

Solway School Newsletter - Term 3, Week 10

Tuesday 16th September, 2025



Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

- ★ Last day of term
Friday 19th Sept
- ★ Pet and Flower day
10th October

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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,



Onesie & Superhero day on Friday. Thank you Jonathan & Wellington Free Ambulance for the visit.

SAVE THE DATE-Solway School Pet & Flower Day Friday 10th October The first Friday of next term is our annual Flower and Pet day. Parents, families and pets are invited to join us at 1pm for a picnic lunch and events. Any animals that do not eat children or teachers are most welcome. A newsletter will go home this week from the class teachers instructing which animals to assemble where and when.

Kapa Haka Festival

The 2025 Wairarapa Schools Kapa Haka Festival is being held this Thursday, 18th September at Chanel College. Both Junior and Senior Solway School Kapa Haka groups will be attending the festival. Parents and family are most welcome to come along to watch. 11:45am for juniors & 1pm for seniors, note timings are often well behind schedule.

Student Drop-Off Before 8am Please do not drop children off before 8am. Students may arrive from 8am but remain outside until the 8:55am bell (weather permitting). No supervision is provided before school.

School Sores (Impetigo) Alert A small number of school sores (impetigo) have been reported at Solway, as in other local schools. They are contagious, so please see your doctor if concerned, keep sores covered, and ensure children stay home until treatment has begun or sores have healed.

WANTED! : Do you have a child turning 5 in 2025 or 2026? We are aware that many of our existing students have younger siblings. It's a huge help to us if parents enrol their four year olds up to a year prior to them starting. These pre enrolments can be used by us to gain more teachers for the school which in turn lowers our class sizes, even if they are not 5 for another year, please help us out by enrolling them now. Enrolment forms are available at the office.

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week

This week we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. At Solway we are proud to promote te reo Māori in our classrooms and around the school. Even small steps—like greetings, counting, or everyday phrases—help keep the language alive. We encourage whānau to join us in using te reo at home and in the community.

Kupu hou – Simple phrases to use at home

- **Kia ora** – Hello
- **Mōrena** – Good morning
- **Haere rā** – Goodbye (to someone leaving)
- **Kia pai tō rā** – Have a good day
- **Ka pai!** – Well done / good job
- **Āe / Kāo** – Yes / No
- **Kei te pēhea koe?** – How are you?
- **Kei te pai au** – I'm good

Last week of Term 3 – Friday is the last day of term 3, we have a two week break with school resuming on Monday October 6th.

BOT Results – Congratulations to our 5 new board members. I am very excited about working with the new team over the next three years.

Katie Grant

Jaco Le Roux (returning)

Kellie Lissington (returning)

Sean Jarvis

Shannon Bayliss

Hannah Doherty (returning as staff representative)

A huge thank you also to our retiring members Briar Harvey (Chairperson), Felicity Brooks and Barri Cooper. You have been a great team to work with (and for). You always had the best interests of students and staff in mind and have left the school in a great position for its next chapter.

I would also like to thank those who ran for the BOT and didn't get in this time, your willingness to step up for Solway was greatly appreciated. I am not aware of any other schools in the region that had as many candidates as Solway – Thank you.

Have a great week

Ngā mihi

Mark Bridges

School Notices

Week 10 Ako Card Winners!!!

Congratulations to Maia, Artorius, Georgia, Liam, Manaaki, Emma, Millie, Oscar, Brooke & Emma



Mini Ball Draw Wednesday 17th September at YMCA

Year 3/4 team Solway Thunder v East Coast Warriors 4:30 pm

Year 5/6 team Solway Lightning v DPS Watts 5:30 pm



STARS OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Star of the Week is Caius-Lee. We love the way Caius-Lee plays so happily with our class Duplo. He is creative, engaged, and always a kind friend to play alongside. What a superstar! Ka pai, Caius-Lee!

Kānuka: Serenity is our star in Kānuka this week. A star in and out of the classroom. Serenity has been working so hard in all areas of the curriculum and has been such a great help with our new students. Keep up the good work. Ka rawe!

Rimu: Everyone in Rimu this week. We have had an amazing Term 3 in Rimu. All the tamariki have worked really hard and ready for a well earned break! Ka pai Rimu tamariki!

Harakeke: Emma Herrick is our star for being an enthusiastic and positive learner. Emma always shows Manawanui by being resilient when things get hard. Mīharo Emma!

Tītoki: Louie Steinemann for being a great role model for: living life to the fullest. Louie puts his hand up for every opportunity that comes his way, inside and outside of the classroom. He passionately participates in Kapa Haka and played his heart out in our school's Rippa tournament. Mīharo Louie!

Kōwhai: Blake for being such a kind and sensible student in Kōwhai and for showing great Manaakitanga. Ka mau te wehi Blake. Keep up the great work!

Tōtara: Ayva consistently shows all the values in all she's part of - from life within the classroom, to the way she interacts with anyone in the school, any time. Ka Pai Ayva!

Matai: Liam has shown a lot of Manawanui to take on the main part of our class play. He spent a long time learning all his lines off by heart and he was an important part of the story. Well done, Liam. It was a big task you took on.

Mānuka: Raine for being a kind and respectful member of Manuka. She is gaining confidence and working hard on her learning. Tino Pai.

Rata: Malakai has shown Manaakitanga this week in gymnastics. He shows his peers how to perform each activity and models technique beautifully! Ma mau te wehi, Malakai!

Community Notices

THE JAZZ DANCE & DRAMA CENTRE PRESENTS

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Applications Open – Scholarship Brass Music Lessons, Term 4 2025



Kia ora

The Wairarapa Youth Orchestra is delighted to announce that **applications are now open for scholarship-supported brass music lessons in Term 4, 2025**. Thanks to the generous support of local Lions and Rotary Clubs, these lessons are offered at an affordable rate to help more young people experience the joy of music.

Key details:

- Lessons are just **\$10 each** (7 lessons per term = \$70 total).
- Open to school-aged students across the Wairarapa.



22 SEPT – 3 OCT Asteron Centre,
corner Featherston & Bunny Streets

WAIRARAPA SPITFIRES BASEBALL CLUB

2025/26 Wairarapa Spitfire Baseball season online registrations will open mid September!

We have club teams available for all levels of experience. The season will start on October 16th and pause for the summer school holidays before re-starting in early February and finishing at the end of March 2026. All Local Development games and trainings are held on the Spitfires Baseball Diamond at Kuranui College, Greytown.

ROOKIE BALL – Ages 5 to 8 play games on Saturday mornings at 9 am

MAJORS 10U/12U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 5-8) – Ages 9 to 12 play games on Friday afternoons at 4pm, training Thursdays 4pm

MAJORS 14U/16U DEVELOPMENT (School Yrs 9+) – Ages 13+ play games on Friday afternoons at 5.30 pm, training Thursdays 5.30pm

12U/14U/16U TRAVEL TEAMS – Competitive baseball in the Wellington Regional Competition.

Wairarapa Spitfires Club Travel Teams will be formed late September, email mcwilliamae@gmail.com asap if you are interested. Games are on Sundays and played at home on the Spitfires Baseball Diamond at Kuranui College and away at other Wellington regional diamonds in Terms 4 and 1.

Our Have a Go Open Day is on Sunday October 12th from 10am to 12pm at the Kuranui College Baseball Diamond. Come along for a fun morning learning about baseball and eating yummy sausages.

For more information and to register check out our website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/spitfiresbaseball>

Join our Facebook Page for news and updates: Wairarapa Spitfires

Contact our Teams Coordinator, Eileen McWilliam, mcwilliamae@gmail.com or phone 0276028597

TOTS TO TEENS

Here is the link to the latest issue of Tots to Teens

Spring is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents: issue2509.totstoteens.co.nz

COACHES NEEDED

If you've ever thought about coaching – whether you're experienced or brand new – we'd love to hear from you! There is a small financial incentive for each week of coaching, so if you have an older child who would like to coach the younger ones. Please reach out! Wairarapa Basketball is pushing for more girl grades this year. Let's get basketball back thriving!

What's involved?

- One training night per week
- Game day at Walter Nash Stadium
- Assistant coaches to help share the load
- Flexible support because we know life gets busy!!

 Message us here on Facebook or email:
basketballwairarapa@gmail.com

CALLING ALL FUTURE COACHES WE NEED YOU!



BASKETBALL WAIRARAPA

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Ka nui te mihi, ā, kia pai te wiki