

JUNE 2018

Solway College

newsletter



From the Principal

The midyear examinations have been held and reports will be emailed before the end of term. The examinations and assessments provided practice for all students in sitting the external examinations which are an important part of NCEA.

For many of our students in the junior school this is their first experience of such exams and they have been encouraged to take time to think about their results and learn from them so they can improve next time.

It is pleasing to note that a good number of students recorded outstanding results and effort grades on their reports.

Parent interviews will be held early in the new term.

Important Dates

Friday 6 July
1:15 pm

House Choral Competition
(Compulsory Attendance)

Friday 6 July
Last Day Term 2

Monday 23 July
Term 3 begins



CONGRATULATIONS

Scholars of the Week Senior

Sophie McNab

Term Two Week Three

Tee Hao-Aickin

Term Two Week Four

Madeleine Somerville

Term Two Week Five

Samantha Peters

Term Two Week Six

Scholars of the Week Junior

Moana Papworth

Term Two Week Three

Montana Robertson-Davis

Term Two Week Four

Lucy Collis

Term Two Week Five

Bridget Allan

Term Two Week Six

Intermediate Awards

Matariki Watene-Browne

House Awards

Rhiann Dirkx-Dragovich

Keisha Richdale

Elizabeth Somerville

Principal's Award

Charlotte Gooding

Emily Rolls

Form Awards

Angela Dulnuan

Greta McGrath

Hannah Walker

Lauren Perry

Maisie Arnold-Barron

Annie McNab

Alicia-Eve King-Chapman

Julia O'Driscoll

Plum Vallée

Tilly Vallée



Other Achievements

Intercollegiate Debating

Maisie Arnold-Barron
Kate Beach
Riley Campbell
Annie Ferguson
Abigail Hinds
Tabitha Leinfellner
Sophie McNab
Montana Robertson-Davis
Eilish Skeet
Hannah Walker
Georgia Wearing

Wairarapa Times Age Sports Awards

Grace Gray
Bridget Allan
Senior Waka Ama

Wairarapa Primary Schools Cross Country

Neveah Greenlees
Elyza McDonald
Zoe Blair
Xanthe Somerville
Sydnee Johnson
Keisha Richdale

Hockey

Montana Robertson-Davis
Emma Gray
Moana Papworth

Netball

Annie McNab

Equestrian

Hazel Jones
Vianne Downs
Elyza McDonald
Grace Gray

School Aims and Student Achievement

Student Activities

Intercollegiate Debating

On Wednesday 23 May 2018 the Year 9 and Senior debaters had their debating competition which resulted in great wins, (with the Year 10 team winning by default).

There were some thoughtful speeches from both sides on the abolition of zoos (Year 9) and the US Constitution's Second Amendment (Seniors). Both topics gave the audience food for thought on these relevant issues.

Well done debaters! The Senior team have been undefeated in two years of debating!

Vocal Spectacular

On Friday 25 May 2018 the 'Vocal Spectacular', was held in the Rathkeale auditorium.

The Solway College School Choir and the Ensemble performed along with other school choirs from our region.

It was an enjoyable evening and a good opportunity to listen to the various choirs.

World Vision Concert

On Thursday 7 June 2018 Wairarapa College and Solway College held a charity concert in aid of World Vision for Syrian children.



The performers from Solway were the Ensemble, Concrete Acoustics (The Senior Band), and Paige Mowbray (in a dance trio).

The evening was completely student-organised and showcased the incredible talents of our students.

Form Concert

The annual impromptu form concert was held last Friday to celebrate the end of exams.

As usual, only newspaper costumes were allowed and each form had only one hour to prepare. The Year 10 class won best overall item with their Harry Potter trailer.

Daphne Blakaway won the tiara for the most memorable moment and Tabitha Leinfellner won the tiara for the best dancing.



Sports News

Wairarapa Times Age Sports Awards 2018

Solway College was a finalist in two categories last night at the Wairarapa Times Age 2018 Sports Awards. These were our Senior Waka Ama team in Youth Sports Team of the Year category and the college itself in the College of the Year category.

At the Awards, the Wairarapa Sports Education Trust also announced the recipients of its scholarships which support up and coming sports men and women. There were four scholarships awarded and two went to Solway students; Grace Gray for equestrian and Bridget Allan for swimming. Congratulations!

The WTA Sports Awards are the premier awards for sports in the Wairarapa and it was great to see such a strong Solway presence. A big thank you to our students, staff, families, coaches, officials and managers and of course to Mrs Borren for your hard work in making Solway sports so strong!

Wairarapa Primary Schools' Cross Country Competition



The Wairarapa Primary Schools' Cross Country competition was held recently on a stunning Wairarapa winter's day at the Tauherenikau Racecourse near Featherston.

The girls raced well even though there was plenty of mud despite the fine conditions.

Well done to:

Year 7 - Neveah Greenlees, Elyza McDonald

Year 8 - Zoe Blair, Xanthe Somerville, Sydnee Johnson and Keisha Richdale

Congratulations to Zoe Blair who qualified to race at the Wellington Regional Primary Schools' Cross Country Championships on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at the Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt. 🏃

Tough Gal Competition

Some of our girls recently took part in the Toi Ohomai Wellington Secondary Schools Tough Guy and Girl Challenge.

The course included water trails, a spider's web net climb, mud slide, crawling under barbed wire, a tricky wire rope bridge, native bush trails, paddock running, swamp crossing and lots of mud.

A good day was had by all.



Equestrian Academy – Learn To Ride!

It is very exciting to have a learn to ride program underway at school. We are very lucky to have the lease of a lovely horse called Meeka for the girls to ride and look after. Meeka is very safe and enjoys teaching riders the basics. She is a bit cheeky in character which keeps us all on our toes and keeps everyone smiling with her funny quirks.



It's lovely to see some new faces down at the Equestrian Academy base enjoying the facilities and getting the opportunity to ride at school. It is great to see all of the girls growing in confidence after each lesson and all finishing their sessions with a big smile. The girls are not only learning the basics of riding but also plenty of vital horse management skills.

We still have a few spaces left in the program which runs after school from Monday through to Thursday. This program will run for another four weeks. Please get in touch with Francesca with any questions or to enroll your daughter for the remainder of the program (francesca.silver@solwaycollege.school.nz).

Student Successes

Hockey

Wairarapa U15 Girls' Representative Hockey Teams have been named for this year.

Congratulations to Montana Robertson-Davis, U15 Wairarapa Premier Team, and Moana Papworth and Emma Gray, U15 Wairarapa Championship Team.

They will be playing National Tournaments in the first week of the October school holidays - in the Hawkes Bay and Auckland. Super! 🏒🏒🏒

Netball

Congratulations to Annie McNab who has been selected to play in the Year 9 Wairarapa Netball Representative team.

The team will play in a National Competition in the July holidays in New Plymouth.

Good luck Annie!

Equestrian

At the end of May some of our equestrian girls competed in various competitions around the country.

The results are as follows;

Hazel Jones competing at the Waikanae Showjumping winter series came 4th in the 90cm division.

Vianne Downs and Elyza McDonald competed at the Solway Winter Dressage series. Vianne came 5th in the over 13 intro and Elyza came 6th in the under 13 intro.

Grace Gray who was a member of a composite team at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Horse Trials event competed in the 95cm division. The team was placed 2nd.

Student Matters

Van Rides For Daygirls

Just a reminder on day girl access to minivan rides for after-school events.

The conditions of use are:

1. The service is for **SCHOOL** activities and events only
2. If your student uses the service, a flat rate of \$30 per term will be added to your account
(The full \$30 rate applies irrespective of the number of times the van is used by the student)
3. The ride **MUST** be booked by the Monday of the week the ride is needed or no ride will be available
4. The ride must be booked for both ways if a return to school needed
5. The service is only available from school and back to school

These conditions are necessary to enable us to organise and manage the service.

For Negotiated Boarders only

If your student is in the hostel on the day you require the ride no booking is necessary.

If your daughter is **NOT** in the Hostel on the day the ride is required, you will need to book the ride by the Monday of the week the ride is required but there is no additional charge for Negotiated Boarders

End Of Term 2 Arrangements: Friday 6 July 1:15pm

PLEASE NOTE: The House Choral Competition is a compulsory school event which all students and families have been aware of from the Term Calendar Please do not ask for early release as all students are required to participate. Full dress uniform is required.



The Hostel will be open until 5:00pm to allow students to collect their property. We ask that all students arrange to have all of their belongings out by then. All hostel students are reminded that, apart from that of full boarders, all property is to be taken home at the end of the term. There is limited storage available for the property of full boarders and storage can be arranged by contacting the matrons.

Property is stored at the owner's risk.

Reports And Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 2 Reports will be emailed out electronically in our KAMAR format or posted to families shortly.

Parent Teacher interviews will be held in the second week of Term 3. Information on booking appointments will be sent by email at the start of Term 3.

Authenticity Form

Assessment work for internally assessed standards completed **must be** the student's own work.

Students and caregivers will be expected to sign an Authenticity Declaration., therefore senior students (Years 11, 12 and 13) are required to complete and return the declaration to Solway College.

Year 11 students, selected Year 10 students who are doing NCEA internals this year, those students who are new to Solway College and any senior student that we do not have an Authenticity Declaration on file will receive a copy to be completed and returned to the college as soon as possible.

School Photographs

School photos will be next Monday 25 June.

Students will need their sports gear on that day as well as normal winter uniform and blazers.



Start Of Term Arrangements

Term 3 starts Monday 23 July **at the normal time of 8.20am**. Hostel students (other than four day and negotiated 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.

Metlink Transport

At the end of April Snapper Cards were introduced on the new Metlink lemon and lime buses and there were minor changes to school bus timetables.

Students using public transport to travel to and from school, will need to know about **changes to fares and tickets** for Metlink trains and buses from **Sunday 15 July 2018**, ahead of the start of Term 3.

Any questions about Snapper please visit the website **snapper.co.nz** or email info@snapper.co.nz or call **0800 555 345**.

Safety When Crossing Rail Tracks



Too many people are killed on railway crossings please take time to read the important poster on rail track safety.

If you would like a copy of this flyer please contact; megan.drayton@tracksafe.co.nz

Please note students catching or alighting the train at Solway Station must use the controlled crossing in Hillcrest Street to cross the tracks.

Hostel

There has been a reshuffle of staff in the Hostel with a view to expanding the team. This means we have a number of new staff. The full team is;

Mrs Raylene Nicholls
Mrs Debbie Martel

Head Matron
Deputy Head Matron

Ms Emma White
Ms Gemma Matthews
Ms Jessica Galbraith
Ms Louise Skipper
Mrs Rochelle Williams

Mrs Laurel Booth
Ms Terry Hodder
Ms Hayley Henwood
Mrs Denise Stagg

Staff Matters

Francesca Silver-Carter was recently appointed to the position of permanent manager of Solway's Equestrian Academy.

Congratulations to Francesca (aka Frankie, Chess) on all her hard work and effort and the very real vision she has ahead for the Equestrian Academy.



Our GAP Tutors, Miss Pia Wellmann and Miss Jorina Wallnig are returning home at the end of this term. They have been great members of our staff and we thank them for their service to Solway and wish them all the very best for their future.

Replacement GAP Tutors will arrive at the start of next term.

Other News

Leaps And Bounds

Outward Bound New Zealand is offering a course to teens aged 13 – 15 years and their parent or caregiver during the July and September school holidays. The course is aimed at building and strengthening the important parent / teen bond in a fun and healthy environment.

A flyer is attached to this email or to find out more contact;

outwardbound.co.nz or phone 0800 688 927

Defensive Driving Course

The Defensive Driving Course is run by AA driving instructor Lee Quayle and costs \$254. This fee covers the in-class sessions, an on-line component and an in-car driving assessment.

The next Defensive Driving Courses are on the following dates;

Monday 25 June 2018
Tuesday 26 June 2018
Monday 2 July 2018
Wednesday 4 July 2018

The course is held at Wairarapa College in Room 62 and starts at 6:00 pm and finishes approximately at 8:00 pm

For further information contact Lee Quayle cellphone number 021 154 7346.



Honey promotion

Our honey fundraiser is well underway with lots of pottles sold to date. Thanks to everyone who has got behind this fundraiser – it's been great to see the honey orders coming in.

We're running a special promotion over the next month to increase honey sales. For every five pottles you order before the end of July, you'll go into the draw for two movie tickets from the Screening Room along with a \$20 voucher to spend at the cinema.

You can get a honey order form from the SCOOP page on the college website (under the Community section) 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

We're counting down to our movie fundraiser on Sunday 24 June at the Screening Room. There are still some tickets available for Jurassic World (start time 2.30pm) and Ocean's 8 (drinks from 2.30pm, movie at 3pm). Both movies finish at the same time. Tickets are available at VetCare in Masterton and Greytown (adults \$22, child \$16). Get yours today and come along for a fun afternoon at the movies!

Upcoming events

We've been developing a range of items produced with the Solway College Ferguson tartan, including a scarf and rug. We'll provide more details about these next term along with information about other upcoming activities.

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.

Next SCOOP meeting: Thursday 5 July at 6.30pm in the College staff dining room (next to the main dining hall). Come along to find out more about our upcoming events and how you can get involved.