



Silverstream School

Term Three - Number 13

Friday 11th September 2015



SILVERSTREAM SCHOOL
LEARNERS MOTIVATED TO ACHIEVE AND SUCCEED

Tena koe Parents and Caregivers

Silverstream School Art Gallery

I am sure you enjoyed your visit to our Art Gallery yesterday afternoon. All available wall space in classrooms and down the corridors was covered in the most amazing artworks from Year 1 to Year 6.

There were artworks inspired by famous artists. Colour, design and techniques were experimented with and imaginations ran riot!

Thank you once again to our artistic children and their creative, clever teachers for contributing and curating a great show.

Thank you also to everyone, for attending the show, and for encouraging and supporting your children.



A Night at the Gallery

What an amazing evening we had at Farrah's Night at the Gallery. Our children's artworks were also on display and bidding was fierce. I am looking forward to having morning tea with our winning class, Room 89! The limited edition prints are still for sale until 3pm today. You can see them displayed in our Admin Foyer.

*A huge thank you to our amazing Fundraising Team for all you do!
More about the evening further on in the newsletter.*

Artsplash

Weeks of practising culminated last Tuesday for just over 60 Year 3 – 6 children in their Artsplash performance at the Michael Fowler Centre.

It was wonderful to see our Silverstream singers singing beautifully and representing the school so well.

This year our children had the opportunity to sing with a full orchestra, lead audience singing and listen to world class musicians.

Thanks especially to Jo Pringle and Jill Peauafi for their leadership, performance skills and organisation, as well as Lisa Clephane and Rachel Gray who have supported this group throughout the lead up to the performance.

Thank you also to families and teachers for your support; it was a fantastic evening.



Ni Hao! Hello!

It has been Chinese Language Week and on Monday morning I celebrated by having morning tea with some of our Chinese parents and grandparents. It was so interesting hearing about what brought these wonderful families to Silverstream, where in China they came from – can you believe that two of our Mums had attended the same school and didn't realise it – and how they are finding living in New Zealand.

It was a great opportunity for them to network and get to know each other better. As you can imagine I couldn't understand much of the conversation but everyone's smiles told their own story!

Your child's learning – how you can support

What are you good at? I believe that Silverstream School should be one of the places where our children find out what they are good at – and it's celebrated.

Perhaps at our Art Exhibition you will discover how our Art Inquiry has developed your child's creative talents. School shouldn't be all about reading, writing and maths, it is also about developing the 'whole child'.

Sometimes achieving well in the basics can be dependent on building a child's confidence and belief in themselves – and this happens through us celebrating what they can do and what they are good at.



Our Newest Students:

Room 1 - *Nicholas Anson*, Room 7 - *Isla Steer*

Room 22 - *Fraser Burns, Olivia Hubbard, Anna Irving*

Warwick Armitage, Adrianna De Martin

It's great to have you all at Silverstream School!

Upper Hutt Cultural Festival - Wednesday 23 September - Lane Park

Our 90+ Kapa Haka Performance Group is practising hard for the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival on 23 September at the Lane Street Centre.

Fourteen Upper Hutt groups will be performing, from our babies at the local Kōhanga Reo to the Year 7 and 8's from both Intermediates.

I am looking forward to seeing our group confidently step up and represent Silverstream School proudly and well. Kia kaha, tamariki mā !

Hui Consultation

On Wednesday a small focus group of our Māori parents met with our Partnerships Committee to korero about the way we welcome visitors to Silverstream School.



Nau mai haere mai:

We wanted to put in place a procedure or kawa for our pōwhiri (full welcome) and whakatau (less formal welcome).

Our Māori parent's wisdom, and knowledge of tikanga Māori, is very humbling.

2016 Enrolments

Thank you to those of you who have been bringing in your enrolment forms for next year – and reminding anyone (in zone) to do so also! It helps us so much as we start planning for 2016.

If you do have a child who will turn 5 next year and haven't filled in a form please pick one up from the office or download one from our website.



Lock Down

On Monday we practised our lock down procedure. On Tuesday we needed to put it into operation for real! We do try to 'downplay' the reasons that there may be for a lock down and we were very pleased with the sensible, calm way everyone behaved.



I would especially like to commend PE Monitors, Roma Beattie and Paris-Lee Okeby, who locked themselves in the PE Shed – such sensible, mature thinking!

Also I would like to acknowledge the Year 2 children, especially their teachers and parents who were at Expressions and dealt so practically and calmly with the lock down there.

health and
safety



Health and Safety Update

We have recently reviewed our Medical Room Procedures.

For **any** injury involving a child's head, we will be contacting you by phone.

A message will be left if you are unavailable, followed up with an email message.

Green Streamers



This is the Team



We started to plant vegetables like potatoes and beetroot and some strawberries and soon we are going to plant some sunflowers to attract bees to our bee hotel.

This is the bee hotel.

Four people from the Green Streamers; Kyra, Daisy, Gabi and Jessica got to go to Naenae School to do some cool activities and learn about nature and how to keep it safe. First Naenae school welcomed us with their Kapa Haka group. Then we split into groups and got to do a variety of activities which included Sandy stories, a Reduce Reuse Recycle Me Rap, going outside to learn about the Sons of Papatūānuku, and which part of nature they look after, making mouse finger puppets out of wool and singing a waiata about the Hutt River (Te Awa Kairangi) waiata (song). We had so much fun!!

Gabby and Kyra reporting

Wheel-a-thon

As part of the Upper Hutt Festival of Cycling (Month of September) we are organising a school based Wheel-a-thon day being **Friday the 18th September**.

What Happens: Children bring their Bikes or Scooters to school and at some point during the day our children will be riding around and having fun for at least 30 minutes.

It will be a house challenge. All children who decorate their bikes or scooters in their house colours will receive a house point. There will also be one grand prize of 50 house points for the best decorated bike or scooter!

This is also a good chance to wear your house colours too!

Reminder : Please don't forget your safety helmets for your bikes.



What a night! A huge thank you to all who came and supported our children – a sell out of 200 people.

Thank you to our business community for your generosity with the amazing prizes we had up for grabs on the night.

Thank you to our wonderful parents who put their hands up and picked up bits and pieces, stuffed goodie bags, moved things to where we wanted them, climbed ladders, climbed them again(!) displayed artworks, created artworks, helped in classes creating artwork, ran around picking things up, numbered raffles and then packed down the night!

Thank you to our team in the School office, you ladies are amazing no job too much of a problem you're incredible.

Thank you to our teachers who created artwork and hype, and came and worked on the night and came along as guests.

Thank you to our Renovator team (Absolute Stone, Ace Joinery, Blue Pencil, Flooring Xtra Porirua and Mitre 10 Mega Upper Hutt) for the kitchen package a fabulous buy for our auction winner. Mitre 10 Mega also provided all the paint used for the children's artworks – filling all of the requests for various colours we had.

Thank you to our awesome MC Paul Cotton, auctioneer Craig Blackler, Entertainers from Goodtime Music Academy and DJ **Musical Cheers Entertainment** who kept the party rocking.

Thank you to Mark and all the awesome staff at **Silverstream Retreat** you did a phenomenal job and people were raving about you all, the food and the beautiful venue.

Thank you to Kereru Brewery and Pete Cowie (ANZ) for donating all the beer and wine for the evening. Finally a massive thank you to our platinum sponsor, **Farrah's** for your amazing sponsorship, Farrah and Jovan - you've been awesome to work with.

Whilst we have yet to nail down a final figure we can proudly announce that we have raised at least **\$32,000** from **Farrah's Night at the Gallery**, which we think is pretty amazing!

A reminder that prints are available of the children's class artworks till 3pm today from the school office.



Silverstream School Fundraising Team

Our New Website!

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Hopefully, many of you have had the opportunity to explore our new school website. We hope that the site becomes a regular visit for you and your family.



Today we added a new page under our Community section. The page is called 'School Wide Events' and is a blog style page allowing us to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening in our school, and particularly photos of these events.

We would love for you to visit this page and see some of the amazing things that have recently happened in our school.

Here is the link to our wonderful new web page to view [click here](#)

House Keeping

Office Phone Number: 5282 596

*Save time and save our phone number in your phones for those times you need to give us a quick ring about an absence or to get a message to your child, **saves on time** looking it up and it **eliminates the risk of misdialling**. We have had some reports of a similar number being dialled instead of ours and it is troubling the home owner.*



Thank you for your support.



SUPERVISION AFTER 3pm....

Please book your child in to YMCA after-school care if you are unable to pick them up after school. Some children are waiting too long to be picked up.

*There is no one available to supervise children after 3.15pm.
Thank you for your support.*

Ka kite

School Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 17th
Friday 18th

Fundraising Team Meeting - Time 7.30pm
Wheel-a-thon
Ako Nui Assembly

Mon 21st
Weds 23rd

Board of Trustees Meeting - Time 6.30pm
Upper Hutt Kapa Haka Festival
(Lane Street, Upper Hutt)

Fri 25th

Last Day of Term 3 - (Normal finishing time 3pm)

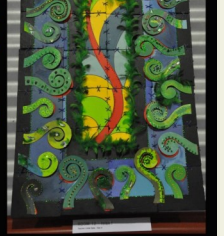
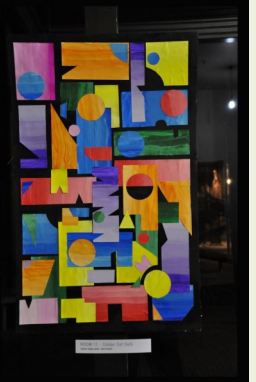
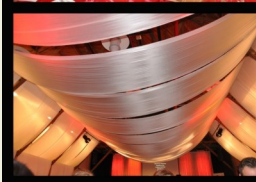
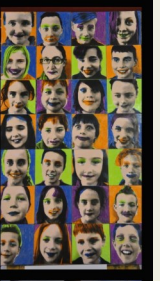


Mary Ely

Principal

Farrah's Night at the Gallery





Artsplash



