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Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope that you have been keeping warm on these more wintery starts to the day the last few weeks have brought us. I have enjoyed getting out to some of the winter sports that have now started again - so great to have this normality return to our lives! It was wonderful to see so many happy children (and parents!) on the fields over the weekend.



Winter also brings with it increased chances of flus and colds. As a school we are keeping up with our hygiene practices of regular (hand washing, disinfecting surfaces etc) but we are still likely to have some winter colds pop up at school. Please remember, if your children do develop cold or flu like symptoms please keep them at home and seek advice from Healthline (0800 358 5453) or see your family doctor. They will advise you on your next steps. This same advice has been given to our staff. We really value the continued health of our community and with your support, I am sure we will stay that way!

Navigating the Journey

We had a number of parents and whānau come to our information hui on Navigating the Journey - the programme supporting our Health and Physical Education curriculum. It was great to use this forum as a way to really delve into all the aspects of this important and compulsory curriculum area, and answer questions. As usual, if you have any questions about anything happening here at school, we'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher - email addresses are on our website and app, or you can use Seesaw.



New Entrant Space

You may have noticed the construction work going on between Room 7 and 8 this year. We have been building a purpose built New Entrant / Junior toilet block and learning space. This has enabled us to connect Rooms 7 and 8 and provide beautiful flow between the two rooms as our class grows. Tracy Bosch, who has been working as a learning assistant in Room 8, has accepted the position of classroom teacher for Terms 3 and 4. Tracy is a trained teacher who has been working with our New Entrant learners all year developing relationships and supporting the play-based curriculum. This provides us with wonderful continuity for our youngest learners as we continue to welcome new five year olds to our school.

Out of Zone Applications

We are still accepting applications from out of zone till Friday, 19th June. If you know of anyone planning on sending their children to Silverdale this year, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office. For more information on our enrolment process, please visit our website (https://www.silverdale.school.nz/7/easy_pages/5-enrolments).

Reminder: This Friday, 19th June we will be celebrating Pyjama Day and Fête de la Musique

We are asking all children and staff members to wear their pyjamas to school this Friday. We will also be using 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).

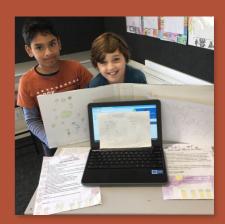
Our wonderful PTG friends will be near the main gate on Pyjama Day to collect any donations as they come in.

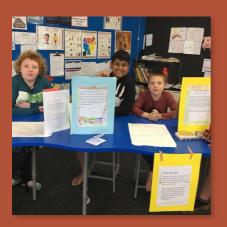
At morning tea we hope to be able to put on a musical experience for our learners (weather dependant). Any child who would like to, can bring in a musical instrument and play it at morning tea time. There is a wonderful atmosphere out there and many learners get a chance to perform in a relaxed, fun way.



Health Expo

On Thursday last week our year 5-6 learners had their first Health Expo! They got to share the learning and creating they had done at school about how to nourish our bodies - especially relating to sugar/fats. As 'project-based learning' is the format in which learning takes place, these exhibitions create a real dead-line for our year 5-6 students. Time-management and team work are just 2 of the very important life skills that our kids learn in the process.











Classroom Item Room 8

Room 8 has been learning about New Zealand animals and their habitats. David from Ruakura Research brought in 4 New Zealand native geckos and spoke about where they are found, what they eat and their behaviours. The children in Room 8 learners were lucky to touch or hold a gecko.



Digital Newsletters

We're doing our bit for the planet! As I mentioned last week, we will be moving to solely online newsletters with printed copies available in the school office. We will start this in term 3.

The Zones of Regulation - Middle School Item

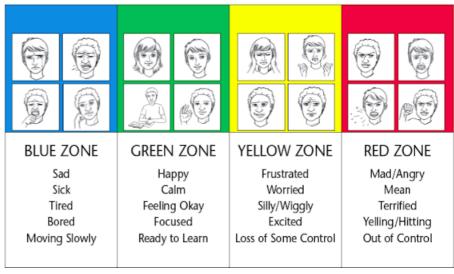
Our big idea for this term is: We all change as we grow. We can make a positive difference by respecting and valuing people's differences.

An important part of this is recognising my own and others emotions and feelings in lots of

different situations. We have started using The Zones of Regulation® programme to help us categorise and manage the different emotions we have.

We are having lots of fun talking about our emotions, figuring out what zone we are in and justifying out thoughts. Check out the zones poster here in the newsletter, It could be a talking point with your child!

The **ZONES** of Regulation®



PTG News:

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is a group of parents and teachers who work to create fun events for the kids and fundraise for the school. We always welcome new members, we'd love to see some new faces at our meetings. If you can't commit to meetings but would like to help out at events, please let us know. We especially need parents who can help out during the day occasionally.

➡ End of Term Lunch Sausage Sizzle, Friday, 3rd July - Order forms went home on Monday. Orders need to be placed in the PTG pre-order box before 9.00am on Wednesday, 1st July. Payment can be made in cash or by online into the PTG bank account which is noted on the order form.

→ Keep in touch:

- Like our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/silverdalenormalschoolptg.
- Join our Facebook Group: "Friends of the PTG SNS"
- Messenger: m.me/silverdalenormalschoolptg
- Email: ptg@silverdale.school.nz

School Photographs

School Photographs were taken last Friday. You will be able to view and purchase your child's photos online using a photo key code will be brought home with your child in approximately two weeks time.



Additional Clothing in your Child's School Bag

Can you please ensure you place a change of clothing 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.

First Credit Union

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at our school. All Credit Union branches are now open for limited services but they are not restarting their school banking programme this term. If parents would like to continue to save into their children's First Credit Union accounts, staff are more than happy to help them set up regular automatic payments. If you have any queries, please phone 834 4810.



School Terms - To Note in your Diary

Term 2 ends on Friday 3rd July. School closes at the normal finishing time of 3.00pm. Term 3 starts again on Monday 20th July at 9.00am. Children are encouraged to be here from 8.30am.

Lost Property

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

Michael Harrop - Principal