

Solway School Newsletter - Term 4, Week 7

Tuesday 18th November, 2025



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- ★ Kapa Haka evening
27th November
- ★ End of year Prize
Giving Fri 12th Dec
1 pm at Wairarapa
College
- ★ Last day of school for
children Tue 16th Dec

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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,

Lots going on this week, we have the Rangitumau trips to Cobblestones in Greytown both today and tomorrow. We also have the Masterton Athletics interschool competition today. The last day of school is only 4 weeks today - Tuesday December 16th. Dave, our caretaker, has been working very hard and the pool has begun to be filled this morning. With everything else going to plan we hope to open the pool for lunchtime swimming from next Monday. Swimming at lunchtime is only for year 3 students and up.



Huge thank you to all who made our year 5 camp not only possible, but such a success. We apologise for the track maintenance by KiwiRail from 11pm to 2pm but that's just one thing we couldn't predict. We have an awesome community.

Join "Friends of Solway" – Help Make a Difference!

We're looking for enthusiastic parents, caregivers, and community members to join **Friends of Solway** – a group that helps plan and run fundraising events for our school.

Whether you have great ideas, can lend a hand at events, or just want to be part of a fun team that supports our tamariki, we'd love to have you involved!

All funds raised go directly towards making Solway an even better place for our kids to learn and thrive.

Our first meeting will be coming up soon – so if you're keen to help (even in a small way!), please get in touch at katie.bot@solway.school.nz

Together, we can make a big difference!

HERO - As you will all be aware, the school has been using the SeeSaw app to communicate with the community over the past 5 years. Due to major ministry curriculum changes we will be changing to a new kiwi developed school management and communication system called HERO in 2026. Many schools including Masterton Intermediate have already switched to HERO. Further information will be sent over the next few weeks. SeeSaw will continue in some form for several months.

Road Patrol Party

This is on Wednesday 26th November between 10am and 2pm for current road patrollers. All children involved received a notice to bring home. If you are able to help with transport or supervision at the pool please let Steve know on Seesaw.

BAKE SALE - *Huge thanks to our community for your continued support, funds raised. \$667.30 which goes towards the bus to Cobblestones this week.*

End of Year Prize Giving Just a reminder. Prize Giving this year is Friday December 12th, 1pm at Wairarapa College. This is NOT the last day of school. School finished on Tuesday December 16th.

Health Alert – Measles Reminder Several confirmed measles cases are circulating in the wider region. Please ensure your child's immunisations are up to date and monitor for symptoms (fever, rash, cough). For more advice and support, visit: health.govt.nz/measles or call Healthline at 0800 611 116.

Masterton Intermediate School Notice : Thank you for the enrolment we have received for your child to attend Masterton Intermediate School in 2026.

We will be hosting students from Solway School for an orientation morning on Friday 28 November, from 11.20am - 12.40am



- Tour of School
- Selections for 2026
- Sausage sizzle and a drink

Students will be transported to and from MIS by bus. Bus leaves Solway School at 11.10am.

NOTE: Students that have not enrolled at Masterton Intermediate School are not able to attend.

Basic Fact-athon Fundraiser: Thank you to our families who have already returned funds for this, you are an amazing community. The **pool** is currently on track to be opened next week.

Ngā mihi
Mark Bridges

School Notices

[Week 7 Ako Card Winners!!!](#)
Congratulations to Maahaki,
Caleb, Isaac, Hunter, Lilly, Lily
and Mia



Kapa Haka Evening

Kapa Haka evening is on Thursday, the 27th of November, from 6:30-7:30pm. There will be some cooked food on offer, but you are welcome to bring your own picnic.

Masterton Athletics

Good Luck to the 34 students entered into the Masterton Athletics event.



SPECIAL EVENTS in Term 4

- Kapa Haka evening 27th November
- School Disco December 4th
- Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 10th December
- Prize Giving Friday December 12th 1 pm
- Last day of school Tuesday December 16th. *(Please note that Prize giving isn't on the last day this year simply due to the availability of the Wairarapa College Hall).*



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Abel is our star this week for his morning organisation AND clever writing. Abel is transferring his phonics knowledge into his writing, keep up the great mahi Abel!

Kānuka: Jenni Twinkle is our star for her enthusiastic approach to all her learning in Kanuka. She is transferring her knowledge into all learning areas and it is especially delightful listening to Jenni read. Ka pai Jenni.

Rimu: Sophia Deo is our star this week. Sophia is very focused on her task board activities and completes them to the best of her ability. She is enjoying showing others how to complete their tasks and does this with confidence. Ka mau te wehi, Sophia!

Harakeke: Elise le Roux is our star for showing Manawanui, she made excellent progress with her 'basic fact' knowledge and speed. She did a fantastic job in her Basic-fact-athon test. Ka rawe Elise! Keep up the awesome mahi.

Tītōki: Jessica Bayliss is our star this week, for taking responsibility for her learning. Jessica is focussed and always ready to take on the next learning challenge. During maths sessions Jessica is a quick-thinker and eager to share her thoughts. Ka pai Jessica!

Kōwhai: Alexis always gives her very best, showing all of our school values every day. She is super responsible, reliable, and works carefully and consistently on everything she does. Ka rawe Alexis!

Tōtara: Finnley has shown excellent progress in so many areas - from reading to writing, maths, PE and topic research, big time! His focus is amazing and his attention to detail is a lot more full on. Tu meke, Finnley!

Mataī: Grayson showed a lot of Manaakitanga in the Year 5 camp. A lot of the activities on Friday were easy for him, but he was helpful and respectful to other students. Tu meke, Grayson.

Mānuka: Reef for logical thinking and reasoning in maths activities. He is also showing increased motivation in his writing, making the most of his time and getting lots completed. Tino Pai, Reef!

Rata: Ada is our star this week for showing manawanui during maths. She has worked really hard on long division and is getting the hang of it! Ka pai, Ada, keep up the hard work and progress will follow!

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