



Silverstream School
Te Kura o Māwaihākona

'Together We Inspire a Passion for Learning'

- Welcome, Haere mai-Afio mai- Welkom-Namaste-Bienvenue-Willkommen-
-Maeva-Yōkoso -Fünyihng -Aloha-Fáilte-



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you and a final wrap up

A sincere thank you to all of the Silverstream Community. 2023 has been our first real year back on deck with more community projects. This year we celebrated by putting on the first Year 6 school production for many years (Star Wartz) and what an amazing show it was! We ran a speech competition for the first time and also moved to assemblies every week run by the students.

There are so many people we need to thank for their support this year whether it be helping on school trips and camp, listening to children read, helping with writing in classes, coaching and managing sports teams, donating to the school with bake sales and fundraising events, helping with swimming, attending PEP's for your child, sending through suggestions, being on the FoSS team, being on the BoT, helping with Kapa Haka and other cultural events, making costumes for school shows, donating your professional services and advice, attending and speaking at ANZAC day events, helping in the library, coming to school assemblies, the list goes on...Thank you, thank you, thank you, we are a community school and we need you beside us.

Next year is the centenary of Silverstream School. Buildings have been on this site since 1924 and we are very proud of the first 100 years of the school. Back in 1924 the Silverstream community worked very hard lobbying the Department for Education to have their own community school and were eventually successful with the school opening in July 1924. We have a number of celebrations planned for next year culminating in the 19th-21st October 2024 centenary weekend.

Registrations will open in early February, so if you know ex-pupils who may want to come along we would love to have them join us.

School books at the end of the year

We are keeping the children's class books at the end of the year to hand over to the next teacher. The purpose is so that the 2024 teacher can have the books to work from in the next first few weeks. This will ensure that the children start the year working from where they finished in 2023 and don't spend weeks trying to find out what they are capable of.

We know the children are very proud of their books and they are a great memento for parents to keep so we will ensure you get those books home in week 4 of Term 1.

Staffing update for 2024

We have completed our staffing for the 2024 year and have now placed all of the children into their 2024 classes. We are excited to welcome some new staff to the team.

Welcome back to **Thomas Searancke** who is back with us full time in a classroom from next year.

Welcome to **Macy Crowe** who comes to us from the USA and is relocating with her kiwi partner back to his home here in Upper Hutt.

Welcome to **Rebecca Heathcote** who comes to us from Fergusson Intermediate.

Welcome to **Kynan Featherstone** who comes to us from St Claudine Thevenet School in Wellington.

Welcome to **Hannah Hageraats** and **Grant Reid** who come to us from Maidstone Intermediate.

Welcome to **Helena Smith** who comes to us from Terrace End School in Palmerston North.

What a team! We are very excited to have attracted such outstanding teachers to the team and are looking forward to what 2024 will bring and for what Silverstream School students can achieve.

2024 classes

The children will find out on Friday who their 2024 teacher is. The classroom teachers have worked for the last 6 weeks to place your child in the best possible class for them taking into account other children in the class, the teacher, balancing classes for gender, academic needs etc. It is a massive jigsaw with 500 children. If you or your child have any questions about their placement in the first instance please contact your child's current teacher as they know your child the best.

End of year Progress and Achievement data (PaCT)

These were sent home with your child yesterday. This is the final academic and progress report for the 2023 year. The reports show the progress made in reading, writing and mathematics and each of the aspects of those subjects. It is very important to be aware that not all of the signposts (big concepts in the subject represented by a blue dot) will have moved over the last 6 months.

In most cases just one of the signposts will have changed. This is because it is a long journey between each of the signposts, for example Geometric Thinking in mathematics has only 6 significant signposts over 10 years of schooling. One geometry signpost will have nearly 2 years' worth of content within it.

If you want to listen to more about unpacking your child's PaCT report we have a video guide available here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16POCvwQVScIrKZU5qzk3e25GeZxR-hKP/view?usp=sharing>

Your child's personalised education plan (PEP) which you updated with the teacher in week 2 of this term shows other data for the year in terms of engagement, attendance, values and competencies and other non-core subject areas.

School Desks

A couple of years ago the school sold the single school desks to the community. Given the changes we are making in the curriculum in the reintroduction of handwriting and work in books we are in the position of having to buy new desks. They are very expensive new and also hard to find. If you have a single desk with the attached sliding tray underneath and are no longer using it we would love to buy it from you. We can offer \$50 to buy a desk back from you. Please let Corey know if you can help in any way. corey.white@silverstream.school.nz

Congratulations



And isn't this THE best photo to end our year with. Congratulations to Lucia (Room 16) and Thea (Room 14), on their Dance Concert last weekend at Expressions. You are both AMAZING!

Congratulations to Mannat Saini (Room 14) who has been attending Karate class and has upgraded from white to yellow belt. We are all very proud of you Mannat. Well done!



Congratulations also to Kayleigh Walsh (Room 10) who had her end of year prize giving over the weekend. She completed her level 2 achievement, revived her level 2 ribbon and a medal. Well done Kayleigh! Great job!

As this is the last newsletter of the 2023 year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year.

Have a Happy Christmas and New Year. I hope you get some quality time to relax, unwind and spend time with the people you love. Take care on the roads over summer and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 9.00am.

Season's Greetings. Meri Kirihimete
See you in 2024!

Lorraine Taylor
Principal

Chug a lugs

Ka pai Chug-a-luggers, what an amazing group of dedicated runners you all are. You ran through every type of weather Wellington had to offer this year and you did so with the best of attitudes.

We look forward to another great year of running in 2024.

Thank you to all the parent and grandparent helpers, you are amazing. We absolutely could not do this without you.



Happy holidays,
The Chug-a-lug team





All medication kept at the school will be sent home with your child tomorrow, Friday 15th December. Please check the expiry dates and send back to school if required with the filled-out Medication Agreement Form provided.

Thank you!



Wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday break!!!

Kindo has a few important updates that they would love for you to read as the school year comes to a close:

- [What to do if you're leaving school](#)
- [Provide feedback and go in to the draw to win a \\$50 voucher](#)

Is your child leaving or changing school?

A few important steps if your student is leaving or changing schools next year:

Find out if your new school is using Kindo: Ask the school directly or go to “My Details” in [myKindo](#) and click on the list of schools to see if your new school is listed.

If your new school IS using Kindo: Simply click on the new school from the list in “My Details” of your Kindo account and you’ll be attached to the new school’s menu. Any balance on your [Kindo account](#) will remain available to spend with the new school. If you have personalised accounts on your myKindo portal, there may be a slight delay as the schools switch records over.

If your new school is NOT using Kindo, or your student is leaving school: You may need to close your account. If you have another student starting within the next 14 months you may keep it open. To close your account, follow these steps:

1. Please stop any regular automatic payments now.
2. Use the “Close Account” button within the “My Details” page on [myKindo](#). You can either withdraw your account balance or choose to donate your balance to the school. Please note that all withdrawals will be made via electronic payment to your New Zealand bank account. Kindo is unable to process cash withdrawals.

If you want to withdraw your Kindo account balance, or make a donation that exceeds Kindo’s threshold of \$10,000 total per year, Kindo will need to undertake some identity checks on you to comply with its obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) Act 2009.

Please action the withdrawal or donation in your Kindo account as outlined above and if these AML checks are necessary Kindo will advise of the next steps required in this regard. Kindo has endeavoured to make this process as pain-free as possible and appreciates your patience. [More information is available here.](#)

Friends of Silverstream School Fundraising Team

The FoSS team wish you all Seasons Greetings, and a Happy New Year!

HOW WE FOSS'D 2023!

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

House Bake Sales x4
Kindo Sales (Cookies / Hot cross buns)
School Disco (2 in 1 night)
Raffles x2
Spell-a-thon
Christmas Picnic

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Karma Keg
Cozzie Quiz Night
Mini Session Photos

ENRICHMENT (Gifts)

Road Patrol Volunteer Vouchers
Spell-a-thon Winners & Spot Prizes

TEACHER SUPPORT

Classroom Petty Cash
Environment Aids (Traps etc)

STUDENT SUPPORT

Year 6 Camp Subsidy
Leavers Dinner & Disco
New Science Equipment
**ANZAC (Area TBC)
**Playground (Upgrade TBC)

#volunteersrock

Happy Holidays!

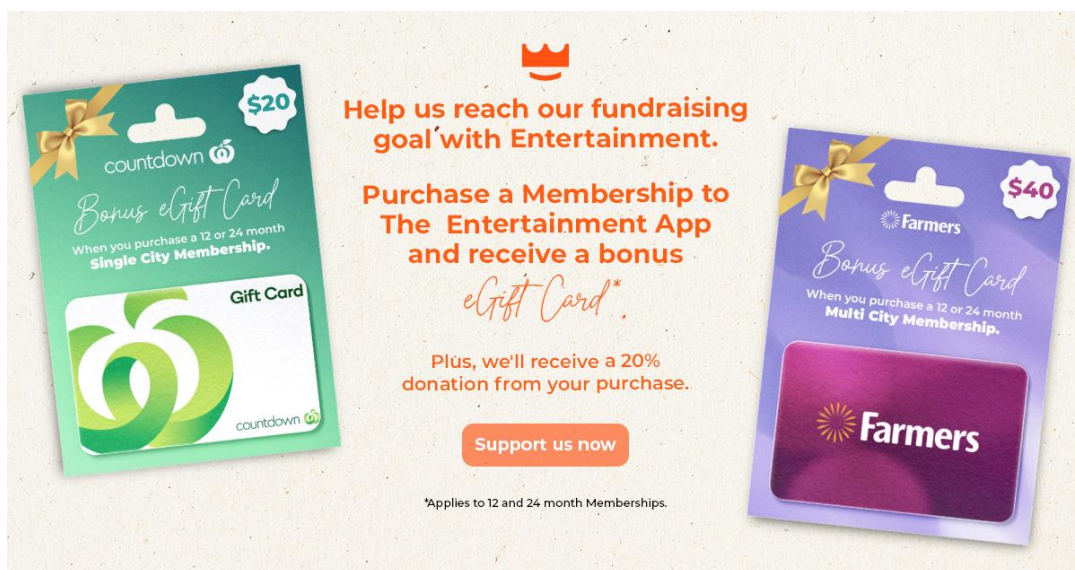
The FoSS team will be back in 2024 with great activities to support Silverstream School in it's centenary year.

If you want to join the FoSS team, or for more info on FoSS, email fundraising@silverstream.school.nz or come to our meetings in 2024



It's the most wonderful time of the year

Receive a bonus eGift Card valued at up to \$40 when you purchase a Membership to The Entertainment App.



Gifting season is upon us and we thought you should be the first to unwrap unbeatable savings with a Membership to The Entertainment App with their current gift with purchase promotion.

During this festive season, not only will 20% of your Membership purchase **directly support our Fundraising cause** but Entertainment will also gift you a **bonus eGift Card** to say thank you for your support.

- Purchase a 12 or 24-month Single City Membership and receive a bonus \$20 eGift Card.
- Purchase a 12 or 24-month Multi City Membership and receive a bonus \$40 eGift Card.

Save on everything you love to do this festive season with an Entertainment Membership, [CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE!](#)

Thank you for your continued support 😊



Intensive Holiday Programme

18th - 21st December

between 2.30 and 5.30pm

Swim Every day for 4 days

45min. classes for School Age \$110

30min. classes for Pre-School \$76

Amazing Results in just 4 days!!

📞 Taking enrolments now 📞

BOOK ONLINE

www.swimacademy.co.nz or

admin@swimacademy.co.nz or 021 714958



Intensive Holiday Programme

23rd - 26th January

between 3 and 5.30pm

Swim Every day for 4 days

45min. classes for School Age \$110

30min. classes for Pre-School \$76

Amazing Results in just 4 days!!

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Weetbix TRYathlon - Wellington 2024

Entries are now OPEN for the Wellington 2024 Weetbix Try!

Unfortunately, there is not going to be a Hutt City event in 2024, so our nearest one will be the Wellington City event held at Kilbirnie Park on Sunday March 19.

We have registered Silverstream School as a school group, which means we will be eligible for prizes, along with other benefits such as delivery of the TRYathlon kits to school (saves you a few dollars!).



It's a really fun morning and being on the weekend, families are more able to come along and support their children and the school group as a whole. There are food & coffee trucks, sponsor giveaways and spot prizes to be won!

If your child is keen, I would encourage you to register them sooner rather than later, as the event will sell out before the end of the year most likely. Make sure you link your child to Silverstream School, so you are attached to our school group.

For more information, and to register, [follow this link](#). Or you can follow them on [Facebook](#).

Alternatively, if your questions can't be answered from their FAQ's, feel free to contact Erin Edmonds our school coordinator via email, erin.edmonds@silverstream.school.nz



Last Day of Term 4 2023 - Friday 15th December – School Closes at 3.00 p.m.

First Day of Term 1 2024 – Tuesday 30th January

SCHOOL will be CLOSED on the following days:

Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6th February

Teacher Only Days – Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February

Good Friday – Friday 29th March

Easter Monday – Monday 1st April

Easter Tuesday – Tuesday 2nd April

Last Day of Term 1 – Friday 12th April – School Closes at 3.00 p.m.

For **ALL** calendar events and any school information please access our school website.

<https://www.silverstream.school.nz/calendar.html>

Follow us on

Website: www.silverstream.school.nz

Facebook: [Click Here](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES



KIDS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME TIMETABLE

MON 15 JAN TO FRI 26 JANUARY

TLC's Kids Art Holiday Programme is timed just right to keep your kids happy, engaged and having creative holiday fun! Our programme is OSCAR approved.

For more info on our holiday programme visit www.tlc.ac.nz

LIMITED SPACES! BOOK NOW!

Dates: Mon 15 to Fri 19 Jan & Tues 23 to Fri 26 Jan

Times: 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Cost: \$65.00 per day

Please note: All classes need a minimum number to go ahead. If a class is cancelled we will let you know 2 working days prior to the scheduled start date. If a class is cancelled, you may transfer to another available class or you'll receive a full refund.

SCAN ME TO BOOK!

To find out more about our holiday programme visit our website:

<https://www.tlc.ac.nz/study-with-us/kids-art-holiday-classes/school-holiday-programme/>

Bookings can be made directly through EnrolMy:

[Enrolmy | The Learning Connexion - Booking Calendar for Kids Summer School Holiday Programme](#)

Oscar subsidies are available.



Attend a FREE TRIAL CLASS during the summer break.

Choose your free trial from these classes and dates



Thursday, 28th December - 10.00 - 11.00am
Saturday, 30th December - 10.00 - 11.00am
Thursday, 4th January - 10.00 - 11.00am
Sunday, 7th January - 10.00 - 11.00am

To book in, simply scan the QR code or call. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Instructor and
Consultant,
GKR Wellington

M: 027 765 3935





Y-KIDS the **Y**

Limited numbers!

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Dec - Jan 2024

Book Now!
0800 YMCA 4U | www.ycentral.nz

WINZ Subsidies available.
This programme is funded with support from the Ministry of Social Development



Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have [Literati Lab](#) just for girls

Enter our competition to win a FREE 4 day pass to one of our CodeCamps

Venues: Thorndon, Khandallah & Silverstream

Dates: 8th - 11th & 15th - 18th January

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecademy.co.nz/competition

EarlyBird Save Up to 21% Until 14th December

Siblings Save 6%





Suitable for beginner
to advanced coders.



codingnz.com/freeactivity



December/January Holiday Computer Classes.

Grand Training runs educational and fun computer classes over the holidays at our Wellington City location for ages 5 to 16.

- Minecraft from Introduction to Mods and Servers
- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python, Java.
- Code and Create 3D Games
- Web Design, HTML and CSS
- Build a PC
- Film and Video Editing
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Online Safety and Privacy

Information & bookings: grandtraining.co.nz or call 499-2211



Enter by the end of November 1st to get the best entry fees for Karapoti 2024.

Enter Here Now !

When registering, please link your orders to Silverstream school as team.



Go on... You know you wanna!

Support Your School

Below are some local businesses who support and give donations to Silverstream School when parents/caregivers, friends and family, use their Business and mention SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL.



Lani's window cleaning services. We are a local, small family business. We do commercial and domestic cleaning, specialising in window cleaning and exterior house cleaning including waterblasting. Typically, a standard 3 bedroom house will cost approximately \$150 to clean the inside and outside windows. For a free quote or to request a job, please contact Lani on 027 360 4263.

We will also pay \$10 per job that is completed to the school which have been referred through the school newsletter so please let us know that this is how you found our business!





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**ABLAZE WILL DONATE 5% OF
FIREWOOD SALES BACK TO
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(excludes delivery fee)

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