



SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL

LEARNERS MOTIVATED TO ACHIEVE AND SUCCEED



1 December 2011

Kia ora koutou!

Dear Parents and Caregivers



After many practices, planned and unplanned, yesterday we had a real 'lock down'. The culprits were 10,000 bees on the hunt for a new home. They swirled around the adventure playground and, just after morning tea, decided to rest in the big tree at the back of the hall. Our children and teachers obeyed the intermittent bell, shut windows and locked doors and 'sat tight' while we waited for the apiarists to collect the swarm. The bees were very docile as they were maneuvered into a cardboard box and finally taken away. Everyone enjoyed the fresh air and play after being locked down for three hours.

Thank you to Stewart Turner, our Silverstream Beekeeper, who came immediately and handled the bees so expertly. Also a big thank you to our teachers and children for their good sense and patience on such a hot day.

Junior & Middle EOTC

What an amazing time the Junior and the Middle Teams have had for their



EOTC weeks! The weather has been patchy but has not dampened the spirits of our adventurous children.

I hope you enjoy the photos. Thank you especially to parents who have helped with trips and **activities around the school.**

Without your active support we could not offer these amazing

opportunities. Thank you also to our hard working teachers. EOTC takes so much extra energy, planning and organisation.

Senior School EOTC

Next week it is the turn of the Year 5 and 6 children. Years 5's are out and about the Wellington area all week. They will be walking up Cannon Point, visiting Expressions, Matiu/ Somes Island and spending two days at Kaitoke Camp. The Year 6's are off to camp at Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Levin. The tramp and sleeping in tents in the bush will be very challenging for some children. Because of their EOTC experiences in the Junior School, Middle School and in Year 5, our Year 6 seniors are more than ready for their camp. Year 6 Camp is the culmination of Silverstream's EOTC Programmes. We don't want our Silverstream children to be wrapped in cotton wool; we want them to be adventurous, open to new experiences and resilient.

2012 School Organisation

Next year there will be very few changes to the structure of the school. We expect to start the year with similar numbers to this year.

There will be two New Entrant classes; these will be started with low numbers and during the first two terms will increase as new students enroll. There will be a Year One class, a Year One/Two class and three Year Two classes.

The six Middle School classes will be composite; they will be a mix of Year 3 and 4 children. This is a change for Silverstream School. The decision has been made because 2012's Year 4 numbers are relatively low. Having six mixed classes will keep the numbers low, around 25, and will give our children the opportunity to broaden and extend their learning base.

The six Year 5 and 6 classes will continue to be composites.

CAUTION

School Gates

To keep all of our children safe we need to increase security around the school. Some of our students have little or no idea of danger. All gates around the school perimeter, except the front ones, will be locked at 9 and opened at 3. The main gates in the front of the school will not be locked. We hope as we work on managing and controlling this impulsive behavior that soon we will not need to lock these gates.

Mary Ely



Roots of Empathy is a programme that helped us learn about child development and having empathy for others.

We had Baby Ronan as our teacher and I learned about looking after babies. Yesterday, we went to the end of year celebration to say goodbye to Ronan and our tutor Mrs Edmonds.

Josh Te Moana, Room 17



Do you have...

- any spare supermarket bags?
 - any spare children's clothing.
- Our medical room has run out of boys shorts, undies, girls shorts and some tee shirts.

Please send any of the above to the school office.



Junior EOTC



For Sale: Baby Dwarf lop-eared rabbits.
Born 30th October. Two greyish, one brown and white and one brown with black bits. Very cute.
\$30 each.
Contact Zoe Baillie on 970 7337.



Last week our two Flippaball teams competed in the final round for 2011 at H2O Xtreme. The Icebergs were runners up, Glaciers 4th and Penguins' 5th. Well done guys!



LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

Holiday Programme for Primary School Children
Supported by Hutt Valley Tennis Association

Dates: Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January, 2012.

Venue: St Joseph's School, Pine Avenue, Upper Hutt.

Cost: \$30-00 for the 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Registration: Contact Gary Nelson - Ph. 589 7178 or Email - a.nelson@xtra.co.nz by Wednesday 11 January, 2012.

EARLY ENROLMENT is advised as this programme is very popular and the first 12 enrolments in each age group will be accepted.

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TENNIS COACHING- TERM 1, 2012- (For children from Y2-6)

Places are available in this programme which takes place at the school on Fridays starting Friday, 10 February from 8.10am-8.50am for 6 consecutive weeks. The coach will be Mr Gary Nelson, an experienced teacher and qualified tennis coach.

All equipment is provided including rackets. Cost is \$44-00 for the block of 6 lessons and should be paid at the first lesson.

If you wish to enrol please phone Gary Nelson (Ph- 5897178) as soon as possible.

Enrolments will be taken on a first in, first served basis.