



Silverstream School
Te Kura o Māwaihākona

'Together We Inspire a Passion for Learning'

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-Maeva-Yōkoso -Fūnyihng -Aloha-Fáilte-*



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Year 6 Camp

What an absolute privilege it was to be away on camp this week with the Year 6 students. I can honestly say I have never been away on a camp with a better behaved and more engaged group of students in 35 years. They were exemplary in their approach to camp, they tried everything, they got along as a group, they supported each other, they helped out, they were fun to be around and they were praised by every single staff member at the camp as being THE best group of students they have had. I was so proud of them, they are a credit to their families and will do well in anything they choose to do in life.

There were moments where they had challenges to face like a 5 hour tramp, long drop toilets, 12 and a half metre high ropes and balance beams, long tiring days, torrential rain but they just carried on and took everything in their stride.

A HUGE thank you to the parents that came along to support the children at camp, you are amazing to give up your time to be there for them and to help 24 hours a day for 4 days this week, I know you will all be exhausted, thank you again to:

Anthony Tebbut, Tory Slee, Sue Faulkner, Matt Carey, Sarah Curd, Rae Abbott, Peter Ireland, Rob Stewart and Brett Wolfsbauer. A big thank you to all the Year 6 teachers and Julie Blackwell the team leader in the outstanding organisation they put in to making the camp a huge success.

At next Friday's final assembly we will have photos and video of the camp to share but in the meantime here are a few for you...





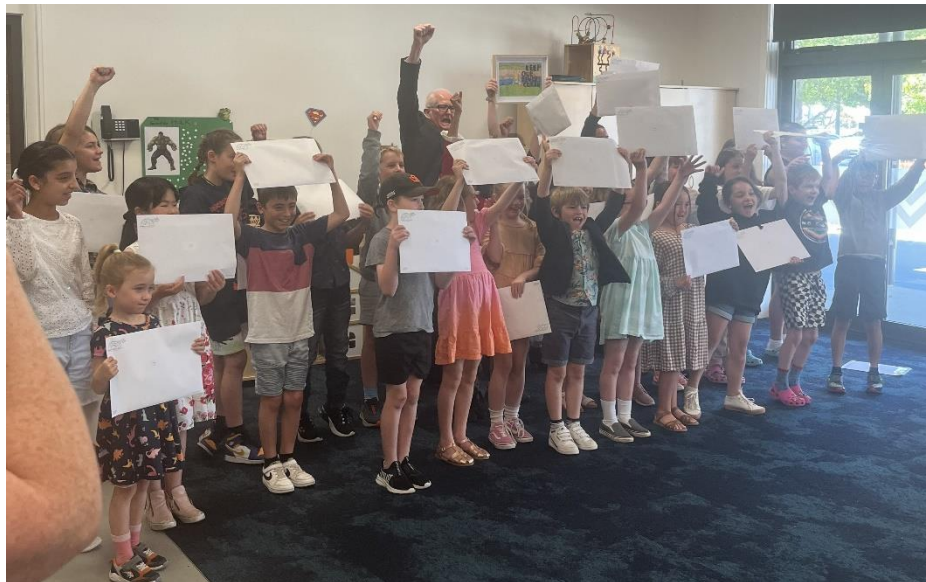
Christmas in the Park

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Year 0-2 annual Christmas in the Park event. It was fantastic to have so many people attending and enjoying a lovely community evening together. Many thanks to Hilary Burrows, Team Leader, and the Ako Iti team for their work in getting the evening organised.



Community Calendar

A huge congratulations to Adam Hutar from Room 19 and Mannat Thind from Room 20 who were chosen this year to appear in the Upper Hutt Council 2024 calendar, we are very proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing their work on display on our walls as the year progresses.



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 come 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.

Sabbaticals in 2024

Two staff members have been awarded academic sabbaticals in 2024.

Erin Edmonds has been awarded the Royal Society of Science Teaching Sabbatical in Terms 1 and 2 next year. Erin will be working on science and environmental projects out in the field and will bring back a greater expertise for science in the Primary sector from Term 3 onwards. Briana Rudduck will be taking over science in Term 1 before she leaves us to move to a teaching position in Melbourne, Australia.

I have been awarded the Teachers NZ Principals Sabbatical for Terms 1 and 2 next year. During my terms away I am looking into the Science of Learning from a neuroscience view and also more specifically the Science of Reading and Mathematics. I will be able to bring back to the school a deeper understanding of how young children acquire literacy and mathematical knowledge and therefore what schools need to be doing to ensure the most effective methods of teaching. Corey White will take over as Acting Principal for Terms 1 and 2.

2024 class visits

Children will be visiting their 2024 teachers on the morning of Friday 15th December. Class placement notices will be sent home with your child on the last day of term, Friday 15th December. If your child is not at school that day, they will be posted out to you. Many thanks.

End of year Progress and Achievement data (PaCT)

We will be sending this home with your child on Wednesday next week. 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.

Anthony Tebbutt - Thanks

2023 is the final year having Anthony as our BoT chairperson (Presiding Member). Anthony has served on the Silverstream Board of Trustees for 9 years and worked alongside 3 Principals. Anthony has been the BoT chair for the last 3 years and has moved the school in that time to an outstanding initial report from the Education Review Office in 2023.

I cannot convey in words how much I have appreciated working with Anthony and how much he does in the background for the school to make it as successful as it is. He has been a pleasure to work with and we will certainly miss his guidance and calm approach to what is a very multidimensional and complex role. The Board meet in late January to elect a new BoT chair for the 2024 year. Anthony will remain in place until the changeover on 31st January. Thank you Anthony, you will be greatly missed by the community and the team.

Swimming 2024

Many thanks to those parents who responded to the swimming survey, it has been very useful to get your thoughts and comments. I am working with the Swim Academy to look at the programme for 2024 and we will have more details next week to share with you.

Congratulations

To **Anika Singh** Room 21, who participated as a 'Theater Artist' in a show called 'Booked- Collected Adventures of Mary Poppins' and played the role of 'Mary Poppins' at Little Theatre, Lower Hutt. Anika also participated in the 'Upper Hutt - Christmas Parade' under 'Arts-a-Go-Go'. She received Merit Certificates and a Merit Cup for Singing and Outstanding Performance in the year 2023 in 'Arts-a Go-Go' for Drama and Singing. Well done Anika we are very proud of you!



Congratulations also go to **Arcadia Merca** from Room 3, who recently celebrated her first year with the Major Minors Choir. She was also awarded 'Singer of the Year'. It has been 6 years since a younger choir member has received this award. Here she is with her trophy and coaches Joanne and Karen.

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

Lorraine Taylor

Principal

Principal's Awards – Term 4 Week 9

Room Number	Student Name	<i>Reason for award (school value it relates to; being responsible (kia mānakotū), being kind (kia ngakaunui), being brave (kia mārohirohi), being safe (kia haumarū), having fun (kia tākarō).</i>
Room 1	Poppy Penny	Poppy, you are such a kind and caring person who shows genuine friendship to others. You care a lot about your school work too - always aiming to do your best. What a star you are! Ka pai.
Room 2	Aiyana Cooke	For being a considerate classmate. You have great manners and are always kind. Tino pai!
Room 3	Amyah Dwyer	For always being so kind and caring towards others. Thanks for being such a helpful cheerful member of Room 3 this year.
Room 4	Ethan Xu-Hua	Ethan, it has been a pleasure to see you mature as the year has gone on. You are very responsible and always think of others. Tino pai!
Room 5	Maddie Jamieson	Maddie, we have been so lucky to have you in Room 5 this year. You are kind, responsible and a great helper.
Room 6	Layla Schultz	Layla, you have only been part of our Silverstream family for a short time, but in that time you have demonstrated all of our values. We are super proud of you!
Room 7	Ali Reza Hussaini	For making excellent progress with your learning this year. You have worked so hard. Keep up the great work!
Room 8	Raefe Staats	Raefe, you have worked so hard with your reading and writing this year. You have been brave and kept on trying even when things have been challenging for you. You have made me so proud. Ka Pai!
Room 10	Ivana Taulapapa	Ivana, what a super learner you are!! You are very focused and always do your best. You are kind and thoughtful to your classmates. Keep shining in Year 2 Ivanna!
Room 11	Reese Huang	Reese, you have been an absolutely delightful member of Room 11. Thank you for always bringing so much joy to our class with your fun stories, we have enjoyed listening to a new one everyday. Well done on a fabulous year and transitioning back with so much ease after your big overseas trip. Keep on shining and demonstrating our school values, you're a star! Tino pai rawa atu!!
Room 14	Reyansh Chauhan	Congratulations for all your hard work in Room 14 and thank you for being kind, caring and polite to your peers. Ka mau te wehi!
Room 16	Acaysa-Lee Herewini Tahata	For being a kind and positive member in Room 16. You've also improved a lot in writing and maths in the last two terms. Ka pai!
Room 17	Minay van der Lith	Minay, you are always cheerful. Your positivity is an inspiration to all of us. You look for opportunities to contribute, and always do so with all your energy. You are reliable and mature, and make it more possible for those around you to succeed.

Room 18	Francois Gosselin	For always demonstrating our school values; especially being responsible (kia mānakotū) and being kind (kia ngakaunui) to others. Well done Francois!
Room 19	Evangeline Ting	Evangeline, we are so lucky to have you in our class. You are so caring and humble in everything you do. You have made excellent progress in all curriculum areas this year due to your focus and hard work. Ka pai!
Room 20	Hana Hutching	What a pleasure it has been to have you in Room 20 Hana. You always arrive at school with a smile and ready to learn. You have made great progress in mathematics this year. Ka pai!
Room 21	William Neal	You have had the most incredible year William. It has been a joy having you in Room 21. You strive to do your best every day. You are kind, generous and always willing to pitch in to help others. Keep it up! Tino pai rawa atu!
Room 22	Harvey Wilkins	Harvey, this term you've made great progress in all the areas of your learning. It's been great to see you try new things and also achieve things you once struggled with. Keep up the good work and attitude.
Science Ako Nui	Willow Anderson Room 17	Willow, I have really enjoyed your enthusiasm and passion for Science throughout the year. You are great at thinking outside the square when wondering about science concepts. Ka pai!
Science Whanake	Jiashu Meng Room 2	Jiashu, you have proven to be a quiet achiever in Science. You are methodical and deliberate in all our experiments in Science which are really important skills to have as scientists. Ka pai!
Science Ako Iti	Tyson Silao Room 4	Tyson, I've been really impressed with your interest and enthusiasm in Science this year. You are always keen to get stuck into new Science learning, and are really responsible in the way you carry out experiments. Ka pai!



On **Monday 11 December** we are going to be having our annual **Water Fun Day** from 2.00-2.45pm.

This involves an afternoon of water play for those children who wish to be involved. The **Great Water Battle** will be held on the field and we invite children to bring a **named** water pistol or a spray bottle for this activity.

Please **do not** bring large containers (like ice cream containers) to fill with water because we run out of water too quickly. We will have a slippery slide set up and a sprinkle hose.

The courts will be a **water-free zone** where children not wishing to get wet can play.

Participating children will need to bring a change of clothes or togs, and a towel.

Thank you!



All medication kept at the school will be sent home on the last day of term (Friday 15th December) with your child. Please check the expiry dates and send back to school if required with the filled-out Medication Agreement Form provided.

Thank you!

House Themed Baubles for your Christmas Tree!

Below is a photo of what the baubles look like. They will be available to purchase from the office from Monday 27th November.

The cost of these baubles is \$10 each.

There are limited numbers so please get in quickly before they all disappear!

(We are unable to take orders, this is on a first in first served basis).



Friends of Silverstream School Fundraising Team

Whitemans Bake Sale

The Whitemans Bake Sale raised over \$1180 - across all four houses, you've helped raise just over \$5,000 for Silverstream School



Ako Iti Christmas in the Park

What an awesome evening. Well done to all the Ako Iti children and teachers. Great to see so many families picnicing in the park (and enjoying a sausage, drink or doughnut :)).



A huge FoSS thanks to Steven from Insurance Market and Kevin from Silverstream Espresso for your support and sponsorship.

Thank you to all who purchased from the FoSS team at the picnic (and thanks to all who helped at the BBQ)





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

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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

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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>

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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.



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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



CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Are you're looking for Childrens' Christmas Stocking Stuffers or a Christmas gift for your child's special Silverstream School Teacher?

Save battling the crowds at the shops and do your shopping online with these Christmas Gift Bags made by a former Silverstream School student, Shahana.

They are \$15 per bag and you can place your order by simply texting Shahana on 021 2655656. You can either collect from Shahana here in Silverstream – or she may be able to deliver, depending on where you are located.



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.

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Venues: Thorndon, Khandallah & Silverstream

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

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Summer 2023/24



Free Coding Holiday Activity

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Limited spots

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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
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- 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



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Journey back to the manger this Christmas... to the night that changed the world forever.

Journey back to the manger this Christmas... to the night that changed the world forever. Wander through the streets of Bethlehem and experience what it would've been like the night Christ was born. Have your photo taken with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the manger and experience the stable animals together with a choir of angels. Visit a Bethlehem leather worker, baker and weaver and explore a fishing vessel on the shores of Galilee as you discover the true meaning of Christmas, including how it can impact your life today.

Friday 8 December & Saturday 9 December: 6pm – 9pm
Sunday 10 December: 10am – 12 noon

Heretaunga Christian Centre
51 Lane Street, Upper Hutt
www.heretaunga.com

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HERETAUNGA CHRISTIAN CENTRE



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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A promotional flyer for CACI Upper Hutt. The background is a light blue gradient with a large, white, starburst-shaped area in the center. At the top of the starburst is a simple line drawing of a face with closed eyes and a small smile. Below the face, the text reads: "CACI UPPER HUTT PARENT SPECIAL GET A FIRST TIME FACIAL FOR \$90.00 VALUED AT \$130.00 FOR EVERY \$90 FACIAL BOOKED \$10 GOES BACK TO THE SCHOOL USE CODE SSS90 WHEN BOOKING EMAIL: UPPERHUTT@CACI.CO.NZ PHONE: 04-5288576". The price "\$90.00" is prominently displayed in a large, bold, blue font. The entire flyer is framed by a decorative border of white dots on a light blue background.

