

Kia ora katoa

**Welcome** to Ruha Te Pania who has started in Room 5 this week.

**Assembly Awards** Congratulations to the following children who received awards for **Respect** at our assembly last week: Daniel, James, Zaine, Connor, Thomas, Hannah, Olivia, Rebecca, Joshua, Ben, Nitin, Bubble, Neeve and Deanna.

Well done, also, to the children recognised by their teachers for classroom achievement: Olivia, Angus, Piper, Liam, Mia, Mitchell, Victoria, Netley, Logan, Charlotte, Leighton, Brad, Josh and Katrina.

**Communication** Can you believe we have received 37 phone calls about Junior Swimming times? Information had been communicated via the newsletter, individual notices in children's reading folders and notices on each of the classroom doors. We ask that families take responsibility for noting and keeping relevant information to refer to. If there is confusion, we certainly value and appreciate questions and queries.

**Stealing** A number of items have been going missing in the Senior School. We talked with children on Monday about the seriousness of this. Research shows that when adults all treat this seriously with the clear message that it is wrong, children are less likely to continue. If children have bought home any items that do not belong to them, it is important that the child returns them. Parental help is needed to facilitate this.

**TSSA Swimming Championships** Last week we sent 24 Year 4, 5 and 6 children to represent Silverstream School at the Taieri School Swimming competition. Mrs Wallis, Miss Johnston and Mrs Hawthorne were all very impressed with how well the children behaved and how they cheered on their team mates. We had a lot of children make the finals and are looking forward to finding out who has been selected for the Otago Swimming championships later in March.



**Smart Lunches** A reminder that Smart lunch prices have increased. Small lunches are \$2.50 and large lunches are \$3.50. Hot lunches are now available on Wednesdays. These are \$3.50 each and you have a choice of macaroni cheese, spaghetti bolognese, chow mein or shepherds pie. Orders to the office before 9.00am.

**Safety - Parking** A number of parents have voiced concern about the parking of vehicles on Green Street. Please show consideration and care and follow the road rules. A reminder that cars need to be travelling at 20kph around the school zones between the hours of 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm.

**Vests** Please help keep children safe by having them wear their high visibility vests to and from school.

**Banking** On Tuesday ten Year 5 and 6 children went to the National bank to be trained as school banking monitors. Thank you to Julia Budd and Helen Johnson (Bank Manager) who organised the training and provided the yummy morning tea! Just a reminder that banking is on a Wednesday from 8:30 - 9:00am. **Thank you to those people who have bought their forms back, the Bank will be drawing the winner of the movie tickets on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**



**Year 6 Camp** Forty children are off to Berwick next week with Mrs Wallis, Mrs Hawthorne, Mr Storer and parents. We know they will have lots to tell us about their learning, adventures and challenges. We wish them well.

## Reading Tips from the Junior Syndicate

1. Reading should not take too long.
2. Try and make it a special time just to spend together.
3. Praise your child's efforts even if they get it wrong.
4. Talk about the story. "Why do you think Little Bear climbed the tree?" .... "Would you have done the same?"
5. Hear and watch your child read every night.



### When children are really tired and reluctant:

1. Read a page each
2. Read to you child at a slower pace and make mistakes and let your child correct you
3. Try reading just before bed time after a bath when you both are relaxed
4. When they are stuck on a word give them 2 options of what it might be. Ask them why they made their choice.



New Entrant Lucas Blair showing pre-schoolers from Arthur Burns Pre-School how to read.

## Wacky Wheels & Funky Feet



A wonderful parade - there are lots of creative children out there. In the afternoon children listened to Constable Heather Ray talk about helmet and bike safety. All children checked to see whether their helmets were correctly fitted with the teachers and Heather's help. "Helmets need to be forward and firm". The children then enjoyed riding their bikes/scooters on tracks and circuits.



## Board of Trustee 2010 Elections

Planning and preparation is underway for the 2010 Trustee Elections. Here are some important dates to remember:

- 15<sup>th</sup> March Call for nominations
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April Nominations close at noon
- 28<sup>th</sup> April Voting papers will be distributed
- 7<sup>th</sup> May Votes must be back by this day - final voting day
- 13<sup>th</sup> May Votes counted
- 14<sup>th</sup> May New Board of Trustees takes office

On behalf of all staff, Elizabeth (Libby) Cleverley

### Future Dates

1,3,4,5,8 Mar	Juniors Swimming - Mosgiel West Pool
8-12 March	Berwick CAMP - Y6 children
10 March	Wide Horizons Rm 2
12 March	Assembly 2.00pm
17 March	Wide Horizons Rm 1
17 March	Friends of the School AGM 7pm
22 March	Otago Anniversary Day - school closed
24 March	Wide Horizons Rm 9
24,25,26 Mar	Junior Syndicate Art Gallery Trip
31 March	Wide Horizons Rm 16
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

### Thought of the week ...

Great people are those that can make others feel that they, too, can become great  
- Mark Twain

### Sports Draw

Touch Rugby Draw - Monday		
Silverstream Yellow	3.30pm	Ground 4
Silverstream Blue	3.30pm	Ground 5
Silverstream Black	NO GAME	
Silverstream White	NO GAME	
T-Ball - Saturday		
Silverstream Catchers v HWB Slugger	D4	9.00am
Silverstream Pitchers v Calton Hill	D6	9.00am
Silverstream Strikers v College St Cub	D13	10.00am

### World Children's Day

This is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March - this Sunday.

For more information go to [www.childrensday.org.nz](http://www.childrensday.org.nz)

**Wheetbix Tryathlon** Best of luck to all the children competing this Sunday.