



Silverstream School Te Kura o Māwaihākona

'Together We Inspire a Passion for Learning'

*~ Welcome, Haere mai~Afio mai~ Welkom~Namaste~Bienvenue~Willkommen~
~Maeva~Yōkoso ~Fūnyihng ~Aloha~Fälte~*



Principal's Message

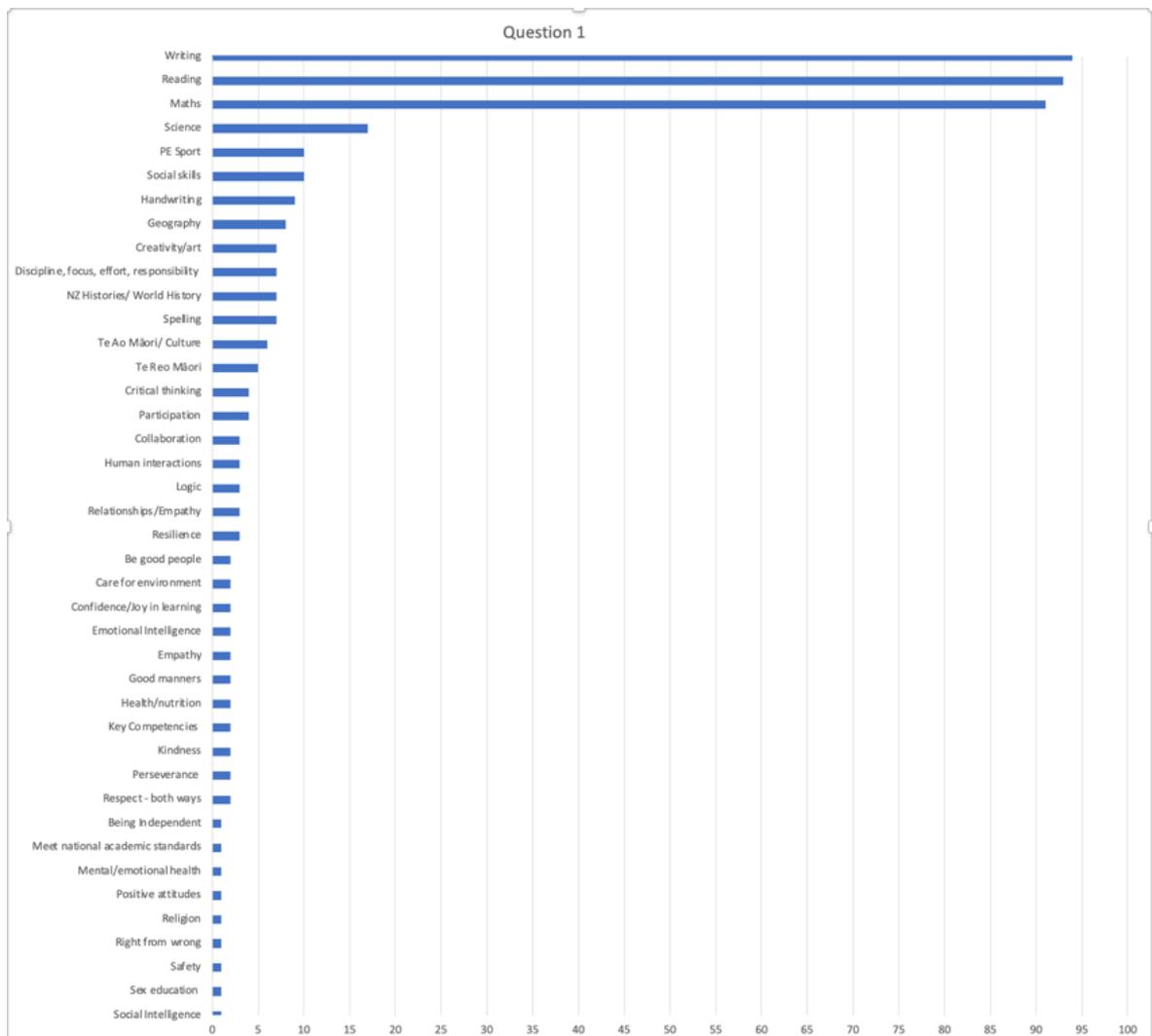
Kia ora koutou,

Silverstream School Curriculum Survey Outcomes

Thank you again for your feedback and congratulations to the Galloway family who were the randomly drawn winners of the survey last week. We had 121 responses and we will be looking at your feedback and further defining our curriculum for the 2023 year.

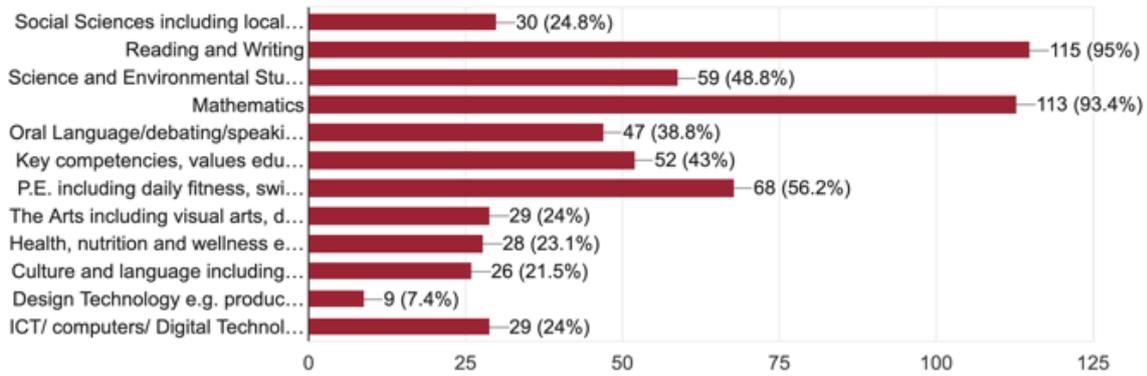
Question 1 was an open question *"what do you believe can't be left to chance at school i.e. what are the non-negotiables to teach your children?"*

We charted your written responses, they were as follows:



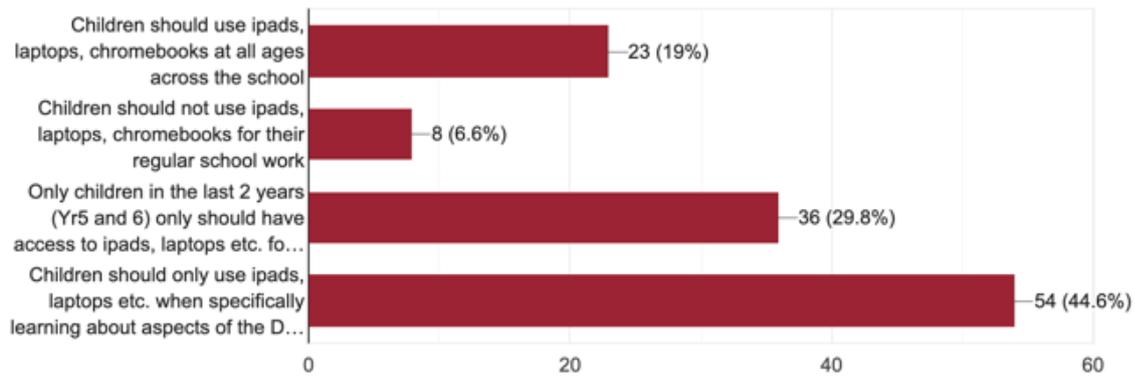
Q2 Teaching time at school is 5 hours per day x 5 days per week. Schools have a significant amount of freedom to choose what to teach, for how...rs by ticking the 5 most important areas for you.

121 responses



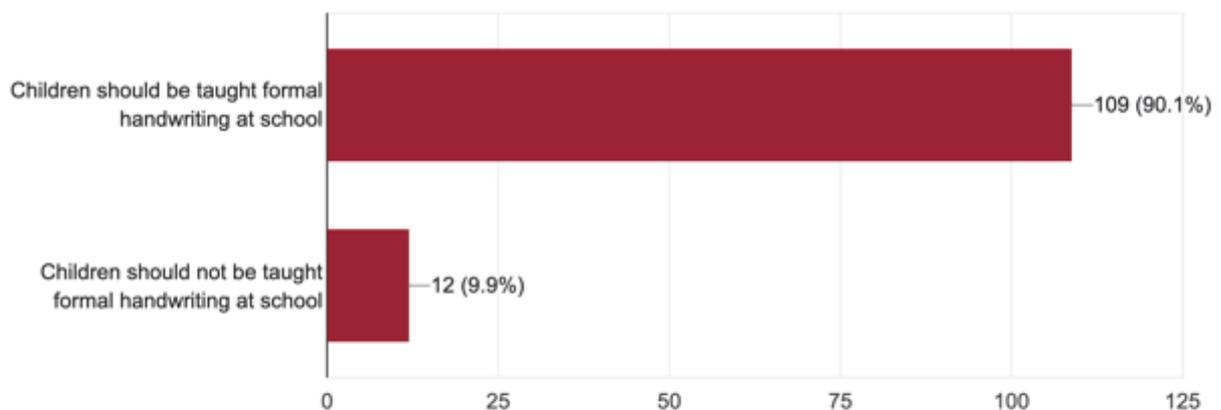
Q3 The use of ipads and other screens has been a strong feature of many schools over the last 15-20 years. Please tick the statement which relates most to your beliefs.

121 responses



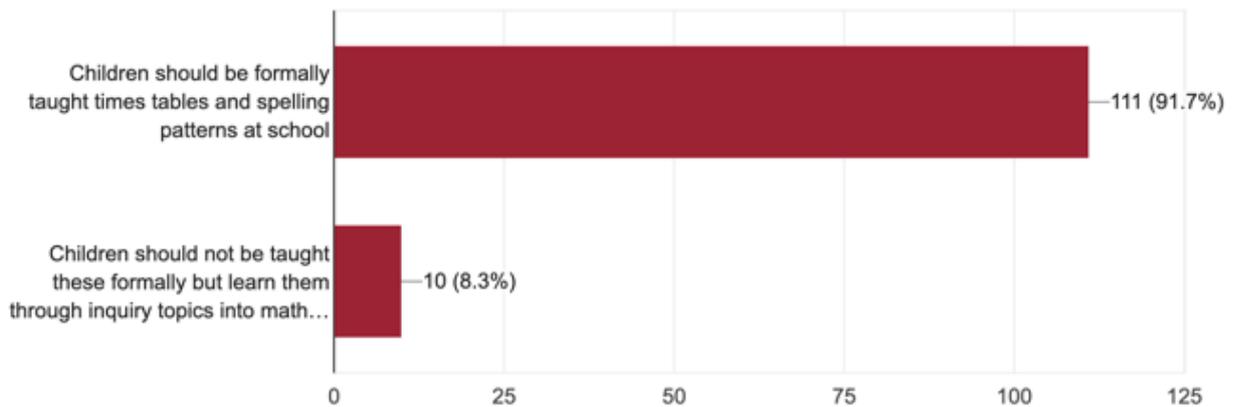
Q4 Handwriting

121 responses



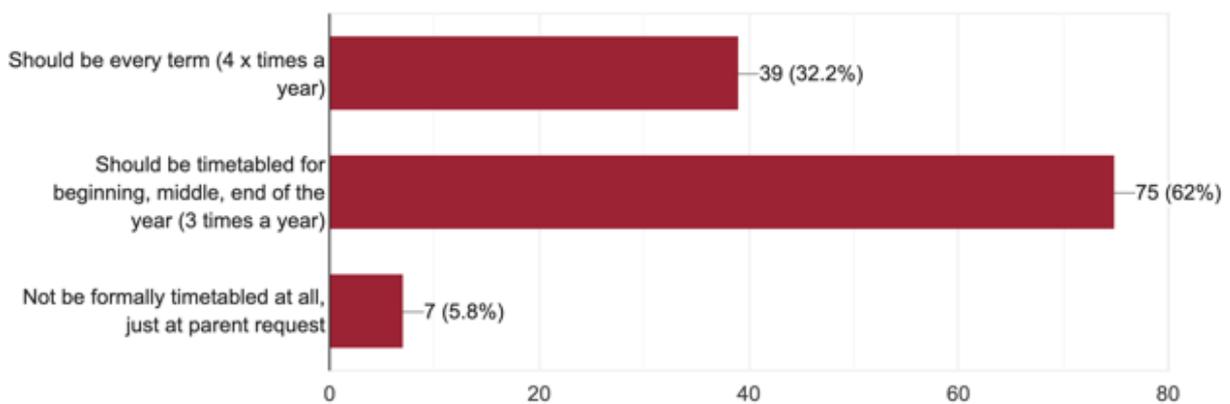
Q5 Times tables, spelling and other basic facts

121 responses



Q6 Parent Interviews

121 responses



The survey gives us some very clear guidance on what is important for us as a school to focus on. It is also clearly important that we provide a healthy, safe, well supported environment, where children enjoy coming to school and are in an environment where there are good values around them, including the ability to have fun with their learning. We will have a revised curriculum out to you for the new year. Many thanks again.

Open Plan Learning Environments

You may have seen in the news over the last week or so a number of articles about the trend towards open plan classrooms and modern learning environments. As you will be aware Silverstream School has a mixture of older single classrooms and more modern double rooms with interconnecting doors. We have, for the last year, closed the open plan rooms back down to single classrooms. This is a philosophy I have long felt is the best one and have been increasingly worried to see children in large classrooms of nearly 60 children. It seems to generate a lot more noise and distraction and I have not seen many good outcomes for this approach. I am pleased to read that there are some questions now being asked about this inquiry based, modern teaching spaces philosophy, as well as the role of online digital learning for Primary aged children.

As we develop our 2023 curriculum, moving back to single classrooms in Years 2-6 is key. These rooms are quiet and calm with children seated and focused on reading, writing, mathematics, handwriting, spelling, alongside other key areas like PE, sports, science, history and geography. This will ensure your children have a strong base for a future love of learning. We have an excellent library resource at school and are keen to continue to build this collection to support a love of reading. We have excellent resources with a heated pool and excellent swim teachers to support early years swimming too.

It doesn't mean at all that we are anti-technology. Children learning about and building aquabots, floor robots, Lego Mindstorms etc. is also good to have in the curriculum. The arts, music, choir, school band, school productions, the environment, gardening, cooking etc. are also key to a fully rounded education. If we prioritise the core areas first in the day, and in the afternoon slots offer a range of other activities and learnings for children, we will maintain a good balance.

If you are interested about the current debate around the open plan modern learning environments approach there are a couple of recent ones here:

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/ministry-of-education-challenged-to-prove-open-learning-classrooms-are-good-for-children/UIQ4QLDRQDJECBOPVCK4RA7DE/>

<https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/early-edition/audio/dr-michael-johnston-nz-initiative-research-finds-education-ministrys-classroom-experiment-not-based-on-evidence/>

Thanks again for your support. It is, once again, a very exciting time to be in education.

School Assemblies and Principal's Awards this week

We are really pleased to have whole school assemblies back on our weekly schedule. Every week from 2.10 pm – 2.50 pm on a Friday we now have Principal's Awards, school singing, house points, etc. Many of our children have never experienced a school assembly as we have had little to none of them over the last two and a half years. Once we are back into the swing of assemblies we will have a class item each week too.

Today's newsletter has our first list of children who will be receiving the Principal's awards tomorrow (Friday 23rd Sept). You are very welcome to come along to assemblies each Friday, especially if your child is receiving an award.

School Closure for Queen Remembrance Day

All schools across New Zealand are closed on Monday 26th September (week 10) for the day to recognise the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Celebrations!

Congratulations to Sonia in Room 9 who is taking part in the musical "Disney's Frozen Jr" by Musical Stars Performing Trust. The show is running this entire week at the Little Theatre, Lower Hutt. Sonia is performing in four shows for general public and school audiences. Sonia worked very hard for this with weekend rehearsals and lots of practice. We are all super proud of Sonia's achievement! Well done!



If your child has been involved in anything outside of school you are super proud of, a sports achievement or event, a hobby they have mastered, a dance, drama, speech, church group, community event please do let me know so that we can celebrate in the newsletter each week.

Send a photo along too if you have one to lorraine.taylor@silverstream.school.nz

As always have a great week!

Ngā mihi nui,

Best wishes,

Lorraine Taylor

Principal

WELCOME TO SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL



to our newest Students:

Room 19 – Millie Topp

Room 20 – Beatrice Topp

It is great to have you both at Silverstream School!

House News

WHITEMANS

CHATSWORTH

GLOUCESTER

GARD

HOUSE DAY on Thursday 29th September!

On Thursday 29th September we will be holding our annual school wide House Day. We are looking forward to getting together as house groups and having FUN! This day is normally held in Term 1, but due to Covid, we've had to put it off until now. It will be a great way to finish the term.

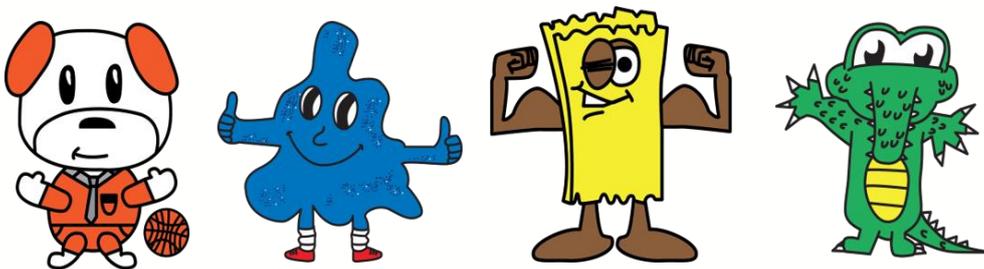
The children will be involved in both non-competitive and competitive activities with their house group between 9:10am and 2:45pm.

It would be fabulous if everyone could remember to wear their house colour. There is no expectation to have a house t-shirt. Even an accessory made from coloured paper or cardboard is fine. For others who wish to wear their crazy outfits, go for it!

Whanau are more than welcome to join us anytime throughout the day. House points will be awarded to supporters who are spotted wearing their house colour.

In the event of **bad weather**, we will postpone House Day to the following day, **Friday 30th September**.

We can't wait to see all our happy children in their house colours!



Go Gard!! Go Chatsworth, Go Whitemans, Go Gloucester!

Principal's Awards 2022 – Week 9

Room Number	Student Name	Reason for award <i>(school value it relates to; being responsible (kia mānakotū, kind (kia ngakaunui) being brave (kia mārohirohi), being safe (kia haumarū), having fun.</i>
Room 1	Meila Markov	For showing bravery and inner strength with your learning and as part of our class. Ka mau te wehi!
Room 2	Lucia Emery	For all your efforts with reading. You are doing amazing work!
Room 3	Milan McGavin	For showing bravery when learning new Maths strategies. It has been great to see you persevering with your learning. Ka Pai tō mahi.
Room 4	Mila Andries	For your enthusiasm, hard work and determination. You are keen to learn new skills and have made great progress especially with your reading and writing.
Room 5	Jack Eagle	For working hard at completing your work on time and persevering with a great attitude when the work gets a bit hard.
Room 6	Charlie Tucker	For making a super effort with your reading, and for being kind to others in the classroom.
Room 7	Lexi Otis	For being hardworking, kind, brave and responsible. We can always rely on you to work hard every day.
Room 8	Harper Topp	For your enthusiastic approach to all learning and your kind and gentle nature.
Room 9	Raefe Staats	For being respectful, considerate and willing to help your peers and teacher. Ka mau te wehi! (Awesome)
Room 10	Alex Jerome	For working hard at learning to explain your quick thinking and being so enthusiastic about school.
Room 11	Hunter Ireland	For trying your best with your writing, being responsible and taking pride in your work. Ka Pai!
Room 12	Lachie Hollebhone	For showing a consistent thirst for knowledge. You always work hard to try and achieve your best.
Room 13	John Peters	For having a positive attitude towards all areas of your learning and striving for excellence every time. Tino pai!
Room 14	Mason Dobbelaar	For being courteous and displaying good manners. You also set an example of excellence in behaviour and cooperation.
Room 15	Malaya Hemady	Tino pai, Malaya! Thank you for being so responsible and kind this week. Your constant focus and commitment to your mahi is always impressive. He rawe koe!
Room 16	Rishi Dhawan	For always displaying our school values and having a great attitude towards learning. Ka mau te wehi Rishi!
Room 17	Ayla Campbell	For being a kind and responsible student who has fun with her learning. Ka rawe!
Room 18	Mannat Thind	For showing kindness when helping your classmates with their learning.
Room 19	Harper Carey	For showing bravery and mana when sharing your Te reo Māori knowledge with the class
Room 20	Braxdyn Robinson	Making excellent progress in Reading by persevering and never giving up. Ka mau te wehi!
Room 21	Shantao Meng	For being a kind friend, showing excellent sportsmanship and having a great attitude towards learning.

2022 NETBALL PRIZEGIVING

Hi Everyone,

On Saturday morning, Silverstream School had our Netball Prizegiving for the Year 3-6 teams. We had seven teams take part this season, and they all performed extremely well. A huge thank you to the coaches, managers, parents and supporters. You are all very appreciated!!!

Saturday morning was a great time to get together. Lots of yummy food, great families and a very cool Parent/Caregiver game.

Parent/Whanau dark blue 12 - Parents
light blue 5

***Parent/Whanau Player of the Day -
Richard Bowness – Congratulations!!!***



2022 Netball Award Winners

Year 3 Silverstream Sparklers

Most Promising Player - Neve Shanahan
Most Improved Player - Ida O'Sullivan

Year 4 Flying Foxes

Most Promising Players - Sophia Quinn and Christian Gunn
Most Improved Player - Bella Penny

Year 4 Silver Gems

Most Promising Player - Sena Reid
Most Improved Player - Sienna Jahnke

Year 5 Silverstream Stars- Silverstream School team of the year- Unbeaten.

Most Promising Player - Kasey Hotop
Most Improved Player - Lucy Gilbert

Year 5 SilverXstream- Only lost one game to a Year 6 team.

Most Promising Player - Mia Ireland
Most Improved Player - Paris Yiannoutsos

Year 6 Sharpshooters

Most Promising Player - Maddie Charles
Most Improved Player - Paige Ricketts

Year 6 All Stars

Most Promising Player - Nevayah Marino
Most Improved Player - Jzhayda Wanoa

AFRICAN FAMILIES AFTERNOON TEA

This past Sunday, Silverstream School hosted an African families afternoon tea. It was lovely to see families connect and get to know each other, share stories, enjoy some delicious food, and laugh with each other, while the children played.

If you are of African descent and would like to be a part of this group for the odd braai here or there, please contact Cherene on 021 197 2471, and she will help you connect.



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Friends of Silverstream School Fundraising Team

FUNDRAISING BAKE SALE – Tuesday 27th September

The Friends of Silverstream School team are very excited to announce the first bake sale of 2022 will take place **on Tuesday 27 September from 2:45pm**. It will be the perfect opportunity to stock up on some treats to get us through the last week of term.

Chatsworth and **Gloucester** families we are up first! It's time for us to get in the kitchen over this long weekend and make some delicious goodies for the bake sale. Check out Seesaw for further information which was sent out earlier this week.

Whitemans and Gard you will have the opportunity to host the bake sale in Term 4.

Thanks
FoSS team



Friends of Silverstream
School

Bake Sale

Chatsworth and Gloucester are coming together to bring you the first bake sale of 2022! Bring cash and stock up for school lunches.

Tuesday 27 September
2:45pm-3:15pm

Can you help? Text Kathryn 021563633

Weetbix TRYathlon - Wellington 2023



Entries for the Weetbix TRYathlon open TODAY - September 8th!

Unfortunately, there is not going to be a Hutt City event in 2023 (yes due to covid, but they will likely be back to a full schedule in 2024), so our nearest one will be the Wellington City event held at Kilbirnie Park on Sunday March 19, 2023.

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 co-ordinator via email erin.edmonds@silverstream.school.nz



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10 - 13 October

between 2 and 5.30pm

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Upcoming Events - Save the Date



Upcoming Dates

Bake Sale (Chatsworth & Gloucester) – Tuesday 27th September
Board Meeting – Wednesday 28th September 6.30pm
House Day – Thursday 29th September (PPT date Friday 30th September)

Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 30th September

FoSS Meeting – Thursday 3rd November 7.30pm

SCHOOL CLOSED:

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day – Monday 26th September

Teacher Only Day – Friday 21st October

Labour Day – Monday 24th October

First Day of Term 4 – Monday 17th October

Last day of Term 4 – Thursday 15th December (3.00pm finish)

For **ALL** calendar events and any school information please access our school website. We will post updates/cancellations of upcoming trips/events on Facebook to keep parents/caregivers informed.

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

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FREE SELF DEFENCE CLASS

WITH SENSEI ANTHONY KAIARUNA, 3RD DAN BLACK BELT

Our club is running a Safety Awareness Campaign during September and October 2022. Come and attend a Free Self Defence Class in your local area, for kids 5+, teenagers, adults and families with any experience level.

Sunday, 18th September, Postgate School Hall, Staithes Drive North, **2pm - 4pm**

Saturday 24th September, Raroa Intermediate Hall, Haumia Street, **3pm - 5pm**

Sunday 2nd October, Paraparaumu Memorial Hall, Tutanekai Street, **2pm - 4pm**

Saturday 8th October, Waterloo School Hall, Hardy Street, **2pm - 4pm**

Sunday 30th October, Upper Hutt College Gym, Moonshine Road, **3pm - 5pm**

To book in the whole family, simply click the link or scan the QR code and fill out some basic details. More info about our joining fee and weekly fees will be shared once booked.



*"waiting to start training in karate until you're **fit enough**, is like saying a child is not going to school until they are **smart enough**."*



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To book in your family to attend a self defence class, simply click the link: <https://gkr.typeform.com/to/atLpG7LR>





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!

