



Silverstream School - Te Kura o Māwaihākona

'Together We Inspire a Passion for Learning'



Principal's Message

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome Back!!

We are very pleased to be back. After just 2 and a bit days back the feeling around the school is amazing. It is calm, focussed and really a wonderful place in the world to be. We have an outstanding team of teachers, support staff, office crew, BoT and grounds/cleaning staff. Every person on the team is skilled at what they do. The children are smiling and seem very happy to be here.

Whakatau – welcome to new children and families

We have our termly welcome whakatau in the school hall at 2 pm on Friday 16th February. Please come along if your child is 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.

Sabbatical

As some of you will be aware I have been fortunate to be awarded a Sabbatical from the start of week 3 until the end of Term 2 this year. In my absence Mr Corey White will take over as Acting Principal with Nicola Bonsey as Acting Deputy and Marian Mullender as Acting Assistant Principal and Learning Support Co-ordinator. I am very appreciative of the Board of Trustees for allowing me to undertake some further study into the science of reading and the science of mathematics. This should help inform and adjust how we teach to ensure the biggest impact on students' academic outcomes and love of learning.

Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG)

As part of my sabbatical time I have been invited to be part of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Curriculum Review. This work is to help refresh the requirements for reading, writing and mathematics ready for implementation across all NZ Primary and Intermediate schools from January 2025. I am very honoured to be selected with just one other NZ Principal to be a part of the group.

Board Update

A huge thank you to Anthony Tebbutt and Tory Slee who have both served on the school board. Anthony as Chairperson (Presiding Member) for the last 3 years. They have both resigned from this year. We are very fortunate to have such amazing people in our community who give up their time to commit to the governance of such a large and high performing school.

Your Board of Trustees meet every week 4 and week 8 of the term. Mr Craig Stevenson was elected as Silverstream Board Presiding Member (BoT Chair) for the 2024 year. We are very pleased to have Craig give his time to support us in this role on top of his day to day role at HIBS.

Weekly Assemblies

We continue this year with weekly assemblies every Friday in the school hall from 2 pm – 3 pm, everyone is very welcome to come along.

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 week 1.

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.

Days open next week

To confirm these are the days school is open in week 2 (next week)

Monday 5th Feb – OPEN

Tuesday 6th Feb – Waitangi Day

Wednesday 7th Feb – OPEN

Thursday 8th Feb – CLOSED

Friday 9th Feb – CLOSED

Normal school 5 days a week resumes from week 3 Monday 12th February



Congratulations

To Isla Arahanga who has made us very proud over the summer holidays.

In January Isla and her brother Pāora attended the Arahanga Whānau Reunion. Over the weekend they were involved in completing numerous team challenges. Isla's team was coming 3rd in the final challenge and one of the kaumatua decided that in order to determine a winning team, someone from each team would need to sing a song. So...Isla bravely stood up in front of over 100 people to proudly and confidently sang the Silverstream School waiata, **bringing her team to victory**. Woo hoo, we are so proud that you sang our song and that it gave you the winning title. Well done Isla!

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





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 1: Keanu Parker, Gemma Dyer, Tanayah Nepia,
Paige Tolhopf

Room 7: Te Ariki Parker

Room 12: Tamati Nepia

Room 13: Sophie Stokes, Dylan Tolhopf

Room 17: Samuel Parker, Greta Ford, Markjohn Tairua
Madison Kiel

Room 18: Aarin Nishanth

Room 19: Sophie Galloway

Room 20: Esme Stokes

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. This will go live from the 12th to 29th 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:



Book Club



Issue 1 2024 of Lucky Book Club will be sent home today with your child/ren. For term 1 please place orders only by the “loop” option on Scholastic’s website www.scholastic.co.nz by Thursday 8th February. The last issue of Lucky Book Club raised over \$500 worth of books for our school. Your support is greatly appreciated.



WIN A VOUCHER!



Order **ezlunch** for delivery dates
12 – 23 February to enter the draw!

Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. Three chances per order. Winners will be drawn on Friday 23 February 2024 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into.

Visit ezlunch.co.nz to order.

★ to do something
you love ♥

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 tomorrow. 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

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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>

Follow us on

Website: www.silverstream.school.nz

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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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




Information & bookings: grandtraining.co.nz or call 499-2211






Children's Asthma Study



What does it involve?

-  Try turbuhalers to manage your asthma symptoms
-  Attend 6 visits over 1 year for asthma reviews, education, and breathing tests
-  Reimbursement for travel expenses for parents, and gift card koha for children

To take part you must:

-  Be between 5 and 11 years old
-  Have asthma
-  Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

Get in touch to learn more:



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Workshop Day

Every Friday at
Pinehaven Reserve
and Scout Hall
For 4-12 year olds

\$60 per child

What Children will learn:

Creativity, resilience, self-esteem, a passion for learning and following their own interests, sustainability, bush -crafting, campfire and cooking, hand-building with clay, physical agility and strength, STEM and more.



**Fantail
Nature School**

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Fantail Nature School

FULL DAY NATURE SCHOOL 2024

Days: Monday - Friday
Time: 8:45 am - 3:15 pm
Rate: \$60.00 per child per day

Term 1: 30th January -12th April
Term 2: 29th April - 5th July
Term 3: 22nd July - 27th September
Term 4: 14th October -20th December

<https://enrolmy.com/fantail-nature-school>
Contact Jo 0212327512 for more information.
Website: www.fantailnatureschool.com
Email: fantailnatureschool@gmail.com

WILD CHILD DAY CAMP

Saturday 9th March
9:30 am - 1:30 pm
\$45.00 per child
At Pinehaven Reserve
Pinehaven Road

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**Fantail
Nature School**

For 4 -12 year olds

What to bring:

Lunch, water bottle
2-3 sets of clothes
2-3 pairs of shoes
Warm top/ jacket for
changeable weather
Any medications and
disclosure of any
learning support your
child is requiring.

Main experiences:

Campfire cooking,
nature arts and crafts,
nature knowledge,
development of skills,
following children's
interests and more.:



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CODECAMP

Silverstream School

After School Program - Every Wednesday 3.15 - 4.45pm

14th Feb - 10th April



Metaverse, AI Design, Coding & Robotics

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Teacher Only Days - 8.30am - 3pm

8th & 9th Feb



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1.5 Hr Classes

KIWISKATE CLASSES

Learn to Rollerskate with us!

TUESDAYS

5:30-6:15PM BEGINNERS

6:15-7PM ADVANCED





Last Chance to Nab the Early Bird Entry!

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

[Enter Here Now !](#)

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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**ABLAZE WILL DONATE 5% OF
FIREWOOD SALES BACK TO
OUR SCHOOL**

(excludes delivery fee)

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