

Kia ora katoa

**Welcome** to Jade who has started school and is in Room 5.

**Assembly** tomorrow at 2.00pm. Our presenters will be Georgia and Bailey. We will see items from Rooms 1, 7 and 8. We look forward to seeing you there. The wonderful feedback given at last night's community meeting is on display in the hall. You will see that this group accomplished a lot in an hour! Adults at assembly are invited to add to these ideas, tomorrow. The cake and coffee was only available last evening. ☺

**Playground markings** Those of you who have been in school this week will have noticed more new, colourful playground games that were painted around the school. They look wonderful and the children are spoilt for choice! A big thank you for the parents and teachers who came to help. The efficiency of our organisers, Dave Kennedy and Anna Crashley, enabled the tasks to be completed by 1.30. This included a break for lunch that was also generously supplied by a parent. Watch this space for the court outside the Senior School. Thank you, everyone.



**Syndicate and Class Teacher Meetings** It is always great to see our parents. Teachers explained the routines and expectations for children in each area. The handout that was given will come home with the children of families who were not able to come.

**New enrolments** It is important that the school has the necessary documents before children start school. Please ensure that the office has your child's completed enrolment form and copies of their birth and immunisation certificates.

**Walk n Wheel Week** From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> March, as a school who views Healthy Lifestyles as important, we would like to encourage as many children to walk or wheel to school safely each day. Children will be sent home with a card on Monday where they can keep track of which days they wheel/walk school. When the card is filled up, please return these to Mrs Crashley - heaps of super prizes to be won at school and from Sport Otago. Please remember your gold coin donation for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Wacky Wheels and Fancy Feet Day, Do dress up those bikes/scooters/skateboards and feet. Parade at 9.00am sharp! The school bell will ring at 8.55am. There will also be circuits and tracks for children to bike/scoot/skate on to practice skills like balance, co-ordination and agility, (2.30pm-3.00pm).

### **Middle Syndicate Report**

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Meet the Syndicate meeting last night. It was great to be able to share our expectations and routines with you. A syndicate newsletter outlining the discussion will come home to those families who were unable to attend.

Thank you also to the many parents, caregivers and grandparents who supported our swimming last week. It was fabulous to be able to give children the opportunity to practise the skills they had been taught with JC Swim School at the end of last year. There are six middle syndicate children competing at the TSSA Swimming Sports today and we wish them all the best.

Wide Horizons trips are once again proving popular, with the first trip for the



year being up to Lake Sutton near Middlemarch, a swim at the Strath Taieri Pool, visiting the Middlemarch museum, and a look at the old steam engine at the railway station. The dates for the next trips are in the syndicate newsletter. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to come with us.

Next week we are lucky to have Evelyn Mann teaching our children drama each day. Evelyn is an experienced teacher who is passionate about drama, and we are looking forward to these sessions.

Kind regards *Janine, Sue, Julie, Jules, Ellen and Julia*



## Friends of the School

We are grateful to the work this group does. We especially thank those who have been involved for many years and are resigning. We would very much like parents/caregivers/grandparents to become members of the Friends of the School group. Fortunately some of our current committee are happy to continue their involvement and they are joined by Elizabeth Cleverley and Julie McGregor representing the staff. The role is to support the school through fundraising, coordinating parent liaison and helping organise school-community social activities to contribute to the "life" of the school. Meetings are usually held twice a term. For further information please ring Kirsty Heaton on 489 8971.

### Board of Trustees Report

Some items of interest from our February meeting.

Anna Crashley presented the numeracy report to the board which showed comparing the same children over a 2 year period how they had improved and for those children who in the first year had been working below their expected age how our programs had worked to bring them back up to their expected level. Also present was the numeracy results for 2008 and 2009 compared with the New Zealand average which we showed up favourably.

We also had tabled the results for 2009 from the Family-School Partnership and Literacy Development Study which showed Silverstream doing very well within the study group of schools.

A report on the achievement of the children attending homework Centre 2009 was presented. The Ministry of Education representative visited the Centre this last week and was very impressed with what is offered and delivered to our students.

The monitoring report for children who have been on Reading Recovery in the past 3 years was also presented. It is pleasing to see that the school continues to work to ensure that, despite a decline over the Christmas break, all these children are reading at or above the expected level by the end of the year.

Staff had reviewed practices and programmes for Physical Education, Science and the Arts last year. These were presented to the Board. These reports can be read at the office.

Board of Trustee elections are set for May 7 and if you are interest please come along to our next board meeting.

Fraser Robertson, Chairperson

### Netball 2010

A notice will be going home this Friday with children who wish to play netball this year. Once these are back at school we will begin trials for teams. Anyone who is interested in coaching, managing and/or umpiring could contact Miss Clunie. These positions are so helpful to ensure the teams get the most from their participation.

On behalf of all staff, Elizabeth (Libby) Cleverley

### Future Dates

26 February	Assembly 2.00pm
1,3,4,5,8 Mar	Juniors Swimming - Mosgiel West Pool
8-12 March	Berwick CAMP - Y6 children
17 March	Teacher meeting afternoon
17 March	Friends of the School AGM 7pm
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

### Community Notices

#### Saturday Morning Music Classes

##### Let's Make Music (Ages 4-6)

A fun class in music-making and enjoying music.

Where: Elmgrove School When: Wednesdays at 3.15pm

Cost: \$80.00 for the year

For enquiries or to register your child please contact Justine Pierre on 476 1069 or e-mail justinepierre@hotmail.com

### Thought of the week ...

Teach a child a fact and they can remember.  
Teach a child to think and they can learn.  
Learn to think. Think to learn.

### Sports Draw

Touch Rugby Draw - Monday		
Silverstream Yellow v East Taieri Grey	3.30pm	Ground 4
Silverstream Blue v East Taieri Black	3.30pm	Ground 6
Silverstream Black v Outram Red	4.00pm	Ground 6
Silverstream White v Green Island	4.00pm	Ground 8
T-Ball - Saturday		
Silverstream Catchers v Shamrock Sh.	D4	9.00am
Silverstream Pitchers v Bradford Beav	D6	9.00am
Silverstream Strikers v St Brigids	D13	11.00am

### Year 6 Camp Reminder:

Camp fees to be paid to the office no later than Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.