

# AKO NUI

## TERM ONE NEWSLETTER

### 2018



*Dear Parents and Caregivers*

It has been a pleasure welcoming all of our new and returning Silverstream School families to the Ako Nui Team over the past week. If you have not managed to pop into your child's class or attend the "Meet the Teacher" evening, we hope to meet you soon. Thanks a lot to those who supported us walking to and from Heretaunga Park for our Team Building Day, it was a very successful event.

For 2018 Ako Nui consists of five Year 5/6 classes with the following teachers:

**Room 17** - Mrs Helen Leath                      **Room 18** - Mrs Brenda Henderson  
**Room 19** - Mrs Erin Edmonds & Mrs Lisa Cross (Team Leader)  
**Room 20** - Mr Chris Leach                      **Room 21** - Miss Kelly Sturmfels  
**Deputy Principal Years 4-6** - Mr Zac Mills

### **Inquiry Learning**

During the year Ako Nui will explore a range of learning contexts. For the first half of the year our focus concept is Citizenship and being part of a community. To begin Term One we will be working towards knowing our learners and identifying the habits, behaviours, mindsets, and skills around this. We will then explore how people influence healthy communities.

The second half of the year will concentrate on Energy, and will include a whole team production in Term 3.

### **BYOD and School Chromebooks and Laptops**

You will have received paper copies of our Smart Streamer User Agreements for 2018. Please complete these and return to class teachers. We will then let you know when we have completed this process and are ready for devices to be used.

### **Home Learning**

In Ako Nui we encourage a sense of personal accountability for learning rather than a 'one size fits all' approach. This year our main focus is encouraging all children to work through our school Home Learning Achievement Challenges. We will also be working with the children to understand and set learning goals and targets in the classroom which they may choose to work on further at home.

### **Swimming**

Our swimming programme takes place during the last two weeks of Term One at Stokes Valley Pool. The children will have 8 daily lessons after Easter from **Wednesday 4 - Friday 6 April**, and **Monday 9 - Friday 13 April**. Our Swimming Sports Event will be held early in Term Two.

**Clothing and Sun Smart**

Silverstream School requires all children, when playing outside, to wear a brimmed sun hat during Terms One and Four.

We do remind the children to be Sun Smart for sport, PE or any other outside activity. It is also important that they have suitable shoes each day to ensure they can fully participate in fitness and physical education activities.

Please make sure all hats and sweatshirts are named to help us reduce the amount of lost property.

**Camp and EOTC**                      ***Monday 3 December – Friday 7 December***

At the end of Term Four, students will be provided with the traditional Year 5 EOTC and Year 6 Camp experiences. Planning is underway for all of these major events. As always, there is a cost involved for these opportunities. We expect the costs to be approximately:

Year 5 – \$100

Year 6 – \$200

If you would like to arrange a payment plan for this you can do so with the school office.

We are sure it is going to be a very positive year in Ako Nui and we look forward to your support.

Regards,

*Ako Nui Teachers*