# Solway School Newsletter - Term 2, Week 3

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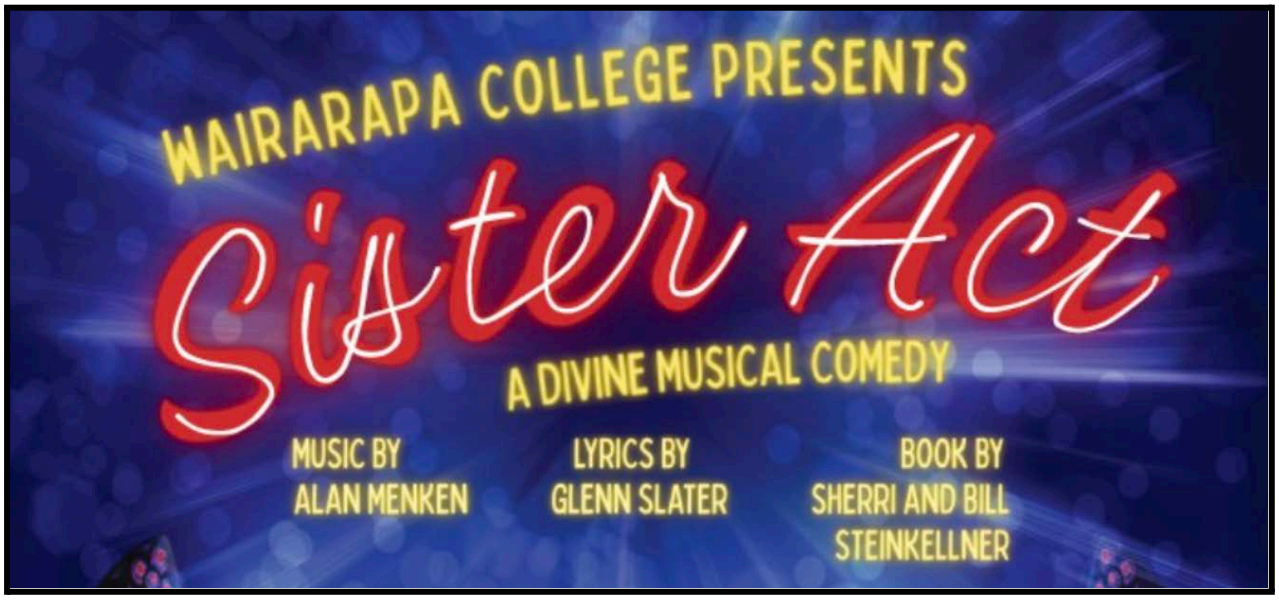
## Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- Friday May 15th Mufti day - Pink optional
- Wednesday May 27th - Solway School Cross Country 1pm
- Monday 1st - June King's Birthday
- Tuesday 2nd June - All Masterton Schools teacher only day
- Friday 3rd July - Last day of Term 2

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

*Tēnā koutou e te whānau o te kura o Solway,*




*An exciting day tomorrow with the entire Tararua team going to Wairarapa College tomorrow afternoon to watch their production of **"Sister Act"**. Huge thanks to Ellaine Hurndell for organising this experience and of course the amazing staff and students of Wai Col.*

***Sport Outside of School -*** *Sport outside of school at Solway (and all state schools) is extra-curricular, so families are asked to cover participation costs. We work hard to keep these as low as possible and some options are low-cost or free. Unfortunately the school is unable to cover any unpaid fees. Ongoing unpaid fees may affect future participation. We are very grateful to our staff and community volunteers who give their time to coach and support our teams—this is voluntary, including the teachers who are unpaid for afterschool sport. Please continue to show them your support and appreciation.*

**WHEELS DAY -** Wednesday is wheels day. Scooter, bikes, skateboards and roller blades are most welcome, just remember your helmets.

***Starting the Day Well -*** *A calm start makes a big difference, especially for younger children. We recommend arriving early enough to say goodbyes at least 10-15 minutes before the 8:55am bell. This gives children time to play, settle in, and connect with friends—helping reduce anxiety and avoid last-minute stress. This is not a hard rule but in our experience, kids who play and reconnect with their friends prior to school starting in the mornings focus and settle more comfortably.*

*MUFTI -DAY / PINK SHIRT - Next Friday May 15th is a Mufti-day, wear something bright, Pink is optional . Gold coin donation*

***Family Holidays During Term Time -*** *We recognise the value of family time and the realities of higher holiday travel costs. Where a child has good overall attendance, we are generally supportive of occasional term-time leave. Please let the school office and your child's teacher know well in advance. Absences will be recorded as "holiday during term time" in line with Ministry guidelines. Regular attendance remains important, so we encourage keeping time away from school to a minimum where possible.*

Ngā mihi Mark Bridges,
Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau

## School Notices

# Term 2 Sport

Photo of the Funsticks crew.
Netball and hockey started last week. It was awesome to see so many Solway kids getting into it. For some students it is their first time playing a sport. A big thank you to all the parents that have put their hands up to coach, manage, or umpire: Brenda Duckett, Dane Lett, Greg Mason (X2), Hayden Sargeant, Felicity Brooks, Rebecca

Hunt, Hayley Malcolm, Kirsty Hull, Priscilla Kearney, Laura McFadzean, Kristen Robinson, with Jordan Hooper and the St Matthews girls, Zoe and Georgia, for coaching netball. (Sorry if I missed someone).

**Hockey training** is on Monday afternoons for all teams.

**Netball training:** Tuesday 1.00pm-1.30pm (this week) and Thursdays 1.00pm-1.30pm. All training is at school. Many thanks to our roster of parent helpers - who'll support Zoe and Georgia on game days. We'll send a kit of balls, bibs and player of the day certificates home with the helper's player each Monday - ready for Tuesday's game. Please return it on Wednesday - ready for practice on Thursday. Many thanks!
***Games this week:*** Solway Pulse: 4.00pm, Court 3 | Solway Mystics: 4.30pm, Court 8

A special thanks to Clareville Bakery for sponsoring player of the day certificates.

School Lunches are available from Friday each week ordering on the.... kindo.co.nz website.

## Ezlunch is back for Term 2

Ordering Ezlunch through Kindo is quick, easy, and one less thing to think about in the morning. You order from home (or on the go), and your child's lunch is delivered to school, ready to eat.

**Here's a link that takes you straight to the Solway Lunch Menu**

https://shop.kindo.co.nz/shop/upload/pdf/school/solway_school/Menu.pdf

## Week 3 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Charlie W, Charlie M, Maia, Alaya, Knox, Georgia, Aliza, Louie, Skylah, Te-Atawhai!

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Pōhutukawa: Oscar is the star of the week. Oscar has shown wonderful resilience and Manawanui this week and has been very brave when facing new and challenging situations. Ka pai, Oscar! Keep up the great work!

Kānuka: Tommy is our star this week because he is an enthusiastic learner who soaks up new information. He loves a good maths challenge and does a brilliant job working with his buddies to get the job done. Keep up that amazing attitude, Tommy!

Rimu: Serenity is a superstar listener and consistently shows responsibility by following instructions and staying focused on tasks until they are completed. She is also demonstrating wonderful leadership qualities when working in small groups, supporting and encouraging those around her. Keep up the amazing mahi, Serenity!

Harakeke: Our Star of the Week is Spencer. Spencer has been a great listener this week and follows instructions carefully. He is also demonstrating wonderful leadership qualities when working in small groups, supporting and encouraging those around him. Ka rawe, Spencer!

Tītoki: Angus you are a fantastic example of someone who shows Manawanui. You are patient and committed to always trying your best. You find ways to tackle even the trickiest work or situations. All with a smile on your face. We are very proud of you. Ka pai rawa!!

Kauri: Georgia is always respectful to her friends and teachers. She is kind, caring, and a great helper in Kauri - keep showing your wonderful Manaakitanga, Georgia!

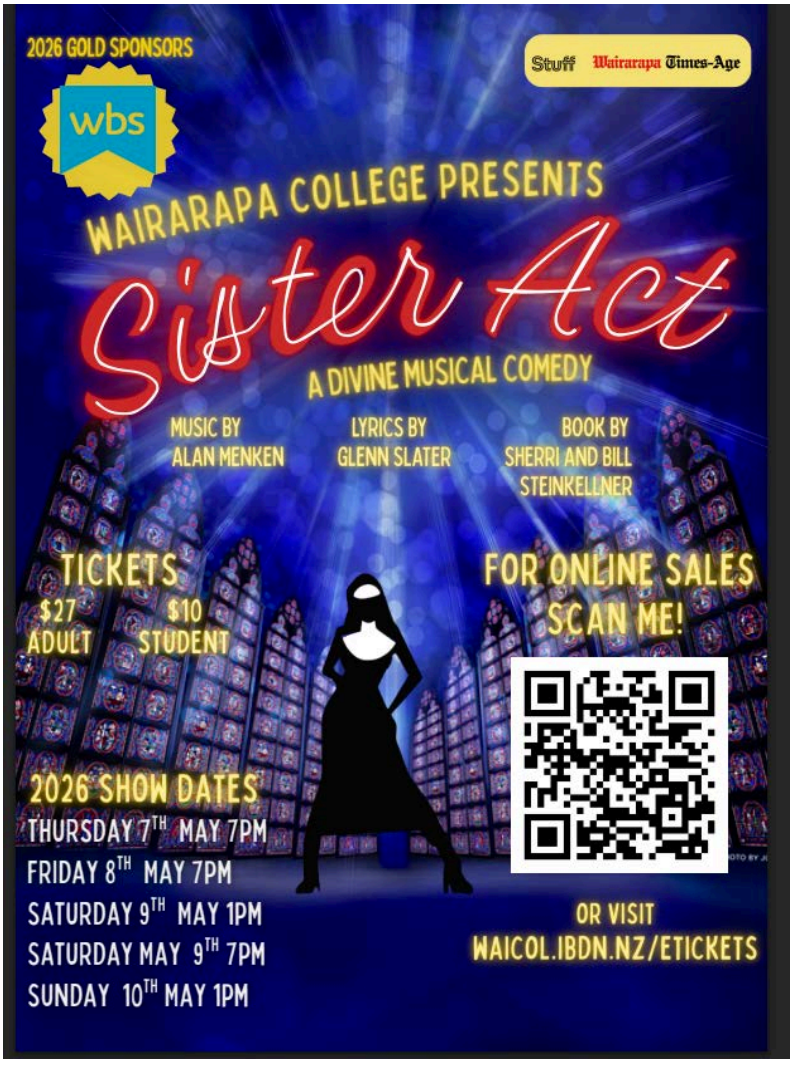
Tōtara: Willow - Thanks for taking awesome control of all you do in class, from how you interact with others, to how you dedicate so much to your school work. You're an absolutely wonderful role model!

Matai: Afra has shown huge amounts of Manawanui in Matai. She has tackled some tricky shape work in maths and taken on BSLA like a super star. Ka mau te wehi, Afra.

Mānuka: Mikaela is a fantastic example of Manaakitanga. She treats everyone using manners and kindness. She is always happy to help around the classroom and makes our space a better place to be. We are so proud of the way she consistently gives her very best to every task she takes on. Keep up the great work!

Rata: Luke is our Star for his fantastic persuasive writing. He used a great structure and expressive language to make his arguments truly convincing. Well done, Luke!

# Community Notices



## Welcome Weekends in May

Kia ora Solway School,

It's the time of year everyone's been waiting for ... Welcome Weekends is back for 2026!

For 120 years, Te Nukuao Wellington Zoo has been part of the fabric of Te Whanganui-a-Tara. To say thank you to all of you who have supported us over the years, we want to welcome you to the Zoo for cheap!

Every week, we will release **$10 Adult tickets** and **$5 Child tickets** (14 years and under), every Tuesday before the weekend they're valid for.

Tickets will only be available online and must be purchased via our website.

Keep an eye on our Facebook or Instagram pages to find out when tickets drop!

These tickets are extremely limited and will be sold on a first-in, first-served basis – so get in quick to secure your spot!

Find out more about Welcome Weekends on our website.

# STRENGTH NATION

## MASTERTON

Strength Nation Masterton has been teasing something exciting — and it's finally here.
To celebrate the transition to our new ownership team, Strength Nation Masterton is launching a Re-Activation Week, packed with opportunities for both new and returning members to experience what our community is all about.

Across the week, we'll be running an expanded timetable featuring a variety of classes for all fitness levels - there's something for everyone. Whether you're brand new to training, getting back into it, or looking to try something different, this is the perfect time to jump in.

We're also excited to announce our new partnership with Riaka Reformer, with exclusive benefits available for SN members!

You can view the full Re-Activation Week timetable here:
https://strengthnation.co.nz/masterton/

With membership prices increasing on June 1st, joining during Re-Activation Week is the perfect opportunity to lock in current rates. We'd love to see you there and be part of the next chapter at Strength Nation Masterton.

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