

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th March 2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events Dates &amp; Reminders</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">March 5-7: Year 6 Camp March 21: Cultural Day March 28: Awa / River trips April 1-2: Learning Conferences</p>
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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**



*Huge thank you to all of the community who came to support our students at the Triathlon last week.*

**CAMP - Wednesday to Friday year 6 students and teachers are at camp Kaitoke.** For many students, school camp is their first experience away from home, building independence and confidence in a supportive environment. Our Year 6 students will take on classic Kiwi outdoor adventures—like kayaking, bushwalking, and high ropes in a well managed and safe setting. These experiences help develop resilience, teamwork, and a love for the outdoors. Camp is more than just fun—it's a chance for students to step outside their comfort zones and create lasting memories. Huge Thanks to Mr Hornby and Ellaine for your organisation.

**Wheels Day Tomorrow -** the first Wednesday of each month is wheels day. Students are welcome to bring skateboards, bikes, roller blades or scooters. All students need to bring their helmets.

**HEAD LICE -** Unfortunately we have had several cases across the school (it happens in all schools). Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and seek the appropriate treatment asap.

<https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>

**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.

**Out of Zone Ballot** Solway School is pleased to be able to offer a limited number of Out of Zone enrolments in 2025. If you have friends or family with 4 year olds then spread the word. 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

Ngā mihi **Mark Bridges (Principal)**

**Solway School Fundraiser** - Saturday March 15th the Cophorne is hosting the **GMSV Corvette Nationals**. New & old Corvette sports cars from all over New Zealand are coming to Masterton. The Corvette Club has reached out to the local school (Solway Primary) and offered to raise money for us by opening up the collection for a couple of hours in the morning to the public in return for gold coin donations (all going to Solway). Our hope is to purchase STEM equipment for the school (likely lego). We will need half a dozen volunteers to help run the event, collect coins etc and **we need everyone to come along with their friends and extended family**.



*We all know finances are tight. Parents do have the option of paying off expenses like stationery, camps and trips over the course of the year by setting up automatic payments. If you would like to discuss options please phone the office. Thank you so much to the parents who have made payment.*



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Applications are available from the school office, [office@solway.school.nz](mailto:office@solway.school.nz).

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

Ballot Day if required is Monday March 31st.

### Lost Property

Size 16 sweatshirt, named, G Yaxley.

## Movin' March

This starts this 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.



Māhe Manawa Ora

Movin' March

1-31 March 2025 | [movinmarch.com](http://movinmarch.com)



### Solway School 2025 Dates

**Term 1** February 3rd to April 11th

Waitangi Day Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

**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

## Local River Trip

On **Friday 28th March** the whole school will visit their local 'house group' awa (river). Each house group will go to their house river, with staff and explore the river for the morning.

The cost of this trip to cover the buses is **\$5 per child**.

Please send along \$5 to the school office as soon as possible.

Children can wear sensible walking shoes and clothes that are their house colours on that day. Your child's teacher can let you know the house group your child is in if they are unsure.

We will be learning the pūrākau (stories) of these rivers.

Any questions please email [hannah@solway.school.nz](mailto:hannah@solway.school.nz)

Waipoua River - blue

Waiawangawanga River - Red

Ruamahanga River - Yellow

Waiohine River - Green

### Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 5th - 7th March. We will be leaving school at 9am. Children come to school with their gear in the morning. Please send any required medication in a well-labelled container. (no need to wear school uniform) Check Seesaw for any other information.

### Girls Smash Cricket Festival

Some students brought home a notice about this on Monday.

Please get the permission slip back by Friday.

**WAIARAPA CRICKET**

## girls SMASH

**Girls Smash Festival Days for Years 3-6**

Masteron Festival Day 20th March 10am-2pm - Queen Elizabeth Park Oval

- No experience needed. All equipment is provided, and played with a softer ball
- Ideally for those new to the game, as it is about a positive experience eg trying something new
- Low pressure/inclusive environment
- Games are 6 aside (so feel free to enter more than one team if you can)
- Team and school support and encouragement is key to creating a fun positive environment
- No scores kept, as no overall winner, as the focus is on a fun festival day
- Game leaders (secondary students) to help the participants learn and enjoy.

**\$60 per team of 6**  
with each girl receiving a free t-shirt to keep + a croc jibbitz

To enter a school team(s) please email Mel Hansen  
[mel@wairapacrickets.co.nz](mailto:mel@wairapacrickets.co.nz)

## Solway Swimming Sports

Well done to everyone that participated in our school swimming sports. Here are some of the results for people qualifying for Masterton Cluster swimming sports on the 12th of March:

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>
Girls Open 50m Butterfly	Issy Hopman	Billie Nicholson
7/8 Boys Backstroke	Luke Hamblyn	Max Traill
7/8 Girls Backstroke	Luka Lissington	Annie le Roux
9 Boys Backstroke	Grayson Vollebregt	Manaaki Harwood
9 Girls Backstroke	Mila Duckett	Billie Nicholson
10 Boys Backstroke	Malakai Soromon	Felix Reynolds
10 Girls Backstroke	Issy Hopman	Riley Williams
7/8 Boys Breaststroke	Fox Grant	Luke Hamblyn
7/8 Girls Breaststroke	Luka Lissington	Olivia Pringle
9 Boys Breaststroke	Grayson Vollebregt	Liam Ryan
9 Girls Breaststroke	Paisley Sargeant	Ella Robinson
10 Boys Breaststroke	Felix Reynolds	
10 Girls Breaststroke	Issy Hopman	Riley Williams
7/8 Boys Freestyle	Fox Grant	Louie Barbour
7/8 Girls Freestyle	Luka Lissington	Saskia Hopman
9 Boys Freestyle	Grayson Vollebregt	Manaaki Harwood
9 Girls Freestyle	Ella Robinson	Mila Duckett
10 Boys 50m Freestyle	Renley Rhienhardt	Malakai Soromon
10 Girls 50m Freestyle	Issy Hopman	Sienna Martin
Girls 100m Open Freestyle	Issy Hopman	Olivia Pringle
Boys 100m Open Freestyle	Felix Reynolds	

## 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](http://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!!



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Pōhutukawa:** Kingston for demonstrating our school value, Pono. You included a friend who was scared in the school pool and encouraged him, showing that he could do it!

**Kānuka:** Mia is our star this week for being an outstanding role model to others in the playground. Mia, you demonstrate Manaakitanga through your kind actions and inclusiveness. Ka pai!

**Rimu:** Archie for demonstrating our school value Manaakitanga by always treating everyone at Solway with respect. He is a great role model in Rimu!

**Harakeke:** Nathan for showing Manaakitanga by being a fantastic thinker and answering questions and retrieving information from what he already knows. You are a great role model in Harakeke Nathan!

**Titoki:** Jordan Mariu for coming to school ready to learn. Jordan shows our Solway School value of Manaakitanga by making the most of his learning time at school. He focuses on instructions and tries his best when taking on a new challenge. Ka mau te wehi, Jordan!

**Kōwhai:** Louie showed awesome Manawanui at Swimming Sports! Even though he was really nervous since it was his first time, he didn't give up and pushed through - finishing with an amazing 2nd place! Ka mau te wehi Louie!

**Tōtara:** Luka Lissington - for always showing Manaakitanga with her work - from class work, to her swimming and all that involves helping others - from her classmates to her teacher! Ka Pai Luka!

**Matai:** Grayson showed Manawanui last Thursday. Firstly in the swimming sports, winning all his races. Secondly in the triathlon coming second in his race. Grayson has always pushed himself hard physically and lives for competition. Ka mau te wehi Grayson.

**Mānuka:** Isaac - Manawanui. Working really hard with his maths and making fantastic progress.

**Rata:** Zara for showing Manawanui at swimming sports. You gave it your best and didn't give up, even when you thought you couldn't get to the end! Ka pai for completing such a massive race. What a star, I was very proud of you!

**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!



**TERM 1, 20205**  
**Indoor skating sessions**  
 for roller/inline skaters of all levels

<b>Weekly sessions - Most</b>	<b>Skate Dates:</b>	<b>Clareville A&amp;P Stadium, 2nd entrance off Chester Road.</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	February 13th, 20th and 27th	
<b>4:30 - 5:30pm</b>	March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th	
<b>Children and adults of all age</b>	April 3rd and 10th	

**No bookings required, just turn up on the day.**  
 Adults, please stay and supervise your children. Skates are BYO, safety gear (especially wrist guards) is recommended.  
 We have some skates available to borrow, please call/text Leah on 021 1590782 the day before with the size you require.  
 Carterton Roller Skaters is a not-for-profit community group. Join us on facebook for the latest news.

Masterton GirlGuiding, Brownies, currently has space to take more girls aged 7-9.5 yrs keen to join in on the fun that GirlGuiding NZ has to offer.

We offer a non-competitive learning environment that is open-minded and values-based. It's a supportive place to grow confident, adventurous girls who are ready to be tomorrow's leaders. We offer a programme where the girls themselves have a say in the activities they get to participate in and offer experiences like camps, crafts, and real-life experiences, rewarding them with badges as they learn new skills.

To register your interest and find out more about our rewarding programme, complete the form found here: [Register Your Interest - GirlGuiding New Zealand - You be the Guide!](#)



**RATHKEALE COLLEGE**  
Wairarapa

# Open Day

Friday 21st March  
8.30am-12.30pm

## Register Now

rathkeale.school.nz

JOIN US!

# WAIRARAPA 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



# REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

WE WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WHO  
WISH TO JOIN OUR CLUB FOR THE 2025 SEASON!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.DOUGLASVILLA AFC.CO.NZ](http://WWW.DOUGLASVILLA AFC.CO.NZ)

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## MITRE 10 MEGA

MASTERTON

<https://www.douglasvillaafc.co.nz/>

## Quiz - Sip - Repeat

READY TO PLAY?

11 APRIL-7PM

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION**

Register - [cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com](mailto:cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com)  
or by phone - 0211606088

VENUE - CRYSTON 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 ruf 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.

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## 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!

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

**HAPPY EASTER**

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@belgravialesure.co.nz](mailto:jmilburn@belgravialesure.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:**  
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