day : Wairarapa College 11am - 12:30pm

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 Principal: [principal@solway.school.nz](mailto:principal@solway.school.nz) Web: [www.solway.school.nz](http://www.solway.school.nz) **Term 4 Week 8**

**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**

**EARLY FINISH, 12:30pm Next Thursday Dec 12th. Children to be collected from Wairarapa College.**



**Swimming-** First swim of the season, the pool will be open every lunchtime for years 3 to 6 students at lunchtimes until the 2nd to last day of school. Picture is our new solar pool cover, it's supposed to raise the temperature of the pool by 2-3c.

**Last day of school - PRIZE GIVING. Thursday December 12th - Wairarapa College Hall, 11am - 12:30pm.** All students will travel to the hall by bus with the expectation they will go home from Wai Col.

**YEAR 6 Year 6 Graduation: Wednesday December 4th at 6pm under the shade sail**

**WHEELS DAY - tomorrow Wednesday December 4th is Wheels day. Children can bring skates, scooters or bikes. All students on wheels need a helmet.**

**DISCO & Mufti Day - Tues 10th December - Disco is free but bring money \$\$ for food, drink & glow treats.**

**MRS BOOTH'S FAREWELL ASSEMBLY- Monday 9th December at 10:40am at Solway.**

**"The Year that Was" 2024, if anyone missed this in last week's Times Ages, we have a few spare at the office front counter.**

**MITRE 10 MEGA MASTERTON**

**SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**Welcome to Solway School**

**MANAKITANGA PONO MANAWANUI**

## **HEAD LICE** Please keep checking your child's hair. We have had some cases of head lice in classes this term.

head lice are small, flat insects that live and lay eggs on the human scalp - the scalp provides food and warmth for the eggs to hatch

they are a common problem and cause concern and frustration for parents and children

anyone can catch head lice - catching them has nothing to do with poor hygiene

head lice spread by crawling from the hair of one person to another

if you find live head lice or eggs on your child's scalp, treat your child and check everyone in the house

treatment of head lice is usually by physical methods (wet combing) or chemical/herbal treatments

if you choose to use a chemical or herbal treatment, speak to your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for advice about what treatment to use and how to use it

never use fly spray, kerosene or treatments intended for animals – these may harm children and adults

**4 YEAR OLDS:** Just a Reminder : Please let us know asap if you have any 4 year olds turning 5 in 2025. We really need enrolment forms asap so we can plan our classes. The more notice we have, the better.

Have a great week,  
Nga mihi  
Mark Bridges (Principal)

**SCHOOL ALERT SYSTEM:** Solway has opted into a new Well Being focused initiative led by the Ministry of Education and Police across the Wairarapa region. The purpose of the Programme is to notify schools in a timely manner when one of its students has been affected by a family harm episode. The Ministry of Education will manage and monitor alerts from Police and send a notification to the enrolling school or kura with no other detail other than the students name. As a result of these notifications the school or kura is then aware that a child has experienced an event within the last 24 hours and is then better able to assist these students through more appropriate and sensitive behaviour management, and the provision of additional support when required. This programme fits within our Child Protection policy requirements and supports a small number of selected staff to support Tamariki who may require a little extra care. The school has created a process to ensure information is kept private and safely stored. Please speak to myself (Mark) if you have any questions about the process.

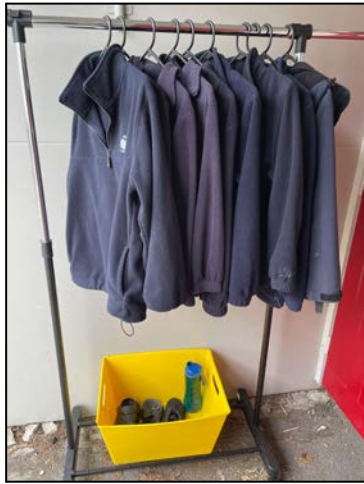
**Last Day of 2024** Last Day of School this year is Thursday 12th of December. It will be an early finish after Prize Giving which is 11am to 12:30pm at the Wairarapa College Hall. Students are to be collected from Wairarapa College at 12:30pm.

**First Day of 2025** - Monday February 3rd 8:55am - 3pm.

## **Solway School 2024 Dates**

**Term 4** October 14th to December 12th

## LOST PROPERTY



Polar Fleeces - one size 8, five size 10's , three size 12's - either not named or names that cannot be read. Please come along and have a LOOK !



Solway School Disco - this will happen throughout the school day. Children will take part in a normal school day at school and go to the disco with their team or group of classes at different times in the day. This disco is free to enter. Food, drinks & glow toys will be available to buy at prices ranging from \$1 to \$3. Dress up in your favourite dancing outfit.

### Lunches Pita-Pit

Last day for Pita Pit lunches is the 6th of December.

## SURF LIFE SAVING - BEACH EDUCATION 2025

The whole school is going to participate in a full day Beach Education Programme in Term 1 2025. This is through Surf Life Saving New Zealand at Riversdale Beach.

The dates are 10th, 11th and 12th Feb 2025.

The subsidised cost that each child will have to pay is **\$15** for the day-long beach education course.

We will need parent helpers to be part of the day.

The school is paying for the buses which are approx \$15 per child as well as subsidising the cost for each child to be \$15.

We are letting you know that this cost is coming up early in Term 1 next year so if you would like to pay some this year then you can.

<https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/stay-safe/surf-education/beach-education>





## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Pohutukawa:** Riria and Abel for their amazing start to school. We love your sparkly personalities and love having you both in Pohutukawa!

**Kanuka:** Vinnie - for settling into school and adjusting to the expectations we have along with giving everything a go ! Ka pai Vinnie

**Rimu:** Tiaia Shaw is Rimu's star this week. Tiaia always puts an amazing amount of effort into everything she does. Always working with a smile on her face and displaying fabulous manners to everyone around her. We love having you in Rimu Tiaia.

**Kauri:** George, for trying so hard with your writing! You show perseverance when writing tricky words, carefully writing the sounds you can hear. We love your ideas and the way you can spell some high utility words all by yourself. Tino pai, George!

**Harakeke:** Danni for always showing Manaakitanga to others by being kind. You are awesome Danni!

**Titoki:** Jackson Lockyer is our star this week. Jackson has shown great focus this term during our writing sessions about animals. Tino pai Jackson, keep up the fabulous mahi!

**Kowhai:** Troy has been working really hard with his writing, sounding out tricky words. He is also a very helpful member of Kowhai. Ka rawe, Troy.

**Totara:** Te Aroha has shown fabulous Manaakitanga in all that she's done this term. Her level of focus is stunning - resulting in wonderful examples where she's now instantly understanding whatever's taught, or tuned in. Ka Pai Te Aroha!

**Matai:** Brianna has shown Pono recently. She is working hard completing all tasks independently. She is such a diligent student. Awesome, Brianna.

**Manuka:** Polly- Manawanui - Spending the night all alone in her swag. Kia Mau Te wehi Polly.

**Rata:** Nate - For having an awesome year 5 camp - Manaakitanga



**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
**AGE: 7-14yo**      **TIME: 9am -12pm**

**MASTERTON**

DATE: 17 - 19 December  
 LOCATION: Rathkeale College  
 COST: \$50/ day OR \$120 for 3 days

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### December 17-20 "Bah Humbug"



*Bah Hum Bug is set in the LMA (Leave Me Alone) Retirement Home for the rich & famous. Join Dr. Troy, Sister Grimsby & the nursing staff as they prepare for the arrival of celebrity TV presenter Tina Talkalot and her sidekicks Taffy & Toots for the interview of the year. What could possibly go wrong? But they hadn't counted on cleaners, Jose and Cactus, or Vera, the forgetful tea lady, getting in on the action.*

*Hans and Heidi have been caught cheating at cards again. The Grand Shuffler is very disappointed, so he decides to teach them a lesson by removing the four Aces from the pack. No more card games ever again! The Aces have been sent to the Land of the Bogels, the Land of the Dryads, and the Land of Dreams, but the Joker has escaped and cast a spell on the Grand Dream Giver so he can only give bad dreams! Can Hans & Heidi find the Aces and return them to the pack and halt the Joker's evil scheme? Will there ever be good dreams again?*



### January 21- 24 "The Joker's Wild"

**Ages:** 8 to 13 years (No previous experience required)  
**Venue:** St Matthew's Collegiate School  
**Hours:** Program operates 9am-3pm. Venue open 8:30am-3:30pm  
**Performance:** 3pm on the final day in the Auditorium  
**Fees:** \$195 (Includes tuition, script, costumes, Acting Antics book bag, Kids Club folder & performance certificate)  
**Director:** Deborah Percy

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**\$50 PER CHILD**

## PONY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



### KITTYHAWKE RIDING ACADEMY

**MONDAY 16TH AND 23RD**

**DECEMBER 2024**

**9-12PM.**

**PM KITTYHAWKE RIDING ACADEMY TO BOOK YOUR SPOT.**