



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-Fáilte-



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back!

It is so exciting to be back at school for the 2023 year. The year feels like such a positive year, our 99th year as a school. A huge welcome to everyone and especially to the new families who have joined us this year, we are super pleased to have you and sincerely thank you for choosing Silverstream for your children.

Our thoughts are with our Auckland whanau who have suffered such a great deal of loss to their family homes, schools and places of work. It isn't the start to the year we would have wished on anyone and our thoughts are with your own families who are impacted at this time. Kia kaha to you all.

Welcoming new staff

This year we welcome our new excellent educators to #team'steam.

A big Silverstream welcome to:

Laura Taylor who is a Wellingtonian and will be teaching in Room 5. Laura comes to us after three years teaching English in Japan. Laura speaks some Japanese too which is an excellent additional skill for our school. Melissa Byrne will release Laura one day a week for her teacher release allowance.

Marian Mullender is the new school Learning Support Co-ordinator (LSC) who comes to us from an Auckland High School. Marian has an extensive background working in Special Education Schools and has specialist knowledge in the area of Autism Spectrum.

Samantha Dokter trained as a teacher in the UK but did her own primary education here in Te Puke, Bay of Plenty. Melissa Byrne will release Samantha one day a week for her teacher release allowance.

Han Cui is relocating to Wellington to be with her partner. She comes to us from Auckland and has previously been an English teacher in China. Han is a native Chinese speaker which is fantastic to have on the staff. Yvette Binner will release Han one day a week for her teacher release allowance.

Anna Robinson is a very experienced teacher and former team leader from the Wellington area and will be job sharing with Lara Parry this year as Lara takes on a new Learning Progress Co-ordinator role across the school.

New Role

Erin Edmonds has moved from a classroom teacher role to a specialist Science teacher role this year. She will take the Year 2-6 children every fortnight for dedicated science lessons. Erin has a science background before becoming a teacher. We are very excited to be able to run this programme for the children.

Students with Additional Needs Team 2023

We have established a new team and a revised, within school system, for identifying, responding to and supporting students and their whanau who may have additional learning, health, behavioural or pastoral needs.

New break times at school

To allow us to maximise uninterrupted core learning time while your child is here at school we have adjusted the daily timetable. The children still have a good amount of time to have a break, eat, play with friends, etc.

School Timetable 2023

9.00 am - 11.00 am
Session 1 (2 hours)

11.00 am - 11.20 am
Morning Tea

11.20 am - 12.50 pm
Session 2 (1 hour 30 mins)

12.50 pm - 1.40 pm
Lunch

1.40 pm - 3.00 pm
Session 3 (1 hour 20 mins)
3 pm finish for everyone

If you have any worries that your child isn't eating well at school please do let the teacher know so that they can work with you on this.

Attendance

It is really important your child attends school as regularly as they can and that they are only away from lessons when they are sick or have a family commitment they need to attend. We have developed a more sequential teaching programme for the core subjects which we don't want children to be missing too often.

Our attendance yesterday and today has been outstanding, we only had 16 students away yesterday and just 15 today, 9 are still on holiday so only 6 away unwell! It's an amazing start!

PEP's (Personalised Education Plans) Term 1 - Meet the Teacher

We have an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher in Week 3 (this week is Week 1). We will have the booking slots available next week. The dates are Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February. It will be great to see you so you can update the PEP for your child.

Stationery by Week 3

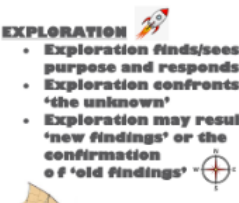



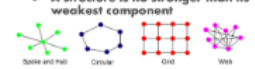
Don't worry too much if you are still waiting for stationery. The children need their books to start using them by Monday 13th February.

Term 1 School Wide Topic

Our school wide topic area this term is the **Universal Concept of EXPLORATION**. Each of our three teams have a different focus area under this umbrella concept.

Year 0-2 (Ako Iti)	Exploring our local area
Year 3-4 (Ako Whanake)	Exploring under the sea
Year 5- 6 (Ako Nui)	Exploration and navigation across the Pacific

Here is the overview of our topic areas for the whole year if you want to continue the study at home.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<p>EXPLORATION Generalisations</p> <p>EXPLORATION </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration finds/sees a purpose and responds to it • Exploration confronts 'the unknown' • Exploration may result in 'new findings' or the confirmation of 'old findings' 	<p>POWER Generalisations</p> <p>Power </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power is the ability to influence • Power may be used or abused • Power is always present in some form • Power may take many forms (chemical, electrical, political, mechanical) 	<p>SYSTEMS Generalisations</p> <p>SYSTEMS </p> <p>SYSTEMS</p> <p>Systems have parts that work together complete a task</p> <p>Systems are made of sub-systems.</p> <p>Parts of systems are dependent on one another.</p> <p>A system may be influenced by another one.</p> <p>Systems interact.</p> <p>Systems follow rules</p>	<p>STRUCTURES Generalisations</p> <p>Structures </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structures serve a purpose • Structures can be natural or artificial • Structures change over time • Structures are influenced by time and place • Structures have parts that interrelate • Parts of structures support and are supported by other parts • Smaller structures may be combined to form larger structures • Structures can be positive or negative • A structure is no stronger than its weakest component <p></p>

Assembly each week - Friday 2.10 pm – School Hall

We have our weekly assembly on a Friday in the School Hall. We will have Principal's Awards and over the course of the year each class will do a small item. It might be a couple of songs or something in their topic area or showing some of their art work. The teachers will let you know well in advance when your class is timetabled to do their item. You are very welcome to come along to assembly each week on a Friday.

School Fees and Donations 2023

It is always such an awkward topic to raise but we are VERY dependent as a school on parent donations. As a school in a relatively high socio-economic area our funding from the government is very, very small compared to schools in lower socio-economic areas. Our base costs however are the same. We have also experienced higher prices for electricity, goods and services, IT support, books, building costs, wages, etc. but haven't had the equivalent funding from central government to cover the inflation related increases. It is essential that we can bring in enough funding to continue to provide the high level of educational services and resourcing. There is so much we are trying to provide including science equipment for Year 2-6, robotics and programming opportunities for Years 4-6, swimming and perceptual motor programmes in Year 0-2, Mahi a toi and Kapa Haka across the school, teacher aide support in classrooms and class sizes which are all under 30 students in a room. In order to keep all of these things in place we really, really need your donations.

This year is the first year we have had to look at putting the donation up very slightly, (we haven't had to for over 10 years).

Our donations this year have been set by the Board as the following:

First and/or only child \$220

Second and subsequent child/ren \$200

Families are CAPPED at \$420 in total per family.

If you can pay \$4 or \$5 a week on an autopayment it really, really does help us make ends meet. Weekly payments (or the total amount) can be made via the Kindo app. I haven't had sleepless nights about covering basic school curriculum costs ever before until this year.....I know you are being attacked on all sides as families with petrol, travel, mortgages, rents and increased food prices and it is all part of the same challenge the world is facing post Covid. We are complaining to central government as groups of schools and anything you can do to add your voice to that this year would also help. Our budgets are the tightest they have EVER been this year. Many thanks to you all.

Welcome Whakatau

We will have a welcome whakatau in the School Hall **for all new whanau and families, students in Year 1 and children in other school years new to school as well as all of our new staff on Friday 10th February** from 2 pm. Everyone is very welcome. See you then.

Celebrations!

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

This week we have a fabulous sporting group to celebrate. These wonderful Silverstream children represented Upper Hutt in the annual Hawkes Bay Cricket Camp. The boys travelled to Hawkes Bay in early January and had a magnificent tournament representing Junior Cricket Upper Hutt with other children from schools around the city. The team won all 4 games in horrendous weather conditions. Well done to Ryan Stewart, George Brennan, Sam Madden and Hugo Tait.



Waitangi Day Reminder

School is closed on Monday 6th February for the nationwide Waitangi Day Holiday. We will be open again on Tuesday 7th February at the usual 9.00am start time.

As always, have a great week!

Ngā mihi nui
Lorraine Taylor
Principal

WELCOME TO SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL



to our newest Students:

Room 1 – Lily Tioeli-Pohatu
Room 2 – Aubrey McDonald, Jakob Thomson
Room 3 – Kevin Tharagan
Room 5 – Kalani Keenan
Room 8 – Maryrose Dick
Room 9 – Nate Quinn
Room 11 – Flora Heppenstall
Room 12 – Anton Mikhyeyev
Room 13 – Cameron Quinn, Essa Ahmed, Lukah Green
Room 17 – Katherine Tharagan
Room 18 – Eden Siu, Francois Gosselin
Room 19 – James Dick
Room 20 – Julie Thomson
Room 21 – Hettie Heppenstall

It is great to have you all at Silverstream School!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club



Issue 1 of Lucky Book Club 2023 will be sent home with your child/ren tomorrow, Friday 3rd February. Please return any orders to the office by Friday 17th February. Alternatively, you can use the “Loop” option on Scholastic’s website www.scholastic.co.nz. The last issue of Lucky Book Club raised over \$500 worth of books for our school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



Register NOW! For Tough Guy Tough Gal Thursday 25th May 2023 @ Camp Wainui

Silverstream School have locked in Thursday 25th May for this event this year. Registration is now open but is limited to 1000 participants, so please get in quick to secure your place. Erin Edmonds (erin.edmonds@silverstream.school.nz) will be co-ordinating the school team for this event.



Weetbix TRYathlon - Wellington 2023

Entries are filling up fast for the Wellington 2023 Weetbix Try!

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 coordinator via email erin.edmonds@silverstream.school.nz

Friends of Silverstream School Fundraising Team

A friendly reminder to keep an eye on this section for information about fundraising needs, new projects, and upcoming fundraising events that you can get stuck into!

If you are not familiar with FoSS, we are a group comprised of parents, teachers, and school faculty that work together to try and get Silverstream School the funds it needs to grow and improve, in its continued effort to be a great school for our children.

FoSS is always looking for parents who would like to join, so if you are interested please let the office know and they will pass your details on to us.

Upcoming Events - Save the Date



Upcoming Dates

Waitangi Day – Monday 6th February – SCHOOL CLOSED

FoSS Meeting – Thursday 16th February 2023

Board Meeting – Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Last Day Term 1 – Thursday 6th April
(Good Friday – Friday 7th April)

First Day of Term 2 – Monday 24th April

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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