

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou,
This week is our first full week of school, and it is great to have learning programmes taking shape. The children will be quite tired come Friday, but it is good to get routines at school sorted as quickly as possible so that we can get on with the important job educating your children.

Our Principal, Lorraine Taylor will be on sabbatical for the next two terms, but we have a highly capable team running Silverstream School during this time. I will be supported by Nicola Bonsey as Acting Deputy Principal and Marian Mullender as Acting Assistant Principal. The wider staff are a great team and always step up when needed.

## Grit-Perseverance-Determination-Tenacity-Resilience

At Silverstream School we have what are known as our 5 Values:
-Be Kind, Responsible, Safe, Brave and Have Fun. These values will be taught through the school during the year, and it would be great if you could discuss these with your possible at home, so that we have shared vocabulary between home and school. The value we will be focusing on earlier in the year is 'Be Brave.' This value will be covered daily in class and around the school.

Some of the teachers at Silverstream School have been teaching for decades. When we look back over our past students (many of whom are now in their 30 's), there are some common patterns we see. It is interesting to see who becomes successful academically, in the arts and sporting fields, and as leaders in the community. Many times, these high achievers do not stand out when they are young students in the class as super smart or talented. Many do however have the following character traits, Grit-Perseverance-Determination-Tenacity and Resilience.

Many have parents and mentors that coach them to work through situations so they develop these traits and not jump in and rescue, but teach the child to self-coach and selfregulate emotions and behaviours. As teachers, we are often guilty of not allowing the learners to be as independent as they could be. Yes, we keep our children safe, but our ultimate goal is to help them mature in an age appropriate way and become stronger mentally, so they move towards becoming strong, resilient and independent adults who can
think for and look after themselves in a variety of situations. At Silverstream School our kids are in a kind of bubble, so it would be good to develop strength and resolve in our children before they move on to other schools.

How can we create strong and successful Silverstream School learners? Many of you will know the lyrics of the Chumbawamba song- "I get knocked down, but I get up again, you're never gonna keep me down". We encourage you as parents/caregivers to work alongside our teachers in partnership to develop these character traits in your children, so our kids can be Brave. We all need a little adversity where things don't go our way. If we learn that this is part of life when we are young, and children are coached through disappointment and adversity, it will help them to develop strength, cope and maintain hope when things go pear-shaped when they are older. Our learners need to embrace disappointment and build the resilience to bounce back and have a go at the next opportunity that rears its head. Chumbawamba!

## Below are a couple of strategies you could try.

-Get your children to carry their own jackets, bags etc into the school grounds.
-Get them to pack their bags and make their lunch at home.
-When possible, get them to walk to their classrooms alone.
-Coach them to try and deal with friendship situations themselves. Only step in when needed.
-When your child misses out on an opportunity, coach them to have another go and work towards a goal.

Together in partnership we can keep strengthening our children and community.

Enjoy the upcoming weekend. Go the Blackcaps!
Corey



Sam Nacario Room 15 moved up to Green Belt (Level 6) on karate over the weekend. Kudos for consistently going to classes and being persistent in practicing his kata. Moving on to sparring would be the next challenge. Well done Sam, we are all very proud of you!!


Last weekend (10 Feb 2024), Reese Huang Room 7 performed two violin solos at the Chinese New Year celebration, held by Upper Hutt Multicultural Council at Whirinaki Whare Taonga. She charmed the audience with her renditions of "Long Long Ago" and variations of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star." As the youngest performer of the day, Reese received applause and cheers from a crowd of over 200, including local dignitaries like Upper Hutt Mayor Wayne Guppy and former Prime Minister Chris Hopkins. They praised her exceptional performances and congratulated her on her achievement. This was Reese's first public performance and she did an outstanding job, displaying no signs of nervousness. She played with skill and passion, despite having only learned the violin for a year. We hope her passion and dream inspire others, just as she inspires us.

## Learning Hub News

Tēnā Koutou,
We have had a lovely start to the New Year in the Learning Hub, with class visits and lunchtime in the Learning Hub resuming straight away.

## Learning Hub Visits

Classes visit the Hub once a week and children are expected to return or renew their books each week. Children are also encouraged to pop in, with their teacher's permission anytime they wish to return and borrow more books.

## Book Bags

It is essential that your child brings a dedicated book bag to transport their Learning Hub books. Any named, reusable shopping bag is perfect. Please ensure your child has a bag and uses it to protect our precious books. Books in school bags alongside lunch boxes, water bottles and swimming togs is a recipe for disaster for our books which is why a dedicated bag is a must.

## Borrower Limits

We are really encouraging children to take out as many books as they are allowed so they have a great variety of fresh reading material to support their journey to becoming life-long readers. Children are able to borrow the following:

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\text { Year 1 } & =2 \times \text { books } \\
\text { Years 2-4 } & =3 \times \text { books } \\
\text { Years 5-6 } & =4 \times \text { books }
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## World Languages Collection

Each term I borrow a range of books from the National Library collection in a variety of languages other than English. At the moment I have books in Afrikaans, Punjabi, Chinese, Hindi and Japanese. Children who have these as a first language, or who have a parent or grandparent who speaks one of these languages at home, are encouraged to borrow an extra book from this collection. Some children do this enthusiastically every week and some are reluctant. Please email me if you would like your children to select one of these books to bring home olwyn.bolitho@silverstream.school.com

## Book Character Dress Up Day Friday 8th March

It is time for all children to start thinking about which book character they would like to dress up as this year. There are lots of ideas online for creating costumes out of clothes, dress-ups and homemade props. Be creative, be sustainable, there is no need to spend money on costumes.

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

| Room Number | Student Name | Reason for award (school value it relates to; being responsible (kia mānakotū), being kind (kia ngakaunui), being brave (kia märohirohi), being safe (kia haumaru), having fun (kia täkaro). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Room 1 | Charlotte SchmalSingleton | Charlotte, you are always kind to others, responsible and very thoughtful! You are a wonderful role model and friend to your classmates. It is a joy to be your teacher and I'm very proud of you! |
| Room 2 | Sonia Ghosh | You have had an excellent start to the year! You are always ready to learn (being responsible) and setting a good example to others. Ka rawe! |
| Room 3 | Amelia McGahan | Well done on a great start to the year Amelia. Thank you for being a great role model to your classmates. Ka mau te wehi! |
| Room 4 | Moses Fiu | You have shown outstanding leadership qualities in ruma whā and have been brave by sharing your thoughts and ideas with the class. Tino pai Moses! |
| Room 5 | Freya Morgan | Freya, you have had a great start to the year. You are always shining and setting a great example for others in the class. Tino pai! |
| Room 6 | Archer KittoMckenzie | Archer, you have already shown your leadership qualities in Room 6 and I am looking forward to seeing you grow these throughout the year. You are helpful in class and we love having you in Room 6. |
| Room 7 | Monika Babylon | Monika, you have had a fantastic start to the year with your great listening skills and work ethic. You have modelled high quality class work and good behaviour in the class. Ka pai! |
| Room 8 | Mabel Kitchen | You are settling into life in Room 8 so beautifully. What lovely manners you have at mat time and you are an amazing listener. Tino pai! |
| Room 9 | Sasen <br> Panagoda | You have had a great start to the school year! You always show the school values and you are always trying your best! Keep up the great work. |
| Room 11 | Raana Weeks | Raana, you are an absolutely wonderful member of ruma 11 and our kura as a whole. You exemplify all of the school values every single day. You are kind, responsible, brave, safe and of course fun! Your joy is contagious and your impeccable manners are a great example for all. Tino mīharo koe! |
| Room 12 | Ethan Holman | You have been modelling our school values and being supportive and helpful with the younger students. |
| Room 13 | Ruby Wheeler | You have had a great start to Year 6, modelling the school values and always showing you are ready to learn. Well done! |


| Room 15 | Kaylee Schiphorst | You have made a great start to the year. You are always ready to learn, you work well with others and are willing to share your ideas. |
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| Room 16 | Aaliyah Mitchell | You have settled into Room 16 well. You live all the school values every day, work hard, manage yourself independently, and are always kind. Ka Pai! |
| Room 17 | Madison Kiel | You have had an awesome start at Silverstream School. You are kind, caring and give everything your best effort. Keep up the awesome work. Ka mau te wehi! |
| Room 18 | Ida O'Sullivan | You are a pleasure to teach, Ida. You listen carefully, respond promptly, and demonstrate a great deal of initiative and selfmanagement. |
| Room 19 | Fili Dunn | You have had a fabulous start to 2024. You are kind, diligent and always willing to help others. Keep it up Fili! It's a pleasure having you in Room 19 this year. |
| Room 20 | Timothy Li | You are setting a good example in learning and managing yourself in Room 20. Ka Pai, Timothy, keep up the good work. |
| Room 21 | Lily TioeliPohatu | You engage in all learning with genuine enthusiasm. You listen actively to the teacher, always contribute to class discussions, and you give answers to questions. You took particular interest in our lessons on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and got out a book on Te Tiritio Waitangi from the learning hub, which you wanted to share with the class and take home to read with your whanau. |
| Science Ako Nui | Sarah Shen | Sarah, you are very knowledgeable in all things Science, I love how you share all of your brilliant ideas with the class. Keep it up! |
| Science Whanake | Oneli De Silva | For being an engaged learner in Science. You have an outstanding amount of Science knowledge that we can all learn from. Ka pai! |
| Science Ako Iti | Talulah Leggett | Talulah, you are able to make fantastic connections with the Science you do at home and what we have learnt in the classroom. I hope your passion for Science continues to grow. Ka pai! |
| The Arts Ako Nui | Grayson Staats | Ko rawe Grayson. Your creativity in your art, and enthusiasm in your kanikani was a delight to see! Keep up the amazing mahi! |
| The Arts Whanake | Colt Stewart | Ko rawe Colt! You have an amazing eye for details and are focused and enthusiastic in your toi ako! (Arts learning) |
| The Arts Ako Iti | Ben White | Ko rawe Ben. I loved watching you execute your plan for your artwork during our lesson, knowing what you wanted to bring it all together! Your attitude to all the learning was tino pai! |

## ANZAC Memorial Area

Here are the plans for the School Anzac Area. It will look amazing once completed!


## BIG THANK YOU FROM A NZ DEFENCE FORCE MEMBER



His message to all of us:

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas cards that you created to send to New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed overseas at Christmas time. Your cards travelled all the way to my apartment in Brussels, Belgium.

It was so lovely to receive your cards, they made me feel very special and put a big smile on my face.

Here's a picture of the box they came in, along with lots of goodies from New Zealand.

Regards,
Wing Commander Mike Parry
Operation Tieke
Belgium


## Friends of Silverstream School Fundraising Team

Hi Friends, Happy belated New Year and a warm welcome back to school! As you know a new year brings opportunity for a fresh start and potential new challenges to face for the school year ahead however, Foss aims to make 2024 our best year yet!

We are honoured to support and take part in Silverstream School's Centennial celebration later in the year. We look forward to planning and successfully executing a large-scale event the whole community can be proud to support.

Our five resolutions to embrace in 2024 are; To host great fundraisers, To be thankful to those who support us. To be organised. To provide clear lines of communication. And continue to make a positive impact for the students and teachers by increasing our volunteer numbers - we will need hands!

If you are even a little curious, we'd love for you to join us at our first meeting which is held from 6.30 pm on Thursday 15th February at the school staffroom.

Follow our facebook page for updates, fundraiser info and results facebook.com/friendsofsilverstreamschool

Foss team.



## 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.

## 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 05084 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: Te Rua Brown
Room 10: Willow and Zola-Grace Aupapa

It is great to have you all at Silverstream School!

# 2024 SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL CENTENARY 



Silverstream School celebrates its Centenary in July 2024. A Centenary Committee has been formed and will be selling limited edition merchandise via an external provider on the School website.

The items will be released at two separate times during the year. The first release is the Silverstream School polo shirt and $t$-shirt will be February 2024. The link will be on the school website and included in the school newsletter during this period.

Adult and children's sizing are available and may include a name (additional cost) on the bottom back of the shirt.

Below are the two options:


Link to order will be available on Monday

## 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 2 more people as we are running an extra group this year. One on a Tuesday and one on a Wednesday. If you (or someone you know) would like to be part of the team and could volunteer 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



## KIWI IN UPPER HUTT!!

Kiwi have been heard in Whitemans Valley!
Our school based Silverstream Trappers ( 20 Year 6 students) have this as a goal- 'getting Kiwi into the hills of Silverstream'. They are making their way towards us, so we want to step up our efforts in support of this goal. In the past week we have trapped 21 pests! If you would like a trap at home, please see Corey White at school or contact him at: corey.white@silverstream.school.nz

Kiwi in Upper Hutt is the wonderful outcome of all the amazing work to re-introduce kiwi to the Remutaka Forest Park in Wainuiomata since 2003.

They gave a 5-minute presentation to the City Services Committee of UHCC - you can view it here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3nHrgqqvdg(starting

Here are some resources about kiwi and you can follow what is happening (some great videos!) with the kiwi released in Makara at the Capital Kiwi Project. Here is a beautiful video from Veranoa Hetet, about how she and her mother, master weaver Eranora Puketapu Hetet honour the kiwi in their kahu kiwi.

## Huge thanks to Upper Hutt Forest and Bird and Pest Free Hutt Valley for all you mahi!

# 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.

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movement,
teamwork and being
on the move in a.
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## TERM 1, 2024



## Mondays

Creative Day


Tuesdays
Quiz Master


Wednesdays
Games Day


## Thursdays

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Fridays
Y Sport

[^0]FoSS meeting - Thurs $15^{\text {th }}$ February Parent interviews -Tues $20^{\text {th }}$ \& Wed 21st February BOT meeting - Wednesday $28^{\text {th }}$ February

School will be closed Good Friday - Friday 29th March
Easter Monday - Monday $1^{\text {st }}$ April
Easter Tuesday - Tuesday $2^{\text {nd }}$ April
Last Day of Term 1 - Friday $12^{\text {th }}$ 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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES





## Beginner

Piano Lessons

## with Katie

$\$ 20$ for 30 minutes

Location :






[^0]:    Centre Manager: Angie Aslett
    Mobile: 0272442608
    Email: silverstream.asc\&ycentral.nz
    Register online: ycentral.nz/ykids

