



Silverstream School - Te Kura o Māwaihākona

'Together We Inspire a Passion for Learning'



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Whakatau – welcome to new children and families

We have our termly welcome Whakatau in the school hall at 2pm on Friday 16th February. Please come along if your child or you are new to Silverstream School since our last Whakatau in Week 2 of Term 4 2023. We would love the opportunity to welcome you to the Silverstream whanau. We start in the Learning Hub (library) at 2 pm and are usually finished by 2.20 pm in the school hall.

Weekly Assemblies

We continue this year with weekly assemblies every Friday in the school hall from 2pm – 3pm, everyone is very welcome to come along. Next Friday the 16th February we will have our Whakatau first, then run straight into school assembly and Principals Awards.

Sabbatical thanks and leave

Many thanks to the Board of Trustees for supporting my sabbatical from next week. I am away until the end of Term 2 looking more deeply into the 'Science of Learning' and Cognitive Load Theory and the impact on learning in primary education.

I am also working as part of the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) on the NZ Curriculum Refresh, see <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/first-steps-100-day-plan-education-removing-distractions-and-teaching-basics-brilliantly>

I am honoured to be a part of the group and the research and findings from the group will be useful to continuous improvements at Silverstream School. Corey White will take up the role of Acting Principal for 2 terms and will do an outstanding job. You are certainly in good hands. Many thanks.

Parent Interviews (PEP's)

In week 4 (20th and 21st February) we have our termly parent interviews with your child's personalised education plan (PEP) to update for Term 1. Teachers will be sending out your most recent (Term 4 2023) PEP for you to update. Bookings can be made for your PEP online at: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz **A separate seesaw message with your booking code will come out on Monday.**

School books/stationery

Many, many thanks to everyone who has got their stationery already ready. It gives teachers a chance to get the books set up well, and ensure we can get straight into maths, handwriting, spelling and writing right from the start of the year. If your child has special pens and pencils or lovely pencil cases etc, please be mindful that we would much prefer expensive and special stationery be left at home. It is very difficult for teachers to manage other children wanting to play with or use attractive pens and pencils, they are also easily lost in a classroom environment.

No Toys or Special Items

Please remind your children not to bring toys and special items to school unless they have a specially planned lesson at school for which they need it. We can't always keep toys and special items safe and it is much better to keep them at home. Many thanks.

Bikes/Scooters in the Playground

A reminder to always walk bikes and scooters through the grounds. We have had a couple of near misses with children on their bikes with small children around them.

School Road Patroller thanks

A huge thank you to the students who have taken up a role as Road Patrollers this term. They have been amazing and we have been very proud of how quickly they have learnt their new jobs. The roads are very busy!

School donation – a big thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who has already paid the school donation – you are amazing. We are so reliant on the donations as we are not eligible for the government donation scheme as our equity index (decile) is too high to receive any additional funding. We have the lowest per student funding ratio and also aren't able to be part of the donation scheme. It does leave us very dependent on parents being able to pay the donation to continue to provide teacher aides, paper, art materials, science materials and PE equipment for the children. If you haven't yet got around to the school donation, I do know things are tough for families at the moment but any amount really does help us make the books balance.



Celebrations

Sophie Barron attended the NZ Suzuki Summer Camp in Masterton over the school holidays with her violin- the culmination of a year's hard work, including learning all music from memory. She attended 3 lessons per day for 5 days, with two group concerts and one very intimidating solo concert. Well done Sophie, we are all so very proud of you!!

If your child has been involved in anything outside of school you think we should be celebrating or recognising please send it through to us for inclusion in the newsletter. It could be a sporting achievement, a church event, a kind act, a drama or singing award, anything which we should be proud to read more about. Many thanks.

As always, have a great week!
Lorraine Taylor
Principal



NO DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS



**Just a friendly reminder there are no dogs allowed
on the school grounds at all times**



DONATIONS TO SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL

For the Board to provide quality education and up to date resources that we all expect for our children, we need to raise a large amount of community funds. This is to meet the difference between our Government Grant and our ongoing expenditure. Our ability to offer additional services such as Reading Recovery and IT and other programmes is heavily dependent on money raised from parent donations, the fundraising team and Community grants.

Silverstream School Board of Trustees has set the 2024 school donations as follows:

First and/or only child - \$220

Second child in the family - \$200

No donation is requested for subsequent children in the family

Families are CAPPED at \$420 in total per family

[All donations are tax deductible.](#)

Kindo will provide a link to a tax receipt so you can complete your claim.

You can claim tax credits for donations of more than \$5.

You can claim 33.33 cents of your total donations.

Silverstream School collects all donations and payments via the KINDO app or alternatively payments can be made through the school office via eftpos/cash.

Kindo allows you to load money in intervals affordable to you and use the balance to offset payables and/or donations.



KINDO (Donations/Payables)

If you are new to Silverstream School you would have received a link for KINDO for your child/ren. If you have not yet received a copy of the link please contact the school office.

All donations (tax deductible) and payables (not tax deductible) are loaded into KINDO.

All payables incur GST and are owed by the child's parents to the school. These could be for an external activity your child has chosen to undertake such as touch, basketball, netball or the ICAS exams.

LUNCHES

There is an option to purchase lunch items via the Ezlunch within the KINDO app. The businesses and menus are included, with specific cut off times daily. These are delivered to the school office and taken to the classroom by the senior helpers.

MERCHANDISE

The school shop has the option to purchase house t-shirts, school polo shirts and school/house hats.

If you have any trouble with loading your KINDO account or the KINDO app, please contact 0508 4 KINDO (0508 4 54636), they are amazing and deal with any problems quickly.

If you have any queries regarding items on your KINDO account, please contact the school office.

WELCOME TO SILVERTREAM SCHOOL



to our newest students

Room 9:

Jeremiah Williams, Aarohi Dalwadi, Harper-Dawn Sayer, Judah Empig, Reuben Dyer, Carter Reuben, Ahaan Dodwal, Kyra Jha, Tilly Wilson, Sage Penny, Ngahiraka Barrington, Victor Curd, Stella Lim

Room 10:

Yudit Joon, Alfie Rhoades, Zoe Norris, James Hamilton, Neil Dhawan, Theodore Nicholls-Bell, Levi Otis, Evangeline Malthouse

Room 11:

Robyn Leniston-Lee, Rehaan Minhas, Riley Frith, Fatehbir Singh, Frances Stokes

It is great to have you all at Silverstream School!

Reading Friends Programme

At Silverstream School we have a great bunch of volunteers who come in to listen to children read.

This happens in the staffroom every morning from 9.00 until about 10.15am. This programme will start in a few weeks time.

We need a few new people as we are running an extra group this year. If you (or someone you know) would like to be part of the team and could volunteer one morning a week (Monday to Thursday; Friday is full) please email

adrienne.pittams@silverstream.school.nz

You must be willing to be police vetted. One of our other volunteers will show you what they do, and, as soon as you feel confident, you'll start.

If you have any questions please email me.

Thanks,
Adrienne



STUDENT INFORMATION FORMS



Your children will be coming home with a Student Information Form to update. Please update and send back to the school even if there are no changes. It's important to keep all emergency contacts/cell phone numbers/addresses etc for our Student Management system up to date.

Thank you





Help us reach our fundraising goal with Entertainment.

Purchase a Membership to The Entertainment App and receive **UP TO 4 MONTHS FREE***

Plus, we'll receive a 20% donation from your purchase.

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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

This is not a school run event. You are responsible to take your own child.

Y-Kids Silverstream

After School Programme

We have a commitment to the development of our Y-Kids while they are under our care.
We do our best to ensure our activities fall into the following three categories: Active, Lifeskills and Create.



Energetic games designed to support fundamental movement, teamwork and being on the move in a supportive environment.



A range of activities which encourage self expression and to explore new mediums and techniques

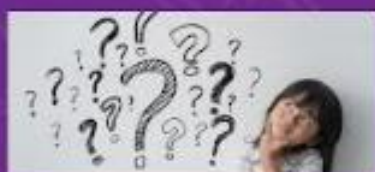


Preparing our tamariki with diverse skills to navigate their way through their development and their experiences.

TERM 1, 2024



Mondays
Creative Day



Tuesdays
Quiz Master



Wednesdays
Games Day



Thursdays
Y Kai



Fridays
Y Sport

Centre Manager: Angie Aslett
Mobile: 027 244 2608
Email: silverstream.asc@ycentral.nz

➡ Register online: ycentral.nz/ykids





SCHOOL will be CLOSED on the following days:

BOT meeting - Wednesday 28th 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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



After School and Saturday Computer Classes

Our term time classes are smaller just 3 to 6 children. Classes are focused on what you want to learn. Class runs from 3:30 to 5:30 pm class fee \$45 or 10 sessions \$400 (doors open from 3:15). Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 pm. class fee \$65 or 10 sessions \$600.

- Learn to Code; Scratch, Python, JavaScript or Java
- Learn to Code & Create 3D Games.
- Minecraft
- Discovery Course in Computing - suitable for younger children
- Build Your Own Computer




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-  Have asthma
-  Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

Get in touch to learn more:



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Enter by the end of November 1st to get the best entry fees for Karapoti 2024.
Pick Your Passion - 50k, 20k, Kids' 5k

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



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!



The logo for Ablaze, featuring the word "ABLAZE" in a bold, red, 3D-style font with white highlights, set against a black rectangular background. The entire graphic is centered within a larger frame of intense, bright orange and yellow flames.

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