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Dear Parents

Kia ora e te whānau,



Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 2!

I would like to begin firstly by thanking you, our community. The times we find ourselves now slowly coming out of, have been incredibly challenging to say the least. As a school, we have been so very thankful to all our parents and whānau and the way you managed to balance work/family/home-life while helping our tamariki feel safe, cared for and supported over this unusual time. Thank you for so

willingly partnering with our teachers and staff as we navigated the new approach of distance learning - regularly posting work, supporting your children through activities and experiences, setting up Zoom meetings (these were a blast!) but mostly spending time talking and being with your children. I strongly feel that your approach at home, has helped us have such a successful transition back to physical school. The last two weeks have just been magic. Learners (and staff!) bouncing in the gates, so happy to reconnect with our school family and get stuck in to everything school has to offer. Thank you also for the way you have supported us through some of the changes to our typical processes through Alert Level 2 - in particular signing in at gates. This has all worked very smoothly and has enabled us to keep records to support contact tracing.

I would also like to welcome any new families that have joined us this term. Welcome to the Silverdale whānau! I am sure that you'll find our community warm and welcoming. Feel free to call the office and book a time to see me if you would like to know more about our wonderful school.

## Online Newsletters

Last year we asked for community feedback around our newsletter distribution. The vast majority of families indicated that they no longer read the paper copies that we print every other week. To help reduce environmental impact, as well as printing cost, we will transition over this term solely to online newsletters. We will still have some paper copies available at the school office for you to read or take with you. We will still give a paper newsletter to families for whom we do not hold an email address. If you have changed your email address recently and not updated the school, please do so by sending an email to [office@silverdale.school.nz](mailto:office@silverdale.school.nz)

Ways to read our newsletters:

- \* School app
- \* School website
- \* Emailed out (newsletters go out via email to all families with a current email address noted on our system)



### Navigating the Journey

Tomorrow night we are hosting an information evening around our Health Education Programme, Navigating the Journey. Thank you to everyone who has RSVP'd to this meeting. If you would like to ask any questions or make any comments, this can be done via a google form you can access here: <https://forms.gle/zCbVXWs7rNZoA92s8>

### Pyjama Day

Coming up on Friday, 19th June, is our annual Pyjama Day! This is a fun day here at school where children come dressed in their Pyjamas and take part in fun activities in class. We also use this as an opportunity to make a positive difference in our community. Every year we ask for donations during Pyjama Day which we collect and donate to Waikids up at Waikato hospital (see their facebook page to check out some of the great work they do). There is no obligation for you to donate but if you'd like to help us support this worthy cause you are welcome to donate any of the following:

- \* New children's pyjamas
- \* New children's underwear
- \* New soft toys
- \* A gold coin (we use any money raised to purchase more of the above).



Our wonderful PTG friends will be near the main gate on Pyjama Day to collect any donations as they come in.



### Fête de la Musique

Also on Pyjama Day, as is our school tradition, at morning tea we put on a musical experience for our learners. Any child who would like to, can bring in a musical instrument and play it at morning tea time. There is a wonderful atmosphere out there and many learners get a chance to perform in a relaxed, fun way.

### Breakfast Club

A reminder that from 8.30am a teacher is based in the kitchen running Breakfast Club. This is generously sponsored by KidsCan and KickStart. Anyone is welcome to attend. We'll keep a register of people attending breakfast club and give you a call to make sure you are happy with this. Also - please let us know if there are any dietary requirements.



### Support Staff Week

We have a wonderful bunch of Learning Assistants, office staff and a smiley caretaker! These people are often the unsung heroes of the school; they are so dedicated to our learners and making our school a great place to be. Next week has been named support staff week by NZEI and is a time for us as a school to acknowledge all the hard work of this important group of staff members. Feel free to thank these great people if you're in and around school next week.

## Teacher Only Day Cancelled

Earlier in the year we let you know that we had a teacher only day - combined with the other schools in our Kāhui Ako (community of learning). Due to the implications of Alert Level restrictions, this has been cancelled. There will be a normal school day on Friday, 12th June.



## PhotoLife

### School Photographs

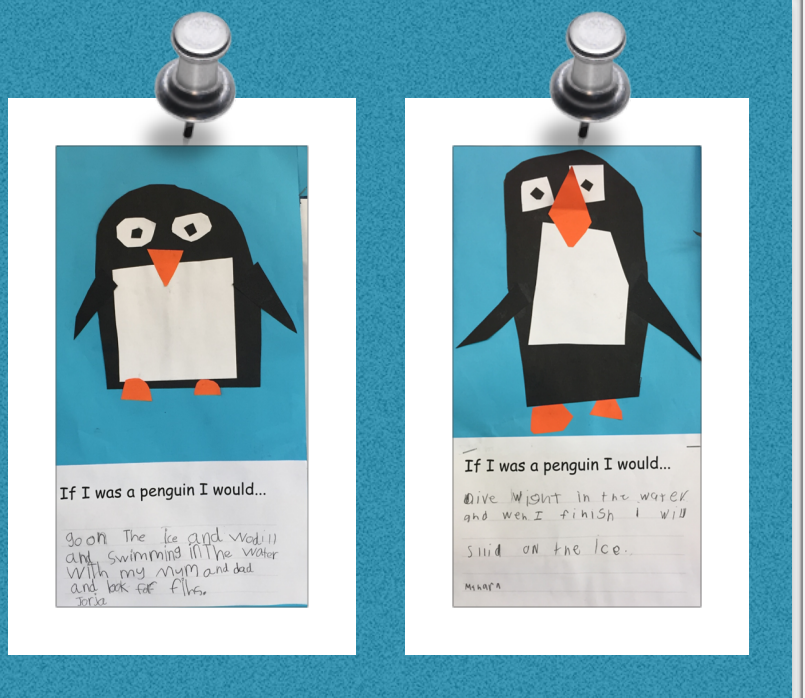
School Photographs will be taken on Friday, 12th June. You will be able to view and purchase your child's photos online.

- \* Individual, sibling and class photos will be taken.
- \* Sibling envelopes are available from the School Office. Please contact us if you would like your children photographed together. If there is no signed form, the photographers are not authorised to take a sibling photograph. The form must be filled out and returned to the School Office before Photo Day.
- \* Look out for your child's photo key code that he/she will bring home about two weeks after Photo Day.
- \* You will be able to use your unique Photo Keycode to view your child's photos at [www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz)
- \* Orders that are placed before the free delivery expiry date will be bulk printed and delivered to our school for your child to bring home. Photolife gives a "free delivery" period of approximately three weeks from the date the Photo Keys are dispatched to the School.
- \* If you miss getting your order in before the expiry date, then your order will be dispatched to the address typed in by the person placing the order. A \$6.00 postage and packing charge is automatically applied.

## Classroom Item - Room 4

In room four we have been learning about animals and their habitats.

The children made a penguin and wrote about what they would do if they were a penguin.



## Scholastic Book Club Orders

A special bumper issue for Scholastic Book Club went home with children last week. In order to have the books in time for the school holidays, orders need to be returned to the school office by Friday, 12th June. Orders can also be made on line [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/LOOP) Details on the inside back page of the pamphlet.



## Additional Clothing in your Child's Schoolbag

Can you please ensure you have a change of clothing packed in your child's school bag. We often have children slipping over and requiring a change during the school day at this time of the year. It is much easier if we have extra clothing on hand, rather than try to locate a parent who is often working during the school day.

## Lost Property

The bins, located beside Room 6 are overflowing with misplaced clothing - please come and check for your children's missing socks, shoes, jerseys, jackets and more.



## Mini Hockey

A notice has been given to children who have expressed interest in playing hockey this year for the school. The season lasts for ten weeks in Term 3 and children will need to make a strong commitment for the duration of the season. If your child has not brought home a notice, and he or she would like to play hockey, please collect one from the School Office. The fee is \$35.00 per player, which covers the cost of the team's entry, turf fees, team gear and uniform. Forms need to be returned to Mr Burnard in Room 11 or Ms Goudie in the Library by Friday, 12th June.

## Entertainment Book

Many thanks to those families who purchased an Entertainment Book through our school last year. Current memberships expired on 1st June. As families haven't been able to utilise the full twelve month membership purchased last year, new Entertainment Memberships include a bonus two months extra membership free on single and multi city memberships. If you know of any families who might like a current membership, please feel free to share the link below with your friends and family:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/155y154>.

When you buy now, you have three months to activate your membership. At the moment there is a membership bonus of a \$10.00 Countdown Gift Card when you purchase single city membership and a \$20.00 Countdown Gift Card when you purchase a multi city membership.



Michael Harrop - Principal

**"Making a Positive Difference"**