



# Newsletter

5 November 2024

Upcoming Events  
Dates & Reminders

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**Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula**  
**Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi ki te whānau o te kura o Solway**  
**Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau i tenei Arangi**



Have you seen our new English and te reo Māori signposts? These were a student led initiative, developed and crafted by our talented Senior Kaitiaki group! The kids worked with [Wairarapa College](#) to create these and we think they look ka rawe! Big thanks to Mr Lindsay Moore at WaiCol for working with us and to Joe Simpson for donating the wood.

**Solway Maths Scheme for 2025** - We're excited to announce that our school has chosen the Oxford University Press <http://www.oxforddigital.co.nz> maths scheme as part of the NZ Government's Making it Count initiative. After consulting with other schools, visiting classrooms, and staff discussions, we selected Oxford for its structured approach, focus on concept understanding, and strong alignment with our goals. We're confident this programme will support our students' mathematical growth and enthusiasm for learning. We will keep you posted next year on our progress.

**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. If we could also have enrolments for 2026 and beyond it will help us to gain more teaching staff from the ministry.**

**WHEELS DAY Tomorrow !!** The first Wednesday of every month is a wheels day, children are welcome to bring scooters, skateboards, skates or bikes. Just remember your helmets.

**Athletics Day - Tuesday November 12th** - Solway Athletics Day is set for Tuesday, 12th November, at the Colin Pugh Sports Bowl, with a postponement on Thursday, 14th November. Main events run from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, followed by house events until around 1:30 pm. Students should wear house colours, a hat, comfortable shoes, and sunscreen. A big lunch and a drink bottle are essential. Year 4-6 students have the chance to qualify for the Regional Athletics on Wednesday, 20th November. Looking forward to a great day! Further details and the timetable are attached.

## Year 5 Camp

This is an overnight camp. We will sleep at school in tents and go to Mount Holdsworth the following day. November 28th and 29th. All year 5s have received information.

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

Our school policies can be found at SchoolDocs <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>  
Community user name: solway Community password : learning

**Last Day of 2024** Last Day of School this year is Thursday 12th of December. It will be an early finish after Prize Giving.

**First Day of 2025** - Monday February 3rd.

## Solway School 2024 Dates

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

Teacher Only Day October 25th, Labour Day October 28th

## Lunches Pita-Pit

Good news for our Solway children returning and new families to Solway, our Pita Pit lunches are Fridays.

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 as it saves many tears on a Friday and Monday!


*Kia ora!*


We are excited to introduce **Outgrown Wairarapa**, a vibrant event dedicated to providing quality second-hand maternity and kids' gear for ages 0 to 16. Our aim is to reduce waste while helping local families find quality items at affordable prices. This email has been sent to Outgrown along with other schools in the Wellington region so you can share the information for our **SIXTH** event in your newsletters:

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**Event Details:**

 **17** 16-17 November 2024

 10am - 3pm

 Legend Aviation, Hood Aerodrome, Masterton



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Pohutukawa:** Wolf for his incredible passion and focus for learning, he really is a wee sponge soaking everything up! Wolf also has lots to contribute and asks great questions too! Ka rawe Wolf!

**Kanuka:** Archie is Kanuka's star this week. Archie actively participates in our phonic programme and he is learning to transfer his sound knowledge into his daily writing. Very clever dictation last week Archie. Ka mau te wehi

**Rimu:** Zara is Rimu's star this week. You show such kindness and respect to all in the Rangitumau team and your kind and gentle nature draws others to you in learning through play. It is so nice to see you look after others. What a star we have in Rimu. Ka rawe!

**Kauri:** Elise, for your fabulous writing this week. You used descriptive verbs like 'creeping' and 'snooping', which made your story so interesting to read! Ka pai!

**Harakeke:** Nixon for showing Manawanui with Reading. He is persevering with sounding out words and using what he already knows to read words. Clever mahi Nixon!

**Titoki:** Lucy is Titoki's star this week for: taking ownership of her learning & completing tasks to the best of her ability. During our writing lesson, Lucy remembered to include a lot of detail and to make her story interesting for the reader to read. Ka mau te wehi, Lucy!

**Kowhai:** Ayla-May always shows Manaakitanga in the classroom. She is responsible, reliable, and works steadily on the tasks set for her. Tino pai Ayla-May!

**Totara:** Liam - Manaakitanga: Compassion, responsibility and respect for how he rolls with others around him is awesome. He has a lovely 'bounce' to his personality - his spark when with others and when working on his work is in such a good space! He's a real joy to have around. Thanks Liam!

**Matai:** Luca has shown Manawanui by working independently on tasks. She is showing that she can manage her time effectively. Awesome Luca. Tau Ke!

**Manuka:** Dante for displaying Pono with all his peers. Dante is demonstrating inclusiveness and his willingness to work with others this term is outstanding. Well Done Dante!

**Rata:** Hunter - For the fantastic effort in the jumping events in athletics. Manawanui

## Solway Athletics Day

**Why:** Fun, competition, house event

**Where:** Colin Pugh Sports Bowl

**When:** Tuesday 12th November (Postponement Day 14th November)

**Time:** 9:30 - 12:30 for the main events. House Events to follow. Ends around 1:30

**Attire:** Students should wear their house colours, a hat, shoes, and sunscreen.

**Sustenance:** Students will need a big lunch and a drink bottle for the day.

**Competitive Athletes:** Students in Year 4 - 6 may qualify for Regional athletics, which will be the following week on Wednesday the 20th of November.

Rotation	1	2	3	4	Kai	5	6	7	8
Time	9:30	9:50	10:10	10:30	10:50	11:10	11:30	11:50	12:10
Sprints	Waiohine Boys	Ruamahanga Girls	Ruamahanga Boys	Waipoua Girls		Waipoua Boys	Waiawangawanga Girls	Waiawangawanga Boys	Waiohine Girls
Long Sprint	Waiohine Girls	Waiohine Boys	Ruamahanga Girls	Ruamahanga Boys		Waipoua Girls	Waipoua Boys	Waiawangawanga Girls	Waiawangawanga Boys
Quoit	Waiawangawanga Boys	Waiohine Girls	Waiohine Boys	Ruamahanga Girls		Ruamahanga Boys	Waipoua Girls	Waipoua Boys	Waiawangawanga Girls
Long Jump	Waiawangawanga Girls	Waiawangawanga Boys	Waiohine Girls	Waiohine Boys		Ruamahanga Girls	Ruamahanga Boys	Waipoua Girls	Waipoua Boys
Vortex	Waipoua Boys	Waiawangawanga Girls	Waiawangawanga Boys	Waiohine Girls		Waiohine Boys	Ruamahanga Girls	Ruamahanga Boys	Waipoua Girls
High Jump	Waipoua Girls	Waipoua Boys	Waiawangawanga Girls	Waiawangawanga Boys		Waiohine Girls	Waiohine Boys	Ruamahanga Girls	Ruamahanga Boys
Parachute	Ruamahanga Boys	Waipoua Girls	Waipoua Boys	Waiawangawanga Girls		Waiawangawanga Boys	Waiohine Girls	Waiohine Boys	Ruamahanga Girls
Sack Race	Ruamahanga Girls	Ruamahanga Boys	Waipoua Girls	Waipoua Boys		Waiawangawanga Girls	Waiawangawanga Boys	Waiohine Girls	Waiohine Boys

Parents are welcome to take their children home from athletics. We will be returning to school with the remaining students. Please notify your child's teacher if you are taking them home from athletics.