

Kia ora katoa

**Welcome** to Piper Smart who started School and has joined Room 5 this week.

**Assembly Awards** Congratulations to the following children who received awards for **Respect** at our assembly last week: Campbell, Aliyah, Ryan, Hailee, Samuel, Jade, Lucy, Cameron, Brooke, Grace, Mitchell, Georgina, Nikita and Erin.

Well done, also, to the children recognised by their teachers for classroom achievement: Jared, Meegan, Courtney, Avril, Darius, Hunter, Julia, Tristan, Jessie, Lacinda, Samantha, Troy, Shaun, and Jeshua.

**The role of Children's Support Teacher** At Silverstream School we believe:

- Children have dignity and worth as human beings.
- Children learn best when they feel good about themselves and their relationships with others
- Children who understand their feelings are better able to control their behaviour.
- Children are capable of making responsible choices.
- Attitudes formed during primary school shape future attitudes toward learning, self and society.

*Mrs Jenny Begg works alongside students, individually and in groups, to understand and appreciate their unique qualities, and to grow personally and socially. Jenny is an experienced teacher and counsellor who has worked extensively with children and their families.*

Children can request a time to meet with Jenny to talk over anything that is bothering them by filling out a request card which is available in all classrooms and at the school office. Parents/caregivers are able to contact Jenny by filling out a referral form available at the school office or speaking with your child's teacher who can also make a referral. She is at school every Wednesday.

**Swimming Lessons** Our middle and senior children have certainly enjoyed and benefitted from this week's lessons. We want to acknowledge and thank the parents who helped with groups. You are great! We could not have done this without you.



**Teacher Meeting** A meeting for primary schools on the is Taieri being held by NZEI in our school hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. We respectfully ask that parents arrange for their children's care on this afternoon. If this is a difficulty, please contact Libby and supervision arrangements for your child can be made at school.

**Senior Report** 2010 has started with a hiss and a roar. We welcome Mr Wombwell (Room 13), Mr Collie (R11/13) and Miss Hutton, a College Teacher in Room 12. Mr Leoni continues to teach maths and Maori in our syndicate. Already the seniors have been involved in yachting, swimming, and learning new duties. Over the next two weeks all the senior classes will take part in a Red Cross first aid course (*People Savers*) and on Thursday some of our top swimmers will take part in the TSSA (Taieri Schools' Sports Association) swimming competition. A successful camp meeting was held last night and our Year 6s are becoming very excited, and somewhat nervous, in anticipation of the camp to be held on the 8-12 March.

If we haven't contacted you over the next few weeks, please feel free to drop in before or after school for a brief 'touching of base'. *Linda Wallis, Ang Hawthorne, Chris Rout, Ben Wombwell, Peter Storer*

#### **Year 6 Yachting**

Last week all the year sixes went yachting. We had a great time. Our instructor Ricardo was very nice. We were told to get into pairs. We got into the water and started going round a circuit. A few of us crashed and some of us capsized the boat but we still had fun. After lunch some of us went into the harbour. After a while we had to get out so we could go back to school. We all had a terrific time. *Georgina Couper and Brad Trebilcock*

#### **Swimming**

Seniors went swimming at Mosgiel pool this week. We were placed into groups with parents and teachers. We did activities to help us be better swimmers such as: practising to duck dive into the water after little egg shaped putty holders, kicking on our back and supporting others' heads, swimming in a straight line, diving after sand sticks, and lots, lots more. Thank you to the parents for helping with our swimming. *Alice Boyne and Chelsea Barclay*

## **Meet the Syndicate Teams followed by Community Meeting Wednesday 24 February**

As you know teachers have been doing their best to contact families to have a one on one conversation with parents/caregivers to talk about each child.

6.30 pm Next Wednesday evening is your chance to meet the syndicate teams and classroom teacher. Teachers will share expectations, routines and upcoming events in syndicates first. Then there will be a brief chance to visit classes. Seniors are to meet in Room 12; Middles in Room 2; Rooms 6, 7 and 8 in Room 7 and the New Entrant classes in Room 4. This will finish by 6.50.

7.00 Meet in the hall for the community meeting. The purpose of this second meeting is that the Board of Trustees is hoping to hear your 'views' of our school and children - in the present and looking to the future. Supervision of Silverstream children can be arranged in one of the classrooms while this second meeting is on. Please let Libby know if you would like to use this by Tuesday 23, if possible. PLEASE COME ☺

**Friends of the School News** A reminder - **Playground markings** this Saturday 10.00am - 2.00pm. We will be painting stencils onto the asphalt. Helpers please contact Anna Crashley for details or if you find that you are free, please turn up. We are desperately seeking **BBQ helpers**. This would take about an hour of your time - Fridays 11.30ish - 1pm. Please contact Julia on 489 8809 or leave your name at the office. A note for your calendar: Our **AGM** is set for 17 March, 7pm. All welcome.

**School Banking** begins next Wednesday. Bank staff will be here again to assist with opening new accounts.

**Whacky Wheels and Fancy Feet - 3 March** Dress up your feet (fancy shoelaces, ribbons) or make your bike look wacky. Parade at 10.20am. Gold coin donations which will go towards new sports equipment.

**Walk n Wheel to School Week 1 - 5 March** During this week we are encouraging children to walk/bike to school each day.

**University of Otago** Thank you to the parents, children and teachers who participated in our research in 2009. Our results reinforced how important parent involvement in children's learning is, and we enjoyed learning more about activities that happened at both home and school to support children's literacy development. We look forward to continuing to follow your child's development and working with you again this year. In addition to following the development of children who participated with us last year, we would like to invite the families of new entrant children and those entering Year One to participate in our research this year. Look for Information and Consent forms that will be sent home with your child. If you would like to participate, please return the completed consent form to Silverstream School with your child. **Family-School Partnerships & Literacy Development Study.**

**On behalf of all staff, Elizabeth (Libby) Cleverley**  
**Future Dates**

Reward for lost scooter. Silver/black with Mad Gear written on it.

20 Feb	Working bee for playground markings
24 Feb	6.30 Meet the teacher session 7pm - 8.30pm Community Meeting to guide future planning for our school
25 Feb	TSSA Swimming Sports 9-12noon
26 Feb	Assembly 2.00pm
5,8,10,11,12 March	Juniors Swimming Mosgiel West Pool
8-12 March	Berwick CAMP - Y6 children
10 March	Teacher meeting afternoon
17 March	Friends of the School AGM
22 March	Otago Anniversary Day - school closed
1 April	Term 1 ends for Easter Break
19 April	Term 2 begins
4 May	School photos - individual and class
2 July	Term 2 ends

### **Sports Draw**

<b>T-Ball - Saturday</b>		
Silverstream Strikers v Warrington	D13	11.00am
Silverstream Catchers v Elmgrove	D 4	11.00am
Silverstream Pitchers v Waikari White	D 6	11.00am

### **Community Notices**

#### **Mums and Dads wanted for free Positive Parenting Programme**

The University of Auckland's Faculty of Education is recruiting 180 parents to complete either an internet based or work-book based Positive Parenting Programme. We are looking for parents who have three to eight year old children who display moderate behavioural problems, such as tantrums, aggression, conflict with siblings or disruptive behaviour. This is an opportunity for parents to learn strategies that we know will reduce child behaviour problems and will increase their confidence as a parent.

To volunteer please phone (09) 623 8899 ext 48778 or e-mail [tpgr@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:tpgr@auckland.ac.nz)

#### **BikeWise Family Fun Day**

**Sunday 28 February 1-3pm, Marlow Park**

Bring the whole family and bikes to Marlow Park to take part in some fun bilking activities and the chance to win great prizes.