

Solway College

newsletter



From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 3. Term 3 started with parent interviews based around assessment results from the first half of the year and the midyear reports. We appreciated the support of families for our efforts on behalf our students.

With the start of Term 3, well over half of the teaching year has gone and students have been reminded that, while this is a very busy term with school events, their school work must be their main focus as they lead into their NCEA external assessments at the end of the year. This is especially the case as Term 4 is a short term which means there is very little time in Term 4 to prepare for NCEA external Assessments.

Those who are involved in activities such as Tournament Week need to be well organised with their work and ensure they keep up with their work. This will mean talking to their teachers in advance of the week about what they need to do and ensuring time is spent during Tournament week on their studies.



Important Dates

Friday 31 August
Solway College
Scholarship Examinations

Monday 3 September
Exeat Weekend
SCHOOL/HOSTEL CLOSED

Monday 3 September –
Friday 7 September
Tournament Week
(Hockey 1st XI &
Soccer 1st XI)

Friday 14 September
Monday 17 September
Tuesday 18 September
Senior Examinations

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

Friday 28 September
Senior Reports sent home
Last Day of Term

CONGRATULATIONS

Scholars of the Week Senior

Abigail Smart

Term Two Week Seven

Meagan Hayes

Term Two Week Eight

Katelin Hardgrave

Term Two Week Nine

Kathleen Li

Term Two Week Ten

Paige Mowbray

Term Three Week One

Nikita Decruy

Term Three Week Two

Scholars of the Week Junior

Lauren Perry

Term Two Week Seven

Ella Munn

Term Two Week Eight

Kate Beach

Term Two Week Nine

Jessica Andrews

Term Two Week Ten

Alexandra Burling

Term Three Week One

Margot Ferguson

Term Three Week Two

Intermediate Awards

Nevaeh Greenlees

House Awards

Jessica Andrews

Kate Beach

Form Awards

Emma Faulkner

Samantha peters

Tilly Rausch

Jessi-Rae Watson

Lilly Stephens

Kathleen Li

Hazel Jones

Principal Awards

Margot Ferguson

Emma Gray

Alexandra Burling



Other Achievements

Dance

Paige Mowbray

Wairarapa Smoke Free Rock Quest

Charlotte Gooding

Allyah Gowans

Meagan Hayes

Lileana Petrovich

Jazzelle Richdale

Madeleine Somerville

Tee Hao-Aicken

Wairarapa Speech Competition

Nevaeh greenlees

Ella Munn

New Zealand Oversew Fashion Awards

Trinity Robertson-Davis

Motorcross

Ella Shannon

Wairarapa Bush Under 18 School Girls Rugby

Elizabeth Somerville

Aaliyah Allen

Gianna Verheyen

Xanthe Somerville

Wairarapa Under 15 Hockey

Montana Robertson-Davis

Archery

Eilish Skeet

School Aims and Student Achievement

Mid-Year Reports And Student Achievement

Analysis progress and of the key competency grades on student mid-year reports show that most of our students are extremely motivated and making good progress. This is very pleasing.

Students who are not doing as well as we think they can have been identified and staff are working with them to ensure they can be successful. Staff are also offering extra help and we will be implementing a study skills programme in the lead up to the next school exams.

Dance

Congratulations to Paige Mowbray who recently passed all her 5 dancing examinations - Jazz, Hip-hop, Contemporary and Tap Level 7 and 8 - with distinction (pass rate of 95% or higher).

Paige has been nominated for New Zealand Dance Nationals in all disciplines.

Well Done!

Wairarapa Smoke-Free Rockquest

The school band Concrete Acoustics participated in the Wairarapa Smoke-Free Rockquest at the Carterton events Centre recently.

Tee Hao-Aicken won the Mainz Musicianship Award for Best Instrumentalist.

Well done Tee!



Student Activities

Wairarapa Speech Competition



Recently Nevaeh Greenlees (Year 7) and Ella Munn (Year 8) represented Solway College in the Wairarapa Intermediate Speech Competition, which was held at Masterton Intermediate School.

Though they didn't make it through to the next round, both girls spoke eloquently and we are very proud of them.

Nevaeh's speech was on how hard it is to be in Year 7 and Ella spoke about all the valuable lessons she has learned from movies.

Interhouse Choral Competition

The House Choral Competition held at the end of Term 2. Thank you to all those who attended.

The overall House Choral competition was very enthusiastic and close between the Houses. The results were:

Poplar 1st Silverbirch 2nd Pine 3rd Redwood 4th

This is always a keenly contested event and included performances from the Junior Band and the Ensemble. The quality of all the performances was very good and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

Thank you to Beth Price for adjudicating this event and to our Cultural Prefects, Madeleine Somerville and Kobie Wong for organising the event.

OPERA



Thank you to Ms Mahony and Mrs Robinson who last term took the Music and Performing Arts classes to Wellington to watch the opera "The Elixir of Love".

School Ball

The school ball was held on Saturday 28 July at the YMCA in Masterton.

Staff generously gave their time to supervise as did Scott and Jodie Somerville, Janette Monaghan-Smith and Catherine Sands-Wearing.

Thank you to the ball committee for the hard work that went into organising this successful event.

New Zealand Oversew Fashion Awards

Trinity Robertson-Davis (Year 9), was a model in the New Zealand 'Oversew Fashion Awards' held recently at the Carterton Events Centre.

This was Trinity's first ever walk down the catwalk, and the design won the 'Peoples Choice Award'.

The Service And Cultural Awards

This will be held at the end of Term 3, Friday 28 September 2018 at 1:00 pm. All students are required to attend.

The Sports Awards have been moved to a later date in Term 4.

Sports News

Solway College Inter School Dressage Event

Planning is well underway for this annual event which will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 at the Solway Showgrounds.

The College looks forward to hosting over 120 riders and their families!

All enquiries to: Jane Borren Director of Sport

Email; sports @solwaycollege.school.nz

Equestrian Centre

On Friday 3 August 2018 the Equestrian Academy hosted 28 international exchange students; a part of the wonderful Masterton Intermediate School Japanese Exchange Programme.

Big thanks to our Equestrian Academy Girls!

Student Successes

Motorcross

Congratulations to Ella Shannon who competed in the first round of the National Cross Country Motorcross 500 at Taikorea recently and came 1st in the Junior Class.

Rugby



Great day out for the fabulous foursome of Elizabeth Somerville, Xanthe Somerville, Aaliyah Allen and Gianna Verheyen in the Wairarapa Bush U18 Secondary School Girls Rugby who played Horowhenua Kapiti in Levin. Although the score went against Wairarapa Bush, it was a great chance for the team to bond and get some rugby under their belt

Hockey

Montana Robertson-Davis is a member of the Wairarapa U15 Hockey Premier team which recently played in the Hawkes Bay.

Results;

Wairarapa v Hawkes Bay (Premier) lost 3-2

Wairarapa v Hawkes Bay (Championship) won 7 -0

Monty scored twice!





Archery

Eilish Skeet has been shooting with bows and arrows competitively since the start of last year.

Eilish started with shooting at targets on the family farm and now she has her own practice shooting range at Solway. This has meant that training has been made more manageable and enjoyable by this support from Solway.

Summer shooting events are mainly outdoors, but over winter there are several indoor competitions. In the outdoor events Eilish shoots 45m, but this will go up to 60m next year.

She has long-term goals of potentially reaching the Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games at some stage.

Labour weekend she is going down to Christchurch for a 3 day shoot outdoors.

Student Matters

Senior Examinations Term 3

A decision has been made to make a minor change to the timing of these exams.

The senior exams this term are formal exams that allow students to sit assessments under the conditions they can expect when in actual NZQA run exams in November.

In the event of trauma, accident etc in the actual NZQA exam period a grade derived from their performance in a similar exam situation can be submitted. The senior exam, therefore, this term fills this role. These end of year exams are **most important**.

The original dates for exams were to quickly follow on after tournament week. This did not allow much study time leading up to exams for these students. We have therefore altered the times so exams run from **Friday 14 September, Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 September 2018**. Students now have plenty of preparation time (nearly 5 weeks). They are being given detailed instructions by subject teachers as to what they are to expect to do in these exams. Students will be soon confirming their exam schedule.

We wish to reiterate the importance of these exams and look forward to your support for your daughters as they prepare.

Solway College Scholarships For Bursaries 2019

Information about Solway College scholarships and bursaries for 2019 has been emailed to you. The date to return the forms indicating which scholarships or bursaries students wish to apply for is **24 August 2018**. The Solway scholarship examinations will be held on Friday **31 August 2018**.

If your daughter wants to enter for any of the scholarship or bursaries please fill in the forms and return them to us.

Headlice

We now have available in the school office and hostel a flier on how to treat head lice. The flier has been developed locally and produced with the help of Masterton Medical Centre.

Please ask either the office staff or the matrons if you would like a copy.

If you have a daughter with a particular case of bad head lice please contact your local medical centre. Subsidised treatments are available on prescription for severe cases of head lice.

Exeat Weekend

Please note the school and hostel will be closed on **Monday 3 September 2018** for an exeat weekend.

Staff Matters

We welcome Mrs Johnson back and welcome to our two new GAP students from Germany Fiona Scannell and Yolanda Bördgen.

We are also pleased to announce Mrs Jane Borren has been appointed to the newly established role of Director of Sport at Solway. Mrs Borren will be responsible for overseeing the ongoing development of the college's sports program aimed at providing appropriate sport opportunities for all students and improving student wellbeing and sports performance at the college.

Other News

Rail Safety Week (13 - 19 August 2018)

To mark Rail Safety Week we wanted to remind students and whanau of the importance of always looking for trains when crossing railway tracks, and particularly taking care to look for the second train.

The message this Rail Safety Week is back to basics – **'Look right, look left for trains'**.

It's also really important to always wait until the bells and lights have stopped operating before crossing.

This link to a Drax Project music video is an excellent way to show how we can all stop, look and think when getting across a level crossing, and particularly how important it is to not use headphones around railway tracks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge_TTLAK0k.

For younger children, as well as looking and listening before crossing, please make it clear to them that if bells and lights are going, it's because **a second train could be coming and it's not safe to cross**.

Thank you for your support in spreading these safety messages.

For more information about safe behaviour around tracks and trains, see Tracksafe.co.nz.

Ngā mihi

Hospice Wairarapa Country Christmas



Gather some friends for a magical Christmas Weekend in the Wairarapa Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 November.

Following the runaway success of our biennial Country Christmas Tour and Fete launched in 2014, Hospice Wairarapa is delighted to be bringing "A touch of Country Christmas" to Masterton and Carterton in 2018.

Team up with friends and family for our self-drive tour of unique venues carefully chosen in a variety of styles and designs all decorated in a diverse range of Christmas themes.

Venues will be open from 9.30am to 4:30pm on both the 3 and 4 of November and the tour can be completed in a day, or you could take a more leisurely pace and enjoy a true Wairarapa weekend experience.

The Country Christmas Fete will again be a highlight with exceptional quality goods on sale from around the lower North Island. Stall holders have been selected for their high-end gifts to small stocking fillers. Entry to the Fete at the Trust House Recreation Centre in Masterton is free to Tour goers, and to the public or a gold coin donation.

The Country Christmas Tour is a highlight on the Wairarapa summer calendar. It is also an important biennial fundraiser for Hospice Wairarapa to ensure patient and family services can be delivered free of charge to all who seek Hospice support now and in the future. Hospice General Manager Suzie Adamson says "Without the generosity of our incredible homeowners, the passion and skills of the decorating and the wonderful sponsors who support this fundraiser, we simply couldn't make this vision the huge success it has become".

So convene your co-workers, gather your girlfriends, rally your rellies and treat yourselves to a much deserved break away in beautiful Wairarapa. Be inspired to create your own distinctive Christmas theme at home and get in some early gift buying at the fabulous Christmas Fête while supporting a very worthy cause.

Purchase your Tour and Fete tickets now through Eventfinda or at www.countrychristmas.org.nz



Solway College fundraising team (SCOOP) news

New fundraiser: Ferguson tartan scarves and rugs

SCOOP has commissioned some beautiful alpaca scarves (\$45) and mohair throws (\$199) in the college Ferguson tartan to sell as a fundraiser. You can order these by emailing scoop@solwaycollege.school.nz or completing an order form in the college office. There are samples in the college office reception area that you can check out before ordering. Great for keeping warm and cosying up dorm rooms in the colder months, the scarves and throws also make fabulous gifts.

Honey promotion – extended!

We've extended our current honey promotion until the end of August so there's still time to get in the draw to win two movie tickets from the Screening Room along with a \$20 voucher to spend at the cinema. To enter, simply order five or more pottles of our delicious fundraiser honey and we'll put you in the draw. You can get a honey order form from the [SCOOP page](#) on the college website or from the college office. The honey is \$10 for a 500g pottle with profits from the sales going towards upgrading the College fitness centre.

Movie fundraiser

Thanks to everyone that came to our movie fundraiser in June. It was a great way to spend a rainy Sunday afternoon. Proceeds from the fundraiser have gone towards the college introducing a new school app. Based on the popularity of this event, we'll be looking to do more movie fundraisers in the future.

Help needed – honey stalls

We need help to run some honey stalls at events such as the Farmers Market over the next couple of months. If you can spare a couple of hours to work at a stall sometime, please email scoop@solwaycollege.school.nz. It's a great way to help support our efforts to purchase those extra items that all our girls and the college will benefit from.

How to find out more

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