

Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 10

Tuesday 23rd June



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- Friday 3rd July, Matariki 6am - Last day of Term 2, 12:30pm finish.
- Monday 20th July - First day of Term 3,

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Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Mālō e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura o Solway,



Thank you Holly & Harold for the great work you are doing with Life Ed.

Curriculum Clarity Evening : Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Curriculum Clarity Evening last Wednesday. It was a great opportunity to share information about the Government's curriculum changes, what they mean for teaching and learning at Solway, and how student progress and achievement will be reported to whānau.

For those who were unable to attend, or for anyone who would like to revisit the information, the presentation is available below:

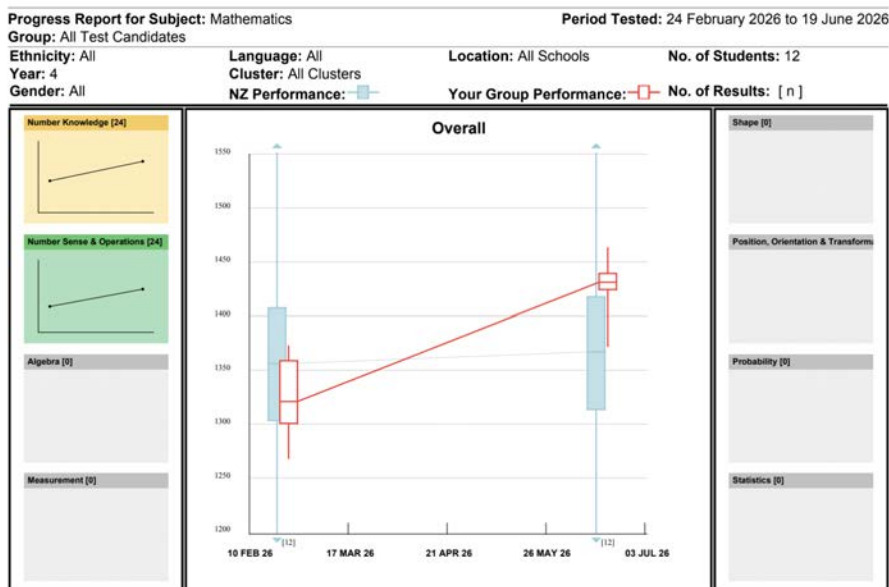
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If you have any questions after viewing the slides, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Rosie, or Hannah.

Viv's Farewell Assembly - you are invited to a farewell assembly this Thursday at 10:40am to farewell Viv who has been part of Solway School for 36 years.



Brilliant Maths Acceleration Results



Congratulations to Juliet Bridges and the 12 students who took part in our Maths Acceleration Programme (MAP) this term. MAP is a Ministry-supported initiative designed to help students who are just below the expected level in mathematics. After 12 weeks of daily 30-minute small-group lessons, all 12 students have moved above the expected baseline for their year level. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work of both the students and Juliet. Traditionally, government-funded acceleration programmes have focused on reading, so it is great to see support now extending into mathematics. Well done to everyone involved!

Art Week & Matariki 6am next Friday

The final week of term is one of our favourites—Art Week. Families and friends are invited to visit the hall during school hours to view the wonderful artwork created by our tamariki. The week concludes with our annual Matariki Celebration on Friday 3 July. Festivities begin at 6:00am with breakfast, hot drinks, kapa haka, sparklers and lanterns. Whānau usually head home around 7:00am, while students remain for a special day of activities. School will finish at 12:30pm.

Matariki is a special time for our community to celebrate the Māori New Year, reflect on the past, and look forward to the future together.

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/>

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

Younger Siblings / Whānau Starting at Solway

If you have younger children who are due to start school in 2026, 2027, or even 2028, we would really appreciate you letting the office know or popping in to complete an enrolment form.

Advance enrolments are incredibly helpful for school planning. They provide important evidence when applying for additional staffing, classrooms, and other property improvements to ensure we have the facilities and resources needed for our growing school.

Even if your child is still a few years away from starting, please let us know—we would love to hear from you.

School Notices

Week 10 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Freya, Emma, Alaya, Jaxon, Lupe,
Robyn,
Lewis, Lily-May, Ellie-Mae, Emma & Louis



Term 2 Sport

If your child would like to play mini ball and is in year 3 - 6 please [fill in this link](#) by 3rd July - no late registrations will be accepted as we need to have teams in.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Quinn is our star of the week. Quinn is a calm, quiet, and sensible member of our class. He is a focused learner who always makes great choices and sets a wonderful example for others. Ka pai, Quinn, we love having you in Pōhutukawa!

Kānuka: Elliot is our star this week for bringing so much energy and enthusiasm to Kānuka! He has shown fantastic focus during reading and writing times, putting 100% into his work. Elliot also did a brilliant job working with his buddy during maths, showing great teamwork while ordering numbers. Thank you for coming to school with such a big smile every day and brightening up our class. Ka pai, Elliot!

Rimu: Mia is our Star this week! Mia is an amazing role model student in Rimu. She displays all three Solway School Values and tries her very best with her learning. Mia displayed amazing listening at our visits to Life Education and remembered lots of amazing facts!

Harakeke: Bodhi Bensemam! Bodhi, you have really focused on bringing joy, a positive attitude, and a bright smile to our classroom community. Thank you!

Tītoki: Gregory, you are our Star of the Week. You are showing all three school values. Gregory, you are also working hard on your learning and it is showing in the progress you are making. Keep up the great work. We are very proud of you. Ka pai rawa!!

Kauri: Freya is a focused learner who listens carefully and stays engaged with her learning tasks. She shows persistence and takes pride in completing her work to a high standard. Freya is a helpful and responsible member of Kauri. Ka Rawe Freya.

Tōtara: Jack has developed the utmost respect for his learning - so much so that he turns down activities that he believes won't help his learning! He's transformed into a guy that used to avoid everything to do with class life, to one who's so focused that he's producing mega levels of detail and aiming for 100% accuracy!

Matai: Georgia Rangi has shown outstanding Pono in her writing recently. By putting in genuine effort and excellent listening skills she has made a real improvement in a remarkably short time. Georgia is now crafting some great information reports that show a deep understanding of her topics. Ka Rawe, Georgia.

Mānuka: Peter is a valued member of our class who consistently shows genuine care and compassion for everyone around him. He steps up to help around the classroom and, naturally, demonstrates Manaakitanga; he makes our school a better place. Thank you, Peter.

Rata: Theymika has settled into Rata wonderfully and has quickly become a valued member of our class. He has shown a positive attitude towards learning and has picked up new concepts with impressive speed, particularly in maths. Ka pai, Theymika!

Community Notices

Cobblestones
Winter Fair
 SATURDAY 18 JULY
 10.00AM - 2.30PM
A VICTORIAN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS
Artisan stalls, Live Entertainment, Kids Games & Yummy food!

COBBLESTONES
 WAIRARAPA'S HERITAGE VILLAGE
 169 MAIN STREET, GREYTOWN COBBLESTONESMUSEUM.ORG.NZ

NEW ZEALAND FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS
 GREYTOWN

TINO RANGITĀNETANGA IWI EXHIBITION 2026

Rangitāne o Wairarapa Inc.
 Mandated Iwi Authority

Te Waka Wairua o Kurahaupō
 28 February - 19 July
Tino Rangitānetanga Iwi Exhibition
 2 May - 19 July

FAMILY & GROUP CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

Wairarapa Youth Orchestra

FATE & HOPE
 SYMPHONIES
 LIVE CONCERT

HOLZ
 BEETHOVEN
 DVORAK
 TCHAIKOVSKY

BUY TICKETS AT
 WAIRARAPAEC.CO.NZ

27 JUNE 2026
 3:00 PM
 WAIRARAPA EVENTS CENTRE

WANTED: FAMILIES FOR JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Share your home. Change a life. Create lifelong connections.

DURATION OF STAY: FEB - NOV OR FOR **ONE TERM WONDERS**

RIGHT NOW: We have a 16 year old girl seeking a family home for **TERM 3**, this year.

OPEN YOUR HOME. ENRICH YOUR FAMILY.
 Host families provide accommodation, meals, care and inclusion - we provide full support all the way.

INTERESTED? Let's have a chat!
 Make a difference in a young person's life - and your own.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR STUDENTS IN 2027 ALSO WELCOME!

Bringing cultures together. Building global friendships.

WYS JAPAN Global Youth Exchange

ALIGNED WITH WYS JAPAN AND A LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK COVERING MANAWATU & WAIRARAPA

Local support. Global impact.

INTERESTED? Contact Jo Gibson: 027 686 0140 to chat.

EQUIPPERS OUT OF SCHOOL CARE PRESENTS...

INFINITY

6TH JULY - 17TH JULY 2026

THESE HOLIDAYS LET YOUR CHILD EMBARK ON A JOURNEY TO
INFINITY AND BEYOND.
OUR PROGRAM COMBINES THE WONDER OF SPACE WITH ENGAGING ON
AND OFFSITE ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOUR CHILD'S CREATIVITY BLASTING.



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[HTTPS://ENROLMY.COM/EQUIPPERS-OUT-OF-SCHOOL-CARE](https://enrolmy.com/equippers-out-of-school-care)



Footloose

STAGE ADAPTATION BY

DEAN PITCHFORD &
WALTER BOBBIE

BASED ON THE ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY BY
DEAN PITCHFORD

MUSIC BY
TOM SNOW

LYRICS BY
DEAN PITCHFORD

ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY ERIC CARMEN,
SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS & JIM
STEINMAN

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(AUSTRALASIA). ALL PERFORMANCE MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY
HAL LEONARD AUSTRALIA.



— RATHKEALE COLLEGE & ST MATTHEW'S SENIOR COLLEGE —



TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED
FROM TRYBOOKING
\$20 ADULTS \$10 CONCESSION

DATES:
JUNE 26TH, 27TH, 29TH, 30TH
JULY 1ST



SOLWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL PLANT SALE

START GROWING NOW!

Our School Plant Sale is coming this **OCTOBER**, and we need **YOUR HELP!**

We're inviting all Solway families to grow, propagate, or nurture a few plants at home to donate to our annual fundraising plant sale.

WHAT CAN YOU GROW?

- Flowering plants
- Indoor plants
- Vegetable seedlings
- Herbs
- Succulents & cacti
- Fruit plants
- Native plants
- Interesting foliage plants

EASY PLANTS TO START FROM SEED!

Sunflowers	Zinnias
Tomato	Peas & Beans
Lettuce	Pumpkin
Basil	Parsley
Cosmos	Nasturtiums
Marigolds	

HOW TO HELP

- Plant some seeds
- Take cuttings from favourite plants
- Grow a few extras for the school sale
- Get the kids involved!

No gardening experience needed – just give it a go.

THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE

- Potting mix / soil
- Pots (some available)
- Plant labels

IMPORTANT!

Please do not grow or donate pest plants.

Before propagating a plant, check that it is not on New Zealand's National Pest Plant Accord list.

Let's keep our gardens and environment healthy!

EVERY EXTRA PLANT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS OUR SCHOOL'S SWIMMING POOL AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.



Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki