

Solway College

newsletter



From the Principal

Important Dates

A very big thank you to all who supported our Open Day on Saturday. It was a stunning day and we had more families visit the college than ever before. There was a wide range of activities and our students impressed with their enthusiasm and confidence. The feedback from our visitors has been hugely positive. We are now very busy with enrolment interviews.

Thank you also to all families and whanau who supported our parent-teacher interviews at the end of last term.

Examinations for all students are being held this term. It is important that all students learn how to prepare as well as they can for this form of assessment and especially so in the light of the changes to NCEA which have just been announced as these changes put more emphasis on examinations. We are running study skills programs to assist students with their preparations but students must appreciate that they need to prioritise their study in the period leading up to exams.

Our winter sports season is underway. Thank you to our families for your support. As you will see in this newsletter our sportswomen are currently excelling on the local and national scene in a very wide range of sports with quite outstanding results and achievements.

Friday 24 May
**Board Of Trustees
Nominations
Closing Date**

Saturday 25 May
SCOOP Quiz Night

Monday 27 May –
Tuesday 28 May
Junior Examinations

Monday 3 June
**Queen's Birthday
School Closed**

Tuesday 4 June
**Teacher Only Day
School Closed**

Monday 10 June –
Tuesday 11 June
Senior Examinations



CONGRATULATIONS

Scholars of the Week Senior

Jessica Andrews
Term One Week Eight

Eilish Skeet
Term One Week Nine

Julia O'Driscoll
Term One Week Ten

Lucy Collis
Term One Week Eleven

Jessie-May Cassells
Term Two Week One

Tee Hao-Aickin
Term Two Week Two

Scholars of the Week Junior

Sheryl Chand
Term One Week Eight

Elle Uttley
Term One Week Nine

Moana Papworth
Term one Week Ten

Gabrielle Nilsson
Term One Week Eleven

Jessica Simmonds
Term Two Week One

Punrada Teerachinapat
Term Two Week Two

Kaiaka Tuatahi

Hana Ismail
Esther Leinfellner
Punrada Teerachinapat

Kaiaka Tuatahi

Cadey Sims
Sheryl Chand
Gabrielle Nilsson

Kaiaka Whare

Jazzelle Richdale

Hostel Awards

Punrada Teerachinapat - Friendship helping new Thai students
Olivia Mancer - Gold Award
Elle Uttley - Compassion
Lok Yi Anson Fan - Courage (crossed a swing bridge with Elle guiding her)
Abigail Smart - being considerate towards others



Other Achievements

Sheilah Winn Intercollegiate Shakespeare

Aaliyah Allen
Maisie Arnold- Barron
Michelle Bgoni
Zoe Blair
Jessie-May Cassells
Ella Cato
Sheryl Chand
Lucy Collis
Paighe Crossan
Rhiann Dirkx-Dragovich
Emma Faulkner
Annie Ferguson
Margot Ferguson
Allyah Gowans
Emma Gray
Katelin Hardgrave
Ava Jackson
Hazel Jones
Grace Kavanagh
Imogen Marsden
Fern McCallum
Greta McGrath
Olivia Morgan
Paige Mowbray
Moana Papworth
Baylee Parr
Samantha Peters
Sarah Peters
Lileana Petrovich
Ella Phillips
Sarah Phillips
Xanthe Somerville
Maya Sugrue
Emma Tapper
Alofa Tomane
Plum Vallée
Tilly Vallée
Georgia Wearing
Freya Wright
Victoria Wright

Wairarapa Community Orchestra

Tee Hao-Aickin
Charlotte Gooding
Yolanda Bördgen
Melissa Burns
Freya Wright
Sheryl Chand
Keegan Hare

Other Achievements Continued

The National Youth Drama School

Tee Hao-Aickin
Lileana Petrovich

Wellington Regional Debating Finals

Abigail Hinds
Sophie McNab
Georgia Makirere
Montana Robertson-Davis
Tabitha Leinfellner
Margot Ferguson

North Island Secondary Schools Athletic Championships

Asha Graham
Nelly Bourke
Siena Cockburn
Billie-Rae Parkes
Greta McGrath

Intercollegiate Swimming

Bridget Allan Rosalie Bos Siena Cockburn
Ella Fenwick Annie Ferguson Margot Ferguson
Hazel Jones Noemi Leinfellner Tabitha Leinfellner
Millie Matthews Sophie McNab Gabrielle Nilsson
Julia O'Driscoll Montana Robertson-Davis Trinity Robertson-Davis
Charlotte Smith

New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships

Bridget Allan

Motorcross

Ella Shannon

Archery

Alyssa Mowbray

Dog Showing

Jade Oakly

Lawn Bowls

Olivia Mancer

Waka Ama

Elizabeth Somerville Aaliyah Allen Mahony Puketapu
Billie-Rae Parkes Xanthe Somerville Zoe Blair
Greta McGrath Madeleine Somerville Aaliyah Allen

Football

Nina Kondo
Michelle Bgoni

Equestrian

Amelia Heathcote Hazel Jones Grace Gray

Recognising Achievement And Effort



Academic Colours Awards

The Academic Colours Awards Ceremony was held on the last day of Term 1 just prior to parent/teacher interviews. The top awards were:

Double Gold Academic Colours Award (for top level achievement for six years):

Jessie-May Cassells

Noemi Leinfellner

Gold Academic Colours Awards (for top level achievement for five years):

Baylee Parr

Imogen Marsden

Paighe Crossan

Mikala Shannon

Rhiann Dirx-Dragovich

Grace Kavanagh

Tee Hao-Aickin

Lileana Petrovich

Ava Jackson

Academic Elite Awards (For overall excellence in NCEA in 2018):

Charlotte Gooding

Georgia Wearing

Aaliyah Allen

Grace Kavanagh

Jessie-May Cassells

Lileana Petrovich

Tee Hao-Aickin

Bailie Sims

Ava Jackson

Allyah Gowans

Noemi Leinfellner

Maisie Arnold-Barron

Sophie McNab

Paighe Crossan

Mikala Shannon

The Quirke Sisters Trophy

(for student gaining most excellence credits in NCEA 2018): Tee Hao-Aickin

Student Activities

House Competition Results

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

House Pavement Art: 1st Pine 2nd Silverbirch 3rd Redwood 4th Poplar

House Choral (Singing) Competition – Friday 5 July



The main House activity for this term is the Interhouse Choral (Singing) Competition and preparation for this is now underway. The competition, which is a **compulsory attendance** event, will be held on Friday 5 July. **Please do not make arrangements which require your daughter to leave prior to this.** Family and friends of Solway are most welcome to attend this event.

Cultural Activities

Sheilah Winn Intercollegiate Shakespeare

The Sheilah Winn Intercollegiate Shakespeare Festival was held on Tuesday evening 9 April 2019 evening.

It was a very special one for Solway as it was Mrs Rogerson's last time as director. Our girls really appreciate and respect her wide knowledge and love for Shakespeare so they wanted to give their very best performance in her honour. They performed the feast scene from Macbeth and the three students who played the title role (Fern McCallum, Baylee Parr and Maisie Arnold-Barron) were rewarded with a certificate acknowledging their outstanding representation of the three sides of this complex character. Margot Ferguson, as Lady Macbeth, also received a lot of very complimentary comments from the audience and was acknowledged by the adjudicator for her outstanding performance.



We were so proud of our whole cast, which was by far the largest in the festival.

Well done to all the actors and backstage people and especially to our director, Mrs Rogerson.

Wairarapa Community Orchestra

We have a number of Solway College musicians who belong to the Wairarapa Community Orchestra.

In the latest concert, Tee Hao-Aickin was a featured soloist, playing violin, with Charlotte Gooding as first Saxophone and Yolanda Bördgen our GAP tutor as first clarinet. Melissa Burns is in the clarinet section as well as Mrs Robinson. Mrs Robinson also had the honour of playing pseudo harp as part of the group that accompanied Tee in her very moving solo.

Thirty students from a number of schools were invited to join the orchestra in the second half. It was great to have Freya Wright playing with the cello section while Sheryl Chand and Keegan Hare also joined the string section playing violin.

Well done all of you.

The National Youth Drama School

During the school holidays Tee Hao-Aickin and Lileana Petrovich attended The National Youth Drama School which took place in Havelock North, Hawkes Bay from Saturday 13 April 2019 – Sunday 21 April 2019.

There were a range of classes available, including Advanced Acting, Circus Skills, Directing, Street Art, Acting Shakespeare, Dance, Musical Theatre, and more. Lily attended Improv Comedy with a taster in Drag School and Tee chose Songwriting.

Both have shared their experience with their fellow students at assembly.

Wellington Regional Debating Finals

On Saturday 23 March 2019 and Sunday 24 March 2019 two teams of Solway College students competed in the Wellington Regional Debating finals.

Abigail Hinds, Sophie McNab, Georgia Makirere, Montana Robertson-Davis, Tabitha Leinfellner and Margot Ferguson debated a wide range of topics such as decentralised government, drugs in sport, social media relationships, tariffs and quotas on imports and the school curriculum.

The students were only given 30 minutes to prepare for each debate and had to speak for 6 – 8 minutes each. The standard of debating was very high.

For our students, this was their first experience of debating at this level and we are extremely proud of them. The team of Montana, Margot and Tabitha won one of their debates and the other team of Sophie, Georgia and Abigail lost one by only half a point.

Debating teaches so many valuable skills, and this was a great experience for the girls who now know what to expect when they enter next year.

Sports News

Student Successes

North Island Secondary Schools Athletic Championships

On April 6 -7 2019 Asha Graham (sprints, long jump), Nelly Bourke (hammer), Siena Cockburn (sprint relays, high jump), Billie-Rae Parkes (shot put, discus) and Greta McGrath (javelin) were part of the Wairarapa Secondary Schools team which went to Tauranga to compete in the North Island Secondary School Athletics.



The girls achieved a large number of personal bests, and top 8 finishes.

Swimming

Intercollegiate Swimming

Towards the end of last term a Solway College team of 17 swimmers competed in the Intercollegiate Swimming competition with the following results;

9 Gold 4 Silver 10 Bronze - 11 records were broken on the night, four went to Solway College swimmers.

Congratulations to the whole team, especially the record breakers:

- Noemi Leinfellner Open 100 Individual Medley
- Bridget Allan U15 50m Backstroke
- Siena Cockburn U15 50m Freestyle
- Senior Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay
(Bridget Allan, Siena Cockburn, Noemi Leinfellner and Ella Fenwick).

Solway won 10 races including the 4 x 50m Open Girls Freestyle Relay (won by half a length) and broke 3 records!

Congratulations to champions Siena Cockburn, Noemi Leinfellner and Bridget Allan.

New Zealand National Age Group Swimming Championships

Bridget Allan competed in the New Zealand National Age Group Swimming Championships in Wellington over the school holidays.

She made 3 Backstroke finals finishing; 8th 100m, 9th 200m and 10th 50m. She also raced two Freestyle events finishing in personal best times.

Bridget qualified to swim in the New Zealand Open National Championships later in the year. Congratulations Bridget.

Motorcross

Ella Shannon has been racing for the past 6 months in the Central Cross Country Series. She finished off the season with an overall win in the Women's Class having had a clean sweep of 1sts in all 5 rounds with new personal best times in 3 of those rounds.



This was great practice for New Zealand Junior Nationals which was held in the last week of the school holidays.

Ella found the track for this event tough considering it was sand and it got worse over the 3 days of racing.

Ella qualified 2nd for the Junior Women's with ups and downs along the way including a small crash, but overall her points added up to her being on top and coming 2nd in the New Zealand Junior Women Division.

Congratulations Ella, this is an outstanding result.

Archery

Alyssa Mowbray recently competed at the International Field Archery Association world event competition in Wellington achieving 4th place in the world. Great result! Congratulations!

She has been selected to shoot for New Zealand on the Archery Trans-Tasman team July 2019. Alyssa will attend a training camp over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Dog Showing

Jade Oakly recently competed in her first 2 day Championship Obedience Dog test.

She received 3rd place in Elementary 1 and 3rd place in Elementary 2 with her golden retriever Chance.

New Zealand Secondary School Tournament Week 25 March – 28 March 2019 Lawn Bowls and Waka Ama

Lawn Bowls



Congratulations to Olivia Mancer (Year 10), who competed in the NZSS Open Girls Championship in Auckland achieving a top 8 result, on the challenging hard and fast greens of Cornwall and Remuera.

Well done Olivia, coach Ian Monaghan and the support team.

Waka Ama

Championship Semi-finalists!

A huge effort by our Junior Waka crews of Elizabeth Somerville, Aaliyah Allen, Mahony Puketapu, Billie-Rae Parkes, Xanthe Somerville, Zoe Blair and Greta McGrath in Rotorua making the Championship semi-finals.

W1 – Elizabeth Somerville - Plate Semi-finals

W12 - double-hulled with Francis Douglas Memorial College – Plate Semi-finals

W6 250m – Plate Semi -finals

W6 500m – Championship Semi-finals

Every race brought personal bests, some by over 20 seconds!

Well done girls, Wairarapa Waka Ama Club coaches Paddy and Kath Rimene , Manager Jodie Somerville and the parent support team.



Some exciting news from Waka Ama competitions that took place over the holidays.

Elizabeth Somerville, Xanthe Somerville and Madeleine Somerville won a gold medal in the Te Wheke Challenge, paddling 7km in Lake Taupo. They then, along with Aaliyah Allen, came sixth in the country at the National Long Distance Championships in Auckland, paddling 12 km.

Two fantastic results for our Waka paddlers!

Football

Great news Nina Kondo (Year 10) has been named in the New Zealand Football U17 Squad and during the school holidays attended the New Zealand U17 Football Squad Camp in Auckland.

Nina attends the Paul Ifill Football Academy based at Rathkeale, and is a member of the Wairarapa United Womens Football team along with Michelle Bgoni, Year12. These young girls are quite a duo!

Equestrian

The Equestrian Academy girls rode at the Nga Tawa Interschool Showjumping event with a mixed bag of results.

Amelia Heathcote rode at the Te Horo Interschool Equestrian Event following results;

13+ flat class ring 5th

Best pairs (with another rider)

60cm and 70cm Jumping – 2 clear rounds

Tip and Out Class reached 90cm before being out

Hazel Jones rode at the Otaki College Interschool equestrian event.

A huge well done to Equestrian code captain, Grace Gray, for her fantastic result at the New Zealand Pony Club Association Eventing Championships in Auckland.



Grace was one of six riders selected to represent Wairarapa/Wellington.

Grace was placed 5th on her horse Marco in the Dorothy Campbell Trophy Division, highest placed Wairarapa/Wellington rider of the three representatives in this class. The team placed 4th overall.

Fantastic achievement for everyone involved. Well done. We are very proud of all the effort and hard work Grace put in during the lead up to this prestigious event. Such a well-deserved result!

Student Matters

Fees for NCEA 2019

On 13 May, the Minister of Education made a significant pre-budget announcement around NCEA. The Minister's pre-budget announcement can be found in full at www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/wellbeing-budget-2019 and had three major parts but regarding fees: NZQA fees will no longer be charged for participating in NCEA and NZQA Scholarship as of this year, with funding instead to be provided directly to NZQA by Government.

VEHICLES

Students require written permission to drive vehicles to and from school. The vehicle permission forms are available from Mrs Stevenson. Hostel students must hand their car keys to the matrons. No student is to travel in a vehicle driven by another student, even if they have their full licence without the necessary permission.



TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE PLEASE OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMITS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

This is particularly important in the area past Rata Dormitory, the Main Office and Solway House where the speed limit is **10 kph**.

Vehicles parked at Solway are parked at the owner's risk.

Other News

Regional Public Health - Influenza

Influenza season is upon us, so we recommend that families visit the following websites;

- Influenza vaccination is recommended for children and teens to stop them getting sick and reduce flu spreading in the community – www.fightflu.co.nz/information-parents
- 2019 “Flu can be anywhere’ brochure and RPH ‘Influenza’ brochure – www.rph.org.nz/influenza



Board of Trustees Election

The Electoral Roll for the election is available for inspection at the main school office.

Nominations are now open and nomination papers were posted to all eligible voters last week. You are able to nominate yourself, or someone else. Nominations must be returned to the Returning Officer at school by **24 May**.

If there are more than five nominations there will be an election and voting papers will be posted to all eligible voters by 29 May.

Please consider standing for this and being involved in your school.

Lynette Richardson
Returning Officer

Teacher Only Day 4 June

This weekend is an exeat from the hostel and school will not be operating on the 4th of June as it has been set aside for our staff to join with their Wairarapa colleagues as members of the Whakaoriori Kahui Ako. This is the Masterton Community of Learning and offers teachers the chance to work together on best practice for the benefit of all young people in our community. Students will return to the hostel on Tuesday night.

Donation

Ultra-Scan Pregnancy Testing and Animal Services are a business that specializes in pregnancy scanning cows and they offer new clients an opportunity to raise money for a school of their choice.

Thank you to Ultra-Scan who recently made a donation to our school.

If any of our rural families are thinking of pregnancy scanning cows please give them a call 06 375 8432 or 027 257 9958 or visit their website mckay@ultra-scan.co.nz

Wairarapa Times-Age Sports Awards

The annual Wairarapa-Times Age Sports Awards recognise Wairarapa’s top sports people for their achievement during the period 1 March 2018 – 31 March 2019.

It will be held on Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Copthorne Hotel and Resort Solway Park.

Bridget Allan is a finalist in the Youth Category and Solway College is a finalist in College of the Year Category.



News Of Old Girls

Rose Collis (2008-2012 former Head Girl) has recently been awarded a \$10,000 Freemasons Post Graduate Research Scholarship to help towards her PhD which she is working on with the food assurance team at AgResearch. Rose, who has a passion for science, also volunteers for an interactive science programme at primary schools in Palmerston North, introducing students to microbiology and how important microbes are in our day to day lives.

Aspen Pugh (2013-201217) is in the second year of her Software Engineering degree at Victoria University.

A special thank you to both Rose and Aspen who came and supported the college on Open Day and worked a long side our staff in the science labs and digital rooms.



Term Two 2019

Well, the school holidays just flew past and we are back into the school routines again.

SCOOP is busy working on the details for the Quiz Night and are looking for donations of goods or services to be used as prizes for the winning team(s) or for the raffle. We need small items like non-perishable luxury food products or beauty items for a gift basket, or canned food for mystery prizes. If every family donated something towards the pool we would have some awesome prizes for the winning teams.

Please contact a member of the committee if you wish to make a donation or drop it off at the College office.

Quiz night—Saturday 25 May

Tickets are available through Eventbrite and are \$10 per player of \$60 per team plus booking fees. (\$4.78 per team)

We hope to have over 30 teams participating for a fun night of trivia.

AGM—Thursday 23 May @ 6:30pm

As an incorporated society, SCOOP is required to hold an AGM each year. This year the AGM will be held on 23rd May @ 6:30pm in the College Staff Lunch Room off the Dining Hall. This is an open meeting at which the Committee Officers will be appointed for the year. If you would like to attend please feel welcome. If you would like to nominate someone for an elected position, nominations need to be in writing and seconded and handed into the college office by 20th May 2019.

Please mark envelopes clearly as being SCOOP Committee Nominations.

The AGM will be followed by a General Committee Meeting focused on Quiz Night planning.

Interested in joining SCOOP?

We are always keen to hear from members of our extended school community who would like to join the committee or to help out with events and in bringing fundraising ideas to life.

Our committee meets on the third Thursday of each month (except for school holidays) @ 6:30pm. We like to keep much of our planning going between meetings using project teams, emails and a closed Facebook group for communications amongst the team. All fundraising ideas are considered by the group and we try to keep it as fun and interesting as possible.

Your Committee

If you have any questions about our fundraising endeavours, or can help us in any way, please get in touch with us by email or Facebook Messenger, or talk to one of our friendly and helpful committee members:

Chair:	Annette Peters
Secretary:	Position Vacant
Treasurer:	Petra Dirkx
General Committee:	Jamiee Burns, Clare Matthews, Katey Salmond, Heidi Ward-McGrath, Paula Nilsson, Marina Burling, Grace Mowbray, Paighe Crossan and Baylee Parr