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Dear Parents,

Sadly, foundation principal, Jim Pope, passed away towards the end of last term. Jim had a long association with Silverdale taking the role as

Principal when the gates first opened in 1964 till today, with his great granddaughter a current student. Jim had an enormous impact on our school over his years as leader here. Personally, I had several meetings with Jim and really enjoyed hearing his wisdom and historical knowledge about our school and community - I was always so impressed with his obvious passion for schools and education. On behalf of the school and community of Silverdale Normal, I would like to pass our most sincere condolences on to Jim's family.

The MAIN issues

As you may have read last week in our newsletter, teachers around the country are declaring that enough is enough and we want education in our country to be the best it can be. There is a lot of focus on pay rises out there in the media - and although honouring people for the enormous job they do is incredibly important - more of the main issues seem to be less in the lime light.

It's about attracting and retaining teachers: Initial teacher training: 40% less enrolments than in 2010. Primary teachers - almost 1 in 5, and 50% of secondary teachers leave teaching within their first 5 years of teaching.

It's about our children's future: All children deserve the right to quality learning and an educational experience where they thrive - 'basic' is not enough.

It's about having time to teach: Optimal class sizes for learning, support to help students achieve their potential.

It's about being truly inclusive: All students thriving together in a learning environment that is ideal for them to succeed.

On Friday we will have some more information in and around the school informing our community of the main issues in the NZEI agenda. We will also have a letter ready to send to our local MPs that we would love your signature on (if you support it of course!!).

Learner Conversations

Today and tomorrow we are having our next round of Learner Conversations where you can meet with your child's teacher and build together goals for the rest of the year. This time we encourage your child to attend the conversation too - their voice is also important in setting their goals. Please log on to our booking website (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and book using the code: xzfvy. We also encourage new families to the school to make an appointment.

Run-a-thon

We are hosting a run-a-thon again this year on Friday, 17th August. Information and sponsorship forms will be sent home today with the newsletter. This year we are raising funds to heat the school pool, to ensure the students get the most use of this facility. We look forward to you joining us for this event and supporting us.

PTG News

- Meeting Date change! The next meeting will now be Tuesday 7th August, 7.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.
- Watties Cans For Good The Salvation Army partners with Watties and New Zealand Schools
 to restock their foodbanks. From 13-24th August we will be collecting cans of food, then
 running a can creation event, where we make a picture/sculpture out of all our cans. More
 details to come. See https://www.watties.co.nz/cansforgood for more details about Cans for
 Good.

School Assemblies

- → Week 2 9.00am Friday, 3rd August (Rooms 12, 17, 14, 3, 16, 2 ad 15). Room 16 will be presenting
- → Week 3 9.00am Wednesday, 8th August (Whole School) at Morrision Memorial Theatre Hillcrest High School. Room 6/7 will be presenting an assembly item.
- → Week 4 9.00am Friday, 17th August (Rooms 11, 1, 13, 8, 6/7, 9 and 4). Room 13 will be presenting an assembly item.
- → Week 5 9.00am Friday, 24th August (Rooms 12, 17, 14, 3, 16, 2 ad 15). Room 2 will be presenting an assembly item.

Māori Art Class

Our Māori Art lessons are being held from 3.15 to 4.15pm in Room 8 this term. Mrs Trenwith is taking these classes. The cost to attend is \$10.00 for the term.

Overdue Accounts

Invoices for outstanding accounts were sent home with students at the end of last term. If you have not already done so, payment of these is now overdue. Our ASB bank account number for internet banking is 12 3249 0084477 00.

Staff Car Park

An important reminder that the staff car park is out of bounds. This means that:

- No parents are to park there between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm
- That children can not walk through the car park.



Classroom Item - Room 9



It is only Week 2, and we have already had some fabulous parents supporting us in our learning in Room 9. A huge, thank you to Mrs Snell and Mrs Tarosa. Mrs

Snell brought in a very precious tapa cloth which belongs to her family. This tapa cloth was made by her grandmother and holds special meaning for the family. Mrs Tarosa, came in to teach us about the island of Vanuatu. It was Vanuatu Independence Day on Monday of this week. Tylah and his mum taught us a lot about their island community. Thank you all so much for your contribution to our learning in Room 9.

As a result, we investigated symbols and their meanings from Samoa and Vanuatu and have begun to make tapa



cloths of our own. Room 9 integrated this into a maths lesson by looking at symmetry or reflection in the patterns of the tapa and positive and negative spaces in artwork. They look

~ Mrs Hopewell.

great!







Kids first - First Credit Union

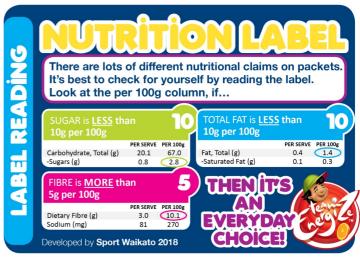
Issue 40 of First Credit Union's Newsletter Just for Kids accompanies today's school newsletter. If you would like your child to bank with First Credit Union, please pick up an application pack from the School Office.



Project Energise Nuggets

This term our nutrition nuggets are focused on label reading – a very handy skill to have! Supplied by Renee Mouat – Energiser





Hockey Draws - Saturday, 4th August

8.00am	Silverdale Lions vs Te Rapa Tiny Turfs	at Gallaghers 2QA
8.00am	Silverdale Leopards vs Hukanui Dribblers	at Gallaghers 1QB
9.00am	Silverdale Pumas vs Endeavour Slicksticks	at Gallaghers 2QA
10.00am	Silverdale Tigers vs Hukanui Trappers	at Gallaghers 1QB
12.15pm	Silverdale Panthers vs Pukete Seals	at Gallaghers 2HA

Please be at the turf 20 minutes prior to your game.

Hockey Results - Saturday, 28th July

Silverdale Leopards	lost 1-4	Player of the day: Lucy
Silverdale Lions	bye	
Silverdale Pumas	lost 1-3	Player of the day: Olive
Silverdale Tigers	lost 0-7	Player of the day: Riley
Silverdale Panthers	won 4-1	Player of the day: Devin

Gymnastics Classes - Term 3

We still have a few vacancies in the Senior gymnastics group. The cost is \$40.00 for the term and classes are held on a Monday lunchtime from 12.45 to 1.30pm. All children take their lunch to the Student Common Room. All lessons are taught by trained coaches from Hamilton City Gym Sports. Lessons are suitable for any ability. They cover all key fundamental gymnastics skills and movement patterns within the sessions, to build each student's strength, flexibility and coordination. Depending of student ability we plan to send some of our capable senior students along to Gym Sports again this year to compete against students from other schools. Please contact the School Office if you would like your child to participate.

Michael Harrop - Principal