

Solway College

newsletter



From the Principal

There are now just four weeks until NCEA external examinations begin. The focus for the rest of this year for senior students must be these external assessments.

Students need to be aware that there are no short cuts to exam success. Hard work, focussed revision and practice are needed and this means they must make school work their first priority. They must also realise that significant additional revision time is required to do the study needed to get their best results.

Each senior student should have a study plan which they should use to organise their work and revision and all seniors should be spending significant extra time in weekends and holidays on their school work. For the exam preparation period they need to decide which other activities they will give up to make the necessary additional revision time available.

It is also important to note that some senior Students will be required to attend school during the study leave period leading up to NCEA next term to complete internal assessment tasks. Students will be notified of this.

Senior (Years 11 -13) reports will be sent home at the end of this term. This is to give you an opportunity to discuss with your student, progress towards NCEA externals over the holidays and to talk with us over any concerns that may arise.



Important Dates

Friday 28 September
Service and Cultural Awards
at 1:00 pm

Friday 28 September
End Term 3

Monday 15 October
Term 4 Begins

Friday 19 October
at 1:00 pm
Sports Awards

Monday 22 October
School Closed
Exeat Weekend



CONGRATULATIONS

Scholars of the Week Senior

Olivia Morgan

Term Three Week Three

Rhiann Dirkx-Dragovich

Term Three Week Four

Paighe Crossan

Term Three Week Five

Jessie-May Cassells

Term Three Week Six

Katelin Hardgrave

Term 3 Week Seven

Maisie Arnold-Barron

Term 3 Week Eight

Intermediate Awards

Zoe Blair

Sydney Johnson

Ella Bashford

Form Awards

Xanthe Somerville

Yashmeen Rahim

Bridget Allan

Melissa Burns

Sarah Phillips

Freya Wright

Nicola Salmond

Maisie Arnold-Barron

Scholars of the Week Junior

Esther Leinfellner

Term Three Week Three

Vianne Downs

Term Three Week Four

Freya Wright

Term Three Week Five

Melissa Burns

Term Three Week Six

Matariki Watene-Browne

Term Three Week Seven

Monja Jacobs

Term Three Week Eight

House Awards

Moana Papworth

Annie McNab

Lucy Collis

Principal's Award

Mahony Puketapu



Other Achievements

Wairarapa Matharapa Competition

Year 7 Team

Esther Leinfellner
Ella Bashford
Abigail Sherwood

Year 8 Team

Emma Faulkner
Freya Wright
Keisha Richdale
Tilly Vallée
Lauren Perry
Nicola Salmond

Year 9 Team

Bridget Allan
Annie McNab
Olivia Mancer
Vianne Downs
Kate Beach
Nara Weschayawiwat

Year 10 Team

Tabitha Leinfellner
Eilish Skeet
Jazzelle Richdale
Fern McCallum
Lok Yi (Anson) Fan
Alexandra Burling

Wairarapa Intercollegiate Music Competition

Tee Hao-Aickin
Madeleine Somerville

EPro8 Challenge

Year 8
Year 9
Year 10

Hurricanes Rugby Tournament

Aaliyah Allen
Xanthe Somerville
Gianna Verheyen
Billie-Rae Parkes

Tournament Teams

1st XI Hockey
1st XI Soccer



Other Achievements Continued

New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

Bridget Allan

Equestrian

Hazel Jones

Grace Gray

Recognising Achievement And Effort

Wairarapa Matharapa Competition



On Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 August 2018 450 students, Year 5 to Year 10, participated in the Wairarapa Mathematics competition which was held in the Wairarapa College hall. This is the largest inter-school competition in the Wairarapa.

There were;

34 Year 7 teams
35 Year 8 teams
37 Year 9 teams
34 Year 10 teams

All our teams worked hard, however a special mention to the Year 10 team who came 2nd overall in the Year 10 competition.

Year 7

Esther Leinfellner	Ella Bashford	Abigail Sherwood
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Year 8

Emma Faulkner	Freya Wright	Keisha Richdale
Tilly Valleé	Lauren Perry	Nicola Salmond

Year 9

Bridget Allan	Annie McNab	Olivia Mancer
Vianne Downs	Kate Beach	Nara Weschayawiwat

Year 10

Tabitha Leinfellner	Eilish Skeet	Jazzelle Richdale
Fern McCallum	Lok Yi (Anson) Fan	Alexandra Burling

Wairarapa Intercollegiate Music Competition

It was a successful evening for Solway at the Intercollegiate Music competition held recently.

Tee Hao Aickin came first in the instrumental section on violin and Madeleine Somerville came third in the vocal section. Congratulations. We are very proud of you both!



Student Activities

Tongariro Outdoor Pursuits



During tournament week a group of Year 10 and Year 11 students accompanied by Mr John Pansters and Mrs Claire Hunt had the opportunity to take part in all the activities available at the centre.

The students had a great experience, had challenging times and a lot of fun.

Year 11 Class Trip

The Year 11 class had an eventful day in Wellington on Friday 10 August 2018. A trip to the Gallipoli Exhibit at Te Papa was followed by a visit to the National War Museum where some students were able to experience a First World War trench, complete with authentic smells, sounds and a mysterious dripping liquid!

Wellington Band And Orchestra Festival

On Thursday 16 August and Saturday 18 August three of our music groups performed in the Wellington Band and Orchestra Festival. There were thirty-two bands from all over New Zealand. After each group performed, they participated in workshops presented by Dr. Roger Fox (senior band), and Professor Rob McWilliams (percussion band and chamber music).



Congratulations to all the girls for their amazing performances.

EPro8 Challenge



We had the privilege of hosting the EPro8 Challenge competition this year. This is an interschool competition in the form of an engineering and problem solving race. The teams compete to complete activities which involve building machines that can complete simple tasks.

Our school had 8 teams this year in this competition and all the girls' enjoyed the three hours of activities. The results were as follows:

- Year 10 – Solway Jeje 2nd place (Jazzelle Richdale, Julia O'Driscoll, Eilish Skeet and Ella Shannon)
- Year 9 – Solway Rockets 3rd place (Tilly Rausch, Matariki Watene-Browne, Mya Pendergrast and Sylvia Lyster)
- Year 8 – Solway Nuclear 1st place (Emma Faulkner, Freya Wright, Xanthe Somerville and Bianca Mancer)

House Tug Of War



Last Tuesday Silverbirch were the victors in the House Tug of War and Poplar came second. The Juniors then beat the Seniors.

It was lots of fun and everyone had a great attitude!

Hostel

Recently the hostel students had a fun evening tie-dying T-Shirts.



Sports News

Solway College Sports Awards 1.00pm Friday 19 October

The College's Annual Sports Awards ceremony will take place on the afternoon of 19 October. These awards are to recognise the sporting successes and efforts of our students and to thank our coaches and people who have helped us. This year's guest speaker is Luuka Jones, Rio Olympic Silver Medallist in canoeing.

Students have been reminded that they will not be awarded sports colours for simply being in a "first" team. To earn colours, students are required to attend practices and games and have the right uniform and equipment and of course, the right attitude.

All students are required to attend the Sports Awards and friends and family are also most welcome to attend.

Hurricanes Rugby Tournament



The Hurricanes Rugby Tournament held in Levin took place at the same time as the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament Week.

Big congratulations to Aaliyah Allen, Xanthe Somerville, Gianna Verheyen, and Billie-Rae Parkes who were in the Wairarapa Bush U15 Schoolgirls Rugby Team.

They played six games over two days, one win and two close losses. Word from the team management was that the confidence and improvements were huge!

Aaliyah ran in 2 tries vs Fielding, Xanthe dotted down a super try vs Horowhenua-Kapiti. Billie-Rae took a knock to the eye and sported an impressive 'shiner' for a few days!

Huge thanks to Stacey Grant and Wairarapa Bush's Director of Secondary School Sport (Caleb Agnew-Jones).

Hockey

The 1st XI Hockey team went away on Tournament Week to Gisborne to compete in the Rosemary O'Brien Cup.

The team played Papamoa College in the semis and after a close game lost in extra time, with Papamoa College going on to win their final. We played off for 3rd and 4th place against Albany Junior High School and won 2 - 0 to finish in 3rd place which was a good result.

Our Player of the Day for each game was;

Monday:

Montana Robertson-Davis

Amy Rossiter-Stead

Tuesday:

Hannah Hodgkiss

Wednesday:

Montana Robertson-Davis

Moana Papworth

Thursday:

Zara Hewitt

Friday:

Rosalie Bos

Although at times the weather was atrocious, the team had a great week away playing good hockey.

A huge thank you to Glenn Beach (Coach),

Paula Annear (Manager),

Megan Hewitt (Parent Help) and Marama Papworth, for all their time and effort supporting the team whilst away in Gisborne on tournament week. It was appreciated.



On Monday 10 September the team were in the semi-finals of the Wairarapa Girls College Competition. They were successful in beating Wairarapa College Colts 4 – 1.

Last Monday (17 September) they faced St Matthews 2nd XI in the final. It was quite a close game with the score 0 – 0 at half-time. Unfortunately within a period of 10 minutes St Matthews were 4-0 ahead. Credit to our team who fought back to bring the scoreline back to a 4 – 2 win to St Matthews.

That was the last game of the season and although the team lost the final, this year has been a very successful one for the team - congratulations to all team members!

Once again a huge thank you to Glenn Beach for all his time, commitment and effort coaching this team to their best season yet.

Football

The Football 1st XI travelled to Whanganui to compete in the Grant Jarvis Cup.

In their final game they lost 3-1 for 22nd place finish in a tournament that is for all teams below Tier 1.

A huge thank you to Zac Innes (Coach) and Sandra McNab (Manager) and parent helpers for all their hard work.

New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

3 Top 6 Results from backstroke specialist Bridget Allan

Over the last four days, Bridget Allan

(Year 9, Carterton Swim Club) raced NZSS Swimming Championships in Wellington, representing Solway College.

Siena Cockburn, the other athlete of Solway's current swimming dynamic duo, is on a well deserved training/racing break post her huge results at Swimming New Zealands Open Nationals.



Bridget raced 7 races at NZSS, 14 year age group Girls, in big fields:

- 50m Backstroke - 5th
- 100m Backstroke - 5th
- 200m Backstroke - 6th

Senior A Netball

The Senior A netball had a fantastic season with an unbeaten record in pool play against mostly larger and more experienced woman's teams. They took out the cup in Premier 3 Reserve, 2 grades above the grade they played in last year. Success came because they worked hard as a team, backing each other up during tight matches and they improved their court knowledge and skills immensely over the course of the season.

The girls are a young group with no year thirteens in the side which bodes well for the future of Solway netball.

Equestrian



Hazel Jones, Grace Gray and Freya Diggle (draft rider for Solway College team) attended the Havelock North High School inter-school jumping competition on Monday 20 August 2018.

The field of 60 riders were mainly from the Hawkes Bay and Manawatu regions.

All girls competed in 3 separate jumping competitions, two show jumping and one jump cross (a combination of show jumping and cross country).

Although the Solway team was unplaced all riders did extremely well at this early season event.

Solway College Dressage Event

The weather on Wednesday 19 September was good for the 5th Year of our Annual Solway College Dressage Event.

There were 125 riders on 132 horses from around the North Island.

Six arenas were in action at the Solway Showgrounds with events starting at 8.30am until 1.30pm. It was a great day with plenty of excellent competition.

The College's Equestrian Base was also open with Kate Tobin (one of NZ's Top Young Dressage specialists) doing a dressage demonstration on her horse in the small sand arena.

Thanks to Steph Mann, Brigid Gray, Jane Borren, Francesca Silver -Carter, the Equestrian Committee and parents for all their hard work in making the day so successful.

Full results will be in the next newsletter.

Solway College Cross Country

The Solway College Cross Country was held recently. Congratulations to the age group and overall winners as well as everyone who gave it their best. It was an awesome event, the weather was great, the course challenging and the atmosphere really positive.

Results as follows:

Year 7 - 1st Neveah Greenlees	2nd Esther Leinfellner	3rd Elyza McDonald
Year 8 - 1st Zoe Blair	2nd Xanthe Somerville	3rd Emma Faulkner
Year 9 – 1st Bridget Allen	2nd Asha Graham	3rd Mya Pendergrast
Year 10 -1st Ella Shannon	2nd Eilish Skeet	3rd Montana Robertson-Davis
Year 11- 1st Maisie Arnold-Barron	2nd Aariah Forbes	3rd Dayna Udy
Year 12 - 1st Noemi Leinfellner	2nd Tee Hao Aickin	3rd Amy Rossiter-Stead
Year 13 - 1st Meagan Hayes	2nd Jess Gooding	3rd Nikita De Cruy
Overall- 1st - Meagan Hayes	2nd Noemi Leinfellner	3rd Maisie Arnold-Barron

House placings were as following:

Poplar 1st Silverbirch 2nd Redwood and Pine = 3rd

Poplar took the win by just 2 points!!

Thanks to Mrs Borren and the team of organisers.

Student Matters

Papawai And Kaikōkirikiri Trusts Education Scholarships

The Trust provides annual scholarships to descendants of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Wairarapa who reside anywhere in New Zealand.

The Papawai and Kaikōkirikiri Trusts Scholarship NCEA Grant (reimbursement for NCEA fees) is for those attending a New Zealand secondary school full time course in 2019.

Applications close on 28 September 2018. Please contact the school office if you would like an application form.

The Papawai and Kaikōkirikiri Trusts Scholarship is available for students attending a New Zealand secondary school full time course in 2019 in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13.

Applications close on 16 November 2018. Please contact the school office if you would like an application form.

Absence From School – A Reminder

Medical appointments, illness, bus breakdown, accident, road closure, extreme weather conditions, national / local representation in a sporting or cultural event in New Zealand or overseas, bereavement / funeral and exam leave are justified reasons a student may miss school.

Reasons for unjustified absence are:

- family days,
- birthdays,
- non-major family occasions and visiting relatives
- non-urgent travel
- baby-sitting younger family members
- non-urgent appointments that are actually transferable
- being late because they slept in
- being tired due to a late activity the night before
- shopping days
- unjustified sickness (three days absence with no doctor's certificate)
- working
- holidays in term time
- concerts
- time out to see visiting famous people



These absences are specified as “condoned absenteeism” and students, especially year 11, 12 and 13 are not eligible for additional assessment opportunities under these circumstances.

Contacting Staff



Our staff are happy to be contacted to work with you to help get the best for and from your child. The teaching staff preference, unless it is an urgent matter, is to be contacted at school either by phone or e-mail. The office is always willing to help with messages.

In your “Contacting the Hostel” information sheet, best times to call Hostel staff are outlined. If you need another copy of this please let us know.

Contact information is in the “General Information” booklet – please let us know also if you need another copy of this.



Please also note it is seldom helpful to text your daughter while she is in class or for your daughter to text you. The office should be the first port of call if your daughter needs to contact you during the day.

Solway's Phone Use Policy

There is growing concern about the impact and potential addictiveness of excessive use by our young people of cell phones and social media. This impact on their social skills and well-being and specifically on their mental health is becoming noticeable.

It is important that students learn to appropriately manage the use of their phones and social media. We are ensuring that students take a break from their phones during class time. Our phone usage policy is “off and away unless I say” which means phones must be put away unless the teacher specifically requests that they be used for a class related activity. Students who feel that they will not be able to break free from their phones will be able to hand their phones in at the beginning of the lesson. We will have a regular focus on phone use and ensure that our policy is followed in each class.

This has been discussed with all students and we encourage you to talk with your young people about their phone and social media use.

Students who mis-use their phones may have them removed from them. In the hostel there are times when phone use is not permitted and students are required to hand their phones in at “lights out”.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns regarding this.

Senior Course Selections For 2019

The course selection information will be available during the school holidays as a pdf on the website along with the information about NCEA requirements. There is a lot of information contained in these two booklets but it is important to read through this carefully. Please ask at the office if a hard copy is required and we will post this to you. There is advice included about how to make wise choices to ensure your child has the best options and courses and we welcome discussions with you about this.

Mrs Rozleen Chand is our Careers Advisor and would be happy to assist if needed.

Your daughter will be advised on how to make the course selection which will either be on-line or via google docs.

Junior Course Selections For 2019

This booklet will be made available soon as a pdf on the website. Please ask at the office if a hard copy is required and we will post it out to you.

Your daughter will be advised on how to make the course selection which will either be on-line or via google docs.

End Of Term Arrangements

Term 3 finishes at 3.10pm on Friday 28 September.

As usual at the end of term the hostel will be cleared of all student belongings. There is limited storage available for the property of full boarders and property is stored at the owner's risk. Please contact the matrons if your daughter wants storage for her property.

The Hostel will be closed from 4.30pm so it is important to arrange for your daughter to be collected before then.

The Hostel staff would like to wish all students a restful and safe holiday.



Start Of Term Arrangements

Term 4 starts Monday 15 October at the normal time of 8.20am. Hostel students (other than Four day boarders) are required to be in the Hostel by 8.00pm on Sunday evening. No evening meal is provided except by specific arrangement in advance with the hostel.

Thinking Of Leaving Solway At The End Of The Year?

Enclosed with this newsletter is a slip to indicate if your daughter will be leaving Solway at the end of the year. Please complete and return the slip to the school office. An appointment can be arranged for you to discuss your daughter's future with us if you wish.

The conditions of enrolment for all students include that a term's notice of leaving will be given or a term's fees paid in lieu of that notice.



Uniform – Change Over To Summer Uniform

Change over to summer uniform takes place at the start of Term 4.

Regular summer uniform is – the Solway gingham, black or green roman sandals or black, polishable, lace up walking shoes of the approved type with white ankle socks, green Solway jersey. Blazers must be worn when students are in uniform out of school. This includes day girls travelling to and from school.

Dress summer uniform is - white dress uniform blouse, kilt, tan coloured pantyhose and black, polishable, lace up walking shoes, blazer.

Please help us by ensuring your daughter is correctly dressed when travelling to and from school.

Other News

Thanks to the team of parents who ran the SCOOP stall at the Daffodil festival in Carterton last weekend.



Fireworks Display

This is a Masterton Host Waipoua Lions Event which will be held on Friday 2 November 2018, at the Masterton Solway Showgrounds.

Gates open at 6:30 pm with the firework display commencing after dark.



News of Old Girls

Former students who have graduated from Victoria University between June 2017 and May 2018 include;

Sarah Cole

BA – Bachelor of Arts

Brigid Quirke (2006-2011)

BA – Bachelor of Arts

BA (Hons) – Bachelor of Arts with Honours

LLB – Bachelor of Laws

Congratulations!



New fundraiser: Wairarapa experience raffle

SCOOP are selling tickets to a Wairarapa experience raffle that has some fabulous prizes up for grabs! The tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. Prizes include vouchers from Greyfriars Motel, Café Medici, Circus Cinema, Green Jersey Bike Hire, Marty Girl and Tirohana Estate. There's also a beautiful quilt handcrafted by a college old girl and a limited edition photographic book of Wairarapa Hotels among the prizes, along with some Marty Girl body oil. For more details and to purchase tickets, email scoop@solwaycollege.school.nz.

Ferguson tartan scarves and rugs – great leaving or Christmas gifts

Have you seen our fundraiser alpaca scarves (\$45) and mohair throws (\$199) in the college Ferguson tartan? These tartan items are locally made and are absolutely gorgeous. Perfect for current students and old girls alike, they would also make great leaving gifts for students finishing up this year. You can order the scarves and throws by emailing scoop@solwaycollege.school.nz or completing an order form in the college office.

There's still time to buy honey

We still have some of our delicious fundraiser honey to sell. The honey is \$10 for a 500g pottle with profits from the sales going towards upgrading the College fitness centre. The honey makes a great thank you gift and would be ideal to put away for Christmas presents. Please help us by selling honey to your colleagues, friends and family members. You can order honey by emailing scoop@solwaycollege.school.nz or filling in a form at the college office.

Upcoming events – can you help at a market stall?

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our stall at the Carterton Daffodil Festival recently. We're keen to run some more market stalls during the lead up to Christmas. If you can spare an hour to work at a stall sometime, please email scoop@solwaycollege.school.nz.

How to find out more

Check out our Facebook or website pages for news and updates. You can also email emailscoop@solwaycollege.school.nz if you'd like more information or can help with any of our activities.