

Solway College

newsletter



From the Principal

The school year started on a sizzling hot day and we welcomed our new Solway families and welcomed back our existing Solway families and staff. We have the largest school roll for many years. Our 2018 results were the best we have ever had, with 100% pass rates in all three levels of NCEA and large numbers of students gaining merit and excellence endorsements. Well done to all our students and staff who worked hard and achieved success. We now look forward to an even bigger and better 2019!

Thank you to you all who supported our start of year family barbeque and Founders' Day service and swimming sports. These events provided a great chance for us to be reminded of the Christian and family focus which is the basis of our special character.

Our swimming sports was very successful event and we have some amazing athletes at our college!

On a personal note a warm thank you to all for your kind words and best wishes for my impending retirement. You will see from this newsletter which is a very full one there is still plenty to do before then.

This newsletter has information about who's who at the college, some reminders about procedures that are important for keeping everybody safe, upcoming events and, of course the achievements of members of our school community. I hope you enjoy reading it!

Important Dates

Friday 22 February
Annual Solway College Athletics

Monday 4 March
Exeat Weekend

Wednesday 10 April
 3:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 12 April 11:30 am
Academic Colours Assembly

Friday 12 April
 12:50 pm – 4:30 pm
Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 29 April
Term 2 Begins



CONGRATULATIONS

Scholars of the Week Senior

Lileana Petrovich
Term Four Week Three

Jessi-Rae Watson
Term One Week Two

Scholars of the Week Junior

Fern McCallum
Term Four Week Three

Nevaeh Greenlees
Hannah Walker
Term Four Week Four

Jessi-Rae Watson
Term four Week 5

Emma Faulkner
Term One Week Two

House Award

Elizabeth Somerville

Form Award

Xanthe Somerville



Other Achievements

Ballet

Paige Mowbray

Wairarapa Community Orchestra

Charlotte Gooding

New Zealand Waka Ama

Elizabeth Somerville

Xanthe Somerville

Swimming

Bridget Allen

Athletics

Siena Cockburn

Archery

Eilish Skeet

Equestrian

Vianne Downs

Charlotte Smith

Grace Gray

Moana Papworth

Hazel Jones

Elyza McDonald

Motocross

Ella Shannon

Lawn Bowls

Olivia Mancer

School Aims and Student Achievement

Improving Student Achievement In 2019

Our NCEA results from last year were outstanding with all eligible students achieving NCEA. The preliminary results in summary are:

Level 1 - 100% Achieved, with 32% percent achieving Excellence Endorsements and 45% achieving Merit Endorsements

Level 2 – 100% Achieved, with 50% percent achieving Excellence Endorsements and 27% achieving Merit Endorsements

Level 3 – 100% Achieved, with 27% percent achieving Excellence Endorsements and 27% achieving Merit Endorsements.

The challenge once again for us this year is to try and improve on these outstanding results. We will continue to target 100% pass rates at all three levels and set ambitious targets for students to achieve endorsed certificates.

In the junior school we will continue the assessment programme we use to identify and meet the needs of each student and to monitor their progress. We will be assessing students in Years 7 to 10 against national curriculum levels and will report using the Excellence, Merit, Achieved and Not Achieved descriptors we have been using in Years 9 and 10.

In 2019 we have a new staff role, that of Academic Facilitator, with Mrs Matthews working in this role. Her focus is on facilitating improvements in student achievement through such things as developing study skills programs including managing prep (or homework) appropriate for the different year levels, working with individual students and staff and creating additional resources to assist students in managing and enhancing their learning.

2019 Scholarship Winners

Winners of Solway College Old Girls' Scholarships and Bursaries for 2019 are:

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| Year 7 & 8 Scholarship | – Hana Ismail |
| Year 9 Boarding Scholarship (1 Year Award) | – Greta McGrath |
| Wynne Costley English Scholarship (Junior) | – Freya Wright |
| Wynne Costley English Scholarship (Senior) | – Georgia Wearing |
| Solway College Special Character Bursaries | – Aaliyah Allen |
| | – Paighe Crossan |
| | – Charlotte Gooding |
| | – Hannah Walker |
| Solway College Old Girls' Association Family Boarding Bursary | – Georgia Makirere |
| Agnes Aburn Auckland Branch Music Scholarship | – To Be Advised |

Prefect Roles For 2019

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Head Girl | Paighe Crossan |
| Deputy Head Girl | Noemi Leinfellner / Travanna Graham |
| Head of House | Mikala Shannon |
| Deputy Head of House | Grace Collis |
| Sports | Travanna Graham / Grace Gray / Rosalie Bos |
| Cultural | Tee Hao-Aickin / Paige Mowbray |
| Academic | Allyah Gowans / Grace Kavanagh / Abigail Smart |
| Student Support | Baylee Parr / Noemi Leinfellner / Bailie Sims |
| Day Girl | Olivia Morgan / Charlotte Smith |
| International | Bailie Sims |
| Chapel | Baylee Parr / Bailie Sims / Noemi Leinfellner |
| Environment | Jessie-May Cassells / Lileana Petrovich |
| Community Service Leader | Baylee Parr |



Recognising Achievement and Effort

Academic Colours



One of the important elements in achieving our success has been to encourage individual students to improve their own academic achievement and to strive for excellence and with this in mind we have a number of awards which students can gain. Academic Colours are among these.

The Academic Colours Awards ceremony will be held at 11:30 am prior to the parent interviews on **Friday 12 April**. Attendance is compulsory for all students.

Academic Colours are awarded to senior students who have achieved at least an average of Merit Grades in a minimum of three subjects in NCEA and to junior students who achieve at least a minimum of three Merit Grades across three major subjects according to their school reports. These results are taken from the previous year.

The Awards are at the following levels:

- Year 1 – Certificate
- Year 2 – Blue Badge Award
- Year 3 – Green Badge Award
- Year 4 – Red Badge Award
- Year 5 – Gold Badge Award

We will also be awarding certificates to our SCOGA Scholarship and Bursary winners, Academic Elite Awards to those who achieved overall excellence endorsements in NCEA last year and the Quirke Sisters' Trophy to the student who gained the most excellence credits overall in NCEA last year.

You are most welcome to attend this ceremony and lunch will be available in the dining room following the colours awards.

Later in the year colours awards will also be made for cultural, service and sports achievements.

Student Matters

Māori Education Trust 2019 Secondary Scholarships

Applications for the above are available to download from the Māori Education Trust (MET) website. Alternatively call, text or email the office and an application form will be sent to you.

Contact; PO Box 31213 Lower Hutt 5040

Phone; (04) 586 7971

Mobile; (027) 262 8046

Email; info@maorieducation.org.nz

Website; www.maorieducation.org.nz

Applications and supporting documentation must reach the Māori Education Trust by 4:30 pm Friday 1 (March) Poutū-te-rangi 2019.

Progress Reports And Meet The Teachers

Term 1 Progress Reports will be sent in April. These are only a basic indication of the start of year effort and progress.

Because of the high demand for appointments at this first Parent/Teacher interview opportunity this year we offer two separate times:

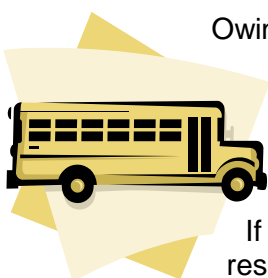
Wednesday 10 April from 3.15pm – 5.30pm

It would be helpful if local Wairarapa families could endeavour to attend on this day to leave time available at the second session, which is on the last day of term, for families who have to travel some distance to Solway to collect their daughters.

Friday 12 April starting at 12:50 pm – 4:30 pm. This is also the last day of term.

Bookings for appointments with teachers will be available on-line. Booking instructions will be available in April.

Daygirl Van



Owing to our increased roll size pressure on the school vans is now at a high level and seats are at a premium, therefore the daygirl van run is only for taking daygirl students from home to school and from school to home. Whilst the driver endeavours to keep to a strict time routine this is not always possible.

If you make an appointment for your daughter after school it is your responsibility to get them there.

The Board of Proprietors will be reviewing the minivan use this year.

Booking Minivans for Rides

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.

Student Activities

Ballet

Paige Mowbray recently passed her Ballet exam with distinction receiving a gold medal.

Paige also auditioned for En Point dance school and has been offered a position which she started this weekend and will continue for the rest of the year attending this school on Sundays and Mondays. Paige will work closely with footnote dance company and the Royal New Zealand Ballet.

Wairarapa Community Orchestra



For some time now Charlotte Gooding has been a member of the Community Orchestra. She had only been playing for 3 years before joining the mainly adult orchestra, but quickly slotted in to the group.

Charlotte says that playing in the orchestra has improved her playing and confidence, and really enjoys playing with other musicians.

The Wairarapa Community Orchestra performs next on April 6 2019 in the Wairarapa College hall.

Sports News

Sport Code Captains For 2019

Thank you to the following students for stepping into these leadership roles:

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| Badminton | Sylvia Lyster |
| Cricket | Sophie McNab |
| Equestrian | Grace Gray |
| Football | Announced Beginning of Term 2 |
| Health And Wellness | Paige Mowbray |
| Hockey | Rosalie Bos |
| Intercollegiate Sports | Noemi Leinfellner and Siena Cockburn |
| Lawn Bowls | Olivia Mancer |
| Netball | Travanna Graham |
| Rugby Codes | Aaliyah Allen |
| Skiing | Margot Ferguson |
| Surfing | Charlotte Gooding |
| Tennis | Annie McNab |
| Waka Ama | Elizabeth Somerville |

Solway College Annual Swimming Sports

On Saturday 9 February the annual Swimming Sports were held.

Noemi Leinfellner, Poplar House, was very successful breaking 3 records in the following events;

U18 1 x Length Freestyle 12.02 (13.05 2006)

U18 2 x Length Freestyle 29.56 (30.24 2006)

U18 2 x Length Breastroke 38.19 (39.08 1998)

Siena Cockburn, Redwood House, also was successful breaking 2 records in the following events;

U15 1 x Length Freestyle 11.56 (12.09 1998)

U15 2 x Length Freestyle 26.24 (28.97 2013)

Bridget Allan, Silverbirch House, also was successful breaking 2 records in the following events;

U15 1 x Length Backstroke 14.03 (14.55 2016)

Open 2 x Length Butterfly 28.06 (29.38 2016)

Esther Leinfellner, Poplar House, also was successful breaking 1 record in the following event;

Year 7 & 81 x Length Freestyle 13.50 (14.00 2016)

The Poplar House – The House Twenty team swam a record time 5.39.35 (5.40.73 1996)

The Poplar Senior House 4 x1 Length Freestyle relay team swam a record time 55.43 (56.88 2018)

The Poplar Senior House 4 x1 Length Medley relay team swam a record time 1.05.79 (1.06.85 2018)

House results:

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



Student Successes

Waka Ama

Elizabeth (Year 11) and Xanthe Somerville (Year 9) raced at the New Zealand Waka Ama Sprint Nationals last month at Lake Karapiro. They were part of the Wairarapa Waka Ama Canoe Club team which finished 10th in the 16s W6 500.

Swimming



Bridget Allen (Year 10) competed at the Wellington Long Course Championships which were held over Wellington Anniversary Weekend.

She won 3 Backstroke Gold medals in the 14 year old category – 50m, 100m and 200m.

As well as swimming on Saturday in the School Swimming Sports Bridget, a member of the Carterton Swimming Club, was also participating in the Wairarapa Swimming Championships held at the Trust House Recreation in Masterton. She recorded the fastest 50m freestyle performance of any Wairarapa female competitor during racing of 28.57

and was awarded Champion of Champions Trophy. Bridget was also 1st in the 14-15 year girls 200m backstroke, 2nd in 400m freestyle, 2nd in 50m butterfly, second in 50m backstroke, 2nd in 100m freestyle and 3rd in 100m individual medley.

Congratulations Bridget, on being selected for Wellington Rising Stars Squad for the 2019 Athlete Development Programme. This selection recognises her as one of the highest achieving swimmers in her age group within the Wellington region over the past year. She will have many fantastic opportunities being part of this elite group.

Athletics

Siena Cockburn (Year 11) competed in the High Jump and was a 100m Semi-finalist at North Island Colgate Games.

Congratulations to Siena who was selected for the Wellington Interprovincial Athletics Team that raced in Palmerston North in January. The team got overall silver.

Archery

In early January Eilish Skeet (Year 11) competed at the Archery New Zealand Nationals 2019 in Auckland.

Well done to Eilish who won a bronze medal in the Cadet Women's Recurve.

Equestrian

The Academy girls have been busy during the holidays having fun and success in their various competitions.



Towards the end of last year Vianne Downs had the opportunity to attend a training clinic by top event rider Blyth Tait. (Picture by Corina Beliss) She enjoyed the clinic and came away with a few ideas to put into practice. Vianne with her pony, Silver, have also had a great first season in Pleasure Pony showing. They were Reserve Champion at the Wairarapa A & P Champion Pony at The Makara

Show and both Champion and Supreme Champion at the Wairarapa Equestrian Pleasure Show.

Charlotte Smith and Grace Gray were both selected as part of the Wairarapa / Wellington Pony Club Dressage Championships team. The competition was held in Blenheim a few weeks ago and under great guidance from coach Kate Tobin the team came away with third place which is a huge achievement.

In 2018 Grace Gray was granted a coaching scholarship for her equestrian pursuits. She has also been notified that she has been selected for the Wairarapa / Wellington Pony Club show jumping team. Grace rides as one of the two team members selected in the 17 – 25 year age group. In addition to this she has also qualified to trial for the area eventing team which will be selected in April this year.

Moana Papworth has been going really well in Show-Hunter, Working Hunter, Handy Hunter and Show Jumping classes. Picking up quite a few placings at A&P shows and sports days.

Hazel Jones looks to be forming a great partnership with her new horse Jack. They have been out and about gaining wins and placings in Show-Hunter, Show Jumping and games.

Elyza McDonald has been going well in the show jumping ring and looks to have had a great time training at a local Cross Country Open day.

Currently we have 3 girls who have qualified for the prestigious 'Horse of the Year Show 2019' competition in the Hawkes Bay in April.

They are; Grace Gray, Vianne Downs and Elyza McDonald.

All our girls have had great results and we think all the hard work of last year is shining through! We are looking forward to more results like this from our new and current students. Our girls are all working so hard to reach their personal goals and we are very proud of you all.

Motocross



Ella Shannon has been racing various Central North Island series over the holidays and early this term with podium finishes in both Age Group and Women's categories.

She has also been selected to go to Honda's Cody Cooper training camp with some of the top 20 riders from the Central North Island.

Looking ahead she is racing in the Central North Island Series and New Zealand National Cross Country series events in the Hawkes Bay and down to Dunedin. Good luck!

Lawn Bowls

Towards the end of last year Olivia Mancer played lead in the pairs for the Wairarapa Junior team competing in the Wairarapa / Kapiti / Whanganui / Manawatu fixture.

Olivia and her playing partner secured 2 wins from 3 games.

Wairarapa finished 3rd overall.

Olivia was in action again at the Wairarapa Women's Open Pairs Championships held at the Featherston Bowling Club taking the winning honors again with her partner.



International News



This year has brought some changes to the International Department with our senior group of Hong Kong students leaving school. We are still lucky enough to have Anson from Hong Kong with us for another year or so!

Birdie from Thailand began at the beginning of the year and will stay the whole year. We have another two Thai students who are planning to come for a year or more study – one who is very interested in the Equestrian Academy – and 5 Thai students coming for short term study!

We will also have a Japanese student coming for 5 weeks later in the year and two German students arriving in July for two terms.

I am lucky enough to have Mrs Terry Hodder helping with the International students in the hostel this year which will be so useful.

Thank you to families who have offered to home stay our students. We do always need more families so please ring the school office to enquire about what is needed. We do require all adults over 17 who live in the house, to be police vetted - the government rules not ours....however, I'm sure you would like to know that has been done if it was your daughter going overseas to a family you didn't know!!

I plan to do some marketing in Vietnam, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan and Germany this year as I want to try to keep our International students as diverse as possible. It makes it interesting for us all!

Christine Stevenson
Director International

Staff Matters

We welcome Mrs Erica Jar and Mrs Michelle Green to the teaching staff.

At the end of 2018, Mrs Debbie Martel who was our Deputy Head Matron, left our Hostel. We are sorry to see Mrs Martel leave and thank her for her care of our Hostel girls. Wish her well for the future.

We also welcome some new staff to our Hostel team – Ms Phillipa Darroch, Mrs Allison Hobbs and Mrs Anna Minot.

Form Teachers

If you have any questions about your daughter's progress or school work the first person who could help is her Form Teacher.

2019 form teachers are:

- Year 7 & 8 – Aleisha Mahony
- Year 9 – Albert Chand & Erica Jar
- Year 10 – Susan Franck
- Year 11 – Anton Coltham
- Year 12 – Paul Graham
- Year 13 – Rozleen Chand

Mrs Rozleen Chand is the Careers advisor.

Teaching staff

Teachers with subject areas for 2019 are:

Mrs Stevenson – French, STAR Co-ordinator, Distance Learning Co-ordinator

Mrs Beech – Accounting, Commerce

Mrs Chand – Science, Chemistry, Biology

Mrs Jar – Science, Biology

Mr Graham – Physics, Science, IT Co-ordinator

Mrs Johnson – Physical Education, History

Mrs Rees – (Chaplain) Christian Education

Mrs Franck – English

Mrs Rogerson – Christian Education

Mrs Hunt – Social Studies, English, ESOL

Mrs McNab – Art, Art Design, Photography, Printmaking

Mrs Matthews – Mathematics

Mr Chand – Mathematics

Mrs Robinson – Music

Mrs Pirere – Maori, Spanish

Ms Mahony – Year 7 & 8, English, Performing Arts

Mr Coltham – Digital Technology, Mathematics

Mrs Baker – Textiles Technology, English, Physical Education, History

Mrs Green – Food Technology

Ms Cameron – Business Studies, Primary Industries, Geography

Mrs Evans – Learning Support Co-ordinator, SPEC



Other Staff

Solway Equestrian Academy Coaching

We are very excited to have two new coaches on board for the Solway College Equestrian Academy this year. Kate Tobin from Tobin Equestrian joined us in Term 4 and did a fantastic job coaching the girls. Kate is a Grand-Prix dressage rider and fabulous coach. We look forward to having her back this year.

The very wellknown and qualified Desmond Lowe joins us this year which is very exciting and a fantastic opportunity for our girls to sharpen up their show-hunter and jumping skills.

And of course we still have the marvellous Tinks Pottinger who is an eventing Olympic medalist as our Performance Coach specialist coming in every week.

We are so lucky to have such incredible coaches from many disciplines on board. the girls are all looking forward to getting stuck in and learning lots while having plenty of fun!

Some Safety and Health Reminders

SPECIAL DIET REQUIREMENTS AND FOOD ALLERGIES



Please check the Information Book should this be a concern for you or your daughter. We cater for students who have genuine allergies but not for individual likes and dislikes!

We, like other schools, have students who have severe or life-threatening allergies to various foods. While this should not impact significantly on most students, please do not send peanut or cashew nut products to the school or hostel with your daughter. If you have a concern about this please

contact us.

FOOD IN THE DORMS

Students are permitted to bring snacks but all food in dorms must be in a sealed container and or kept in the fridge.

SIGNING IN AND OUT

It is important that we know who is on site. Any Hostel students who leave the grounds must sign out when they leave and in when they return. A tag system operates to ensure this is clear and easy.

Any student who arrives after the start of class must sign in at the main office. Please remind your daughters to do so.

If you are collecting your daughter during the school day please come to the office so we know she has been collected by you.

VISITORS

All visitors must report upon arrival to the school office or to the matrons' office. **In particular, no visitors, including family members, should go into the dormitories without permission from the Matrons.** This is to maintain the safety and protect the privacy of all students.

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 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.

DOGS

Dogs are to be kept at home and not brought along to school or to school events.



SMOKEFREE SCHOOLS

All schools are by law smoke-free and no smoking is permitted on the school property.

SECURITY

Significant security means are in place to keep our students and college safe. Please be aware CCTV cameras operate in many areas of the college.

Absences

We ask that you please contact the school if your daughter is absent from school or not returning to the hostel as usual on Sunday evening.

If your daughter contacts you from the school or hostel saying that she is unwell, please contact the school office or hostel staff or ask her to do so to ensure staff are aware of this. We have had a number of instances of families arranging with students to collect them without our knowledge.

Please also ensure that your daughter follows the “sign in” and “sign out” procedures.

During the school day if you are collecting your daughter you need to call into the office to tell us you have collected her.

Family holidays should be arranged for school holiday time.

We often have requests from families for senior students to be absent from school for family events such as overseas holidays. It is important to note that non-essential absences are classified as “condoned absenteeism or truancy” and under NCEA rules may mean that students are not entitled to sit assessments for internal standards and will be given a “Not Achieved” grade. Please check the ‘Senior Curriculum Booklet’ if you are unsure.



Electronic Devices

Laptops, mobile phones, Tablets, i-pads, kindles, etc are increasingly being brought to school. Students can be logged on to our system but must have signed and must follow the “Responsible Use” agreement.

Please note: such items are brought to school at the owner’s risk and student property is the responsibility of the student. We cannot and do not accept any liability for loss or damage to student property. Devices are not to be used in class unless the teacher gives permission.

Year 7 and 8 Immunisation

All Year 7 and 8 students have received an immunisation permission form to be completed and returned to Miss Mahony.

If you have not already done so, please return the signed form to school even if you do not wish your daughter to be immunised.

Other News

School App

A reminder that Solway College now has a School App which can be downloaded by following the instructions from the attached flyer.

Those parents / caregivers who already have the app downloaded remember to update your daughter's year level.

Solway College Parents' Association

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Munn who were successful in the draw for Term 4 2018.

Quality Sheds

For every shed that they sell the client nominates a school they would like to donate \$50 to and when the shed is complete the school receives the donation.

Thank you to the Quality Sheds who donated \$50 to the school recently.

Local Business Course

Information gives Choice for the Future

By joining one of the following **free** personal finance or small business management courses in 2019 you are setting your life up for the future.

20 week **Certificate in Money Management** (make your money work for you)

Monday 6-9 pm or Tuesday 9-12 noon

36 week **Certificate in Small Business Management** (business success needs knowledge and tips) **Tuesdays or Wednesdays 6-9 pm, or Wednesday 9-12 noon.**

20 week **Smart Steps to Business** (for people interested in small business).

Thursday starting 1 July 2019

You will gain heaps of ideas for personal and/or business growth – and have fun at the same time. These courses are tutored in Masterton and start in February 2019.

Email jeanette@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 377 3378 immediately.

News of Old Girls

Hannah van Wijk (2014-2015) – continues her success with paralympic swimming. She is off to Melbourne to compete in the World Para Swimming Series in February 15 -17 2019. Earlier this month Hannah won four silver medals in the 200m and 400m freestyle, and in the 100m and 200m backstroke at Wellington's Long-Course Swimming Championships

Stevie Hancox-Monk (2005-2009) – is playing the lead role (Hamlet) in the Wellington Summer Shakespeare production of Hamlet – at The Dell, Wellington Botanical Gardens 15 February 2019 – 2 March 2019.

Varvara Sidorenko (2012 – 2016) – who is at Canterbury University was awarded The ANZ's undergraduate Internship for 2018

Danielle Hao-Aickin former Deputy Head Girl (2014 – 2017) is the face of Auckland University's Music Department. Danielle who is studying for a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music features in the Auckland University's Music Department Information Booklet in which she shares her first year university experiences. Check it out - <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/creative/current-students/student-life/first-year-stories/first-year-story-music.html?fbclid=IwAR0WszGGxOpFbtDhSWswhNETYB8jrHaOJDufYQU-I9ygb9pflpIDrx3Uo>





Looking forward into 2019

School has started back for the year at Solway College, and SCOOP had already held our first committee meeting for the year!

We are looking forward to another productive year fundraising and welcome new committee members and others who would like to support our efforts.

A huge big thank you everyone who helped us last year. Every little thing helps and we really appreciated the support that we received from the college, parents, extended families and the wider community. Last year was our most successful fundraising to date. We started some exciting initiatives that we will be continuing with this year and we made donations to the college that have gone towards some much needed Solway College branded gazebos, outdoor chairs and equipment for the new fitness centre.

To date we have donated:

- Projectors for use in 5 classrooms
- Gazebos for use at college events and promotions
- Trestle tables & Outdoor chairs
- \$5000.00 in funding for the new Fitness Centre

Our current fundraising objectives are:

- kapahaka uniforms
- 3 x picnic tables and shade umbrellas for the outdoor tables
- TBA

Fundraising Activities for 2019:

1. We will continue to have our delicious Solway College honey for sale at \$10 per pot (while stocks last)
2. The ferguson tartan scarves (\$45.00) and throws (\$199.00) will also continue to be available
3. Quiz Night and Auction - we are planning to hold a quiz night and auction in term 2 and will be looking for donations of goods and services for the auction and for helpers on the night

If you think that you can help us in any way with our fundraising activities this year, or if you have any great ideas for a fundraising event, please contact any SCOOP member (listed below) or email us at scoop@solwaycollege.school.nz

Our current Committee:

Chair: Annette Peters

Secretary: Trasna Graham

Treasurer: Petra Dirx

General Committee: Jamiee Burns, Clare Matthews, Katey Salmond, Heidi Ward-McGrath, Paula Nilsson, Jan Ferguson, Marina Burling and Grace Mowbray