



SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL

LEARNERS MOTIVATED TO ACHIEVE AND SUCCEED

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Kia ora koutou!
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term Four – I hope that you had the opportunity to relax and enjoy time with your family over the break. The rugby may be over but this term promises to be just as action packed with wonderful learning inside and outside the classroom!

Assessment

This final term is when teachers and children track and measure academic achievement made over the year. Some of the tests sat at the beginning of the year, such as STAR and aSTtle reading and writing, will be repeated to compare progress. Using the Learning Portfolios, teachers have been able to show children their strengths and where they need more focus to achieve well. These have helped teachers plan their programmes of work so that all children in their class make steady progress. This progress will be shared in our final reports. These reports not only comment on literacy and numeracy; as you requested in our survey, we will also comment on other learning areas, study skills and social competencies.



ICAS Maths Results

64 students from Years four to six sat the ICAS Maths Skills Exam last term. Silverstream students performed very well, with seven Distinction (top 5% in New Zealand) and 17 Credit (top 30%) awards achieved.

Congratulations to Brock Cowden, Cameron Duffy and Daniel Rickerby (all Year 5) and Grayson Lawrence, Ben Lucock, Blair McInnarney and Andriel Pernecita (Year 6) for their Distinction awards.

Credit awards were achieved by the following students: Caleb McClure, Amelia McLennan (both Year 4); Kane Franken, Jimmy Gray, Joseph Gray, Olivia Healey, Maggie Jenkins, Olivia Lucock, Oliver McMahan, Ben Porter, Olivia Powell, Baillie Sargisson (all Year 5); and Karan Braich, Daniel Martin, Sasha McClure, Adam Rigden and Ella Wagstaff (Year 6).

An Apology



In our last newsletter we omitted Grace Bird from the **ICAS English Results**. Grace achieved a credit pass. Well done, Grace!

Property News

Our Newest Classroom with our newest students is working very well. Welcome to Mrs Suzanne Taylor, their teacher, and thank you!

Already the room is looking fantastic and great learning is happening.

More Property Modifications are being planned for this term. As our children with special needs move around the school modifications are

needed to ensure that they can access their classrooms and learn just as easily as their peers. Soon you will notice some changes being made to the Year 2 classrooms and surrounds.

Over the Christmas break we also hope to refurbish Rooms 5 and 6. Our Middle School children will come back in the New Year to lovely fresh classrooms!

And how we pay for it!

As you can see we have some major property developments under way. These have all been carefully planned for and the money to pay for them comes from a number of sources and budgets.

Every five years Silverstream School receives a 'lump' of money from the Government that we have to use for property during that time. The Board decides how that money is to be spent through developing a **Five Year Property Plan (5YA Plan)**. The money for the refurbishment of Rooms 5 and 6 will come from the 5YA Plan.

The money to outfit our newest classroom, the old dental clinic, came from our **2011 Operations Grant**. This is money received each year from the Government that we use to run the school.

The Special Education Modifications are being paid for by the Special Education Branch of the **Ministry of Education**.

Money **fundraised** by the Board and the PTA is vitally important. This is used to pay not just for the 'extra' things but also to support children's learning and classroom teachers. Over the next few years we hope to install heat pumps in the classrooms to ensure that our children and their teachers are more comfortable in summer and don't freeze in winter.



Thank You!

Mitre 10 Mega in Upper Hutt have donated 8 fruit trees to the school for beautification. We received a selection of lemon, lime and miniature peaches and nectarines trees. They also donated 30 swan plants which will be used for studying monarch butterflies next year.



Congratulations!

\$600 was raised from Daffodil Day this year. Well done and thank you for supporting the Cancer Society. Special thanks also to Rhonda Rudman in the office who co-ordinated and organised this initiative.

Lost: One Scooter

Last Thursday an electric blue MGP Nitro scooter went missing from the Room 5/6 cloakroom. Please can you check that it has not been brought home by mistake. It would be helpful if all scooters could be named to avoid confusion. Scooters are so popular and our cloakrooms are becoming very crowded. If your child's scooter can be secured I would encourage them to lock them in the bike sheds.

Chug-a-lugs

Chug-a-lugs is on again for Years 3-6!!! Join us in Room 6 on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7.25am to get fit for EOTC. We cater for all abilities from walkers to fast runners.

Silverstream is Sun Smart

Although we don't have a uniform at Silverstream, we do have a hat rule – they are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. It is really important for your child's health and safety that they do have a wide brimmed hat to wear at school every day during this term. Students who do not bring a hat to wear will not be allowed to play in the sun.

Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that the school will be closed on **Monday 14 November** for a Teacher Planning Day.

PTA News

The PTA will not be holding the end of term sausage sizzle this term as it is such a short term and there is so much happening. The organisers of this event would like to thank all the parents who have helped with this event over the year.

Mary Ely
Principal

Wonderful Writing from Room 7

"Bounce" went the ball over the net. "Yes!" I said in my head, "wow, again!" Girls got a red racquet. Boys got orange and green. We played a game of 'Squirrels.' There were different teams. There were orange and green and green won. This is how you play. You throw the tennis ball in then they collect the balls. The team that gets the most wins.

By Saffron Juniper, Age 6

"Bounce, Bounce" went the ball on the tennis racquet. I was running with the ball on the tennis racquet. It was very tiring but I worked very hard.

By Oliver Prowse, Age 6

Swish, swish" went my cape in the wind as I was walking along the road with my brother. We each had 2 chocolate bars and 3 jelly dinosaurs each. Only me and Hunter went Trick or Treating. We only went to two houses.

By Isabelle Ingerson, Age 6



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TOURNAMENT



You are invited to
**St. Margaret's, Dunns Street,
Silverstream**

Friday 11 November 5pm—6.30pm

A pre-Christmas celebration

An antidote to commercialism!

Is traditional church *not* your thing?

Fun, crafts, family activities, mini church and a meal

Children under 14 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Want to know more?

Phone *Pat Lerwill Ph. 938 0374*

Lisa O'Neill

**"What a Woman wants"
"Christmas"**

Chilton St James School
Learn what to wear and how to decorate your house and Tree.

Tuesday 15 November @ 7.00pm
Tickets \$25.00 includes nibbles & a glass of bubbles.

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