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Dear Parents,

Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori

This year, the theme for the week that celebrates one of our national languages was 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

At Silverdale Normal School, our learners strengthened their knowledge of Te Reo Māori, and as language is linked so closely with culture, they expanded their experiences of Māori culture and customs as well. Across our school, learners found out about Māori myths and legends and how Māori culture explains how some of our land formations were created.

From this, Room 9, created their own Taniwha. To go with their new Duffy books Room 9 also created beautiful laminated bookmarks with kowhaiwhai patterns. They learnt about how the kowhaiwhai patterns have meaning. Traditionally they tell stories or can be specific to certain whanau or tribal areas.

Learners around the school used Te Reo as they played traditional Māori action games and string games.

Room 14 got interested in Poi and investigated this unique cultural artefact through questioning, researching, reading about, and making poi during the week.

New words and phrases were introduced across the school and learners interacted with them in many different ways.

As always, the principles of whanaungatanga and ako were strongly present as classes met in tuakana / teina relationships

(buddy classes) to learn from each other and learn together.

We would also like to thank the people who gave their time to come and share their knowledge and experiences or help in a class this week. We hope to see you again in Week 10 for our Book Week.



Duffy Assembly

We were very lucky to have Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepea join our senior school last Thursday for the Duffy Role Model assembly.

Rachel is a NZ-born Tongan and is an experienced independent strategic and business director for her own company 'FaceNorth Promotions'. She oversees key relationships across the Pacific region and internationally in both the public and private sectors in the various governing roles she holds. **Rachel sits on quite a few boards overseeing Pacific trade, investment and business, and women and children development. Rachel loves reading books on leadership and culture.**



Planting in the Front Garden has Begun

You may have noticed as you walk in the front gate that some plants in our garden have appeared during the last week. A group of senior students followed our garden design and planted the foundational plants for the garden during their lunchtime. We can't wait for the plants to grow and start filling the space.

A big **THANK YOU** to Bunnings Warehouse Hamilton South - who donated 6 crucial plants for our garden and have promised a few more in the coming months.

PLANTS WANTED: If you have any:

Angulata ground cover plants, Pittosporum golf ball plants, Hellebour or Helleborus flowering shrubs, or Rhododendrons that you no longer need, please drop them off to the Office - the children would LOVE to do another round of planting.

Mr Mano

On Wednesday the 12th of September a Human Rights speaker called Mr Mano came here to speak to Rooms 11 and 12. He is the President of the United Nations Association of New Zealand (UNANZ) - Waikato. On the day he explained what his job was and what he did. His job is to work with the United Nations which provides people with the human rights. He organises the Model of the United Nations where the high school students are given a country and then pretend they are in the United Nations and debate issues. Something cool we learnt is that Jacinda Ardern represented Waikato at the Model of United Nations and Helen Clark had worked as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme from 2009 to 2017. He also gave us a trophy to use at our end of year prize giving to celebrate human rights. It was so cool and we all wish we could help too.

By Emily and Karyse



"Making a Positive Difference"

Loud Shirt Day - This Friday, 21st September

Loud Shirt Day is the annual appeal of **The Hearing House** and the **Southern Cochlear Implant Paediatric Programme**, two charities dedicated to enabling deaf children with cochlear implants or hearing aids to listen and speak like their hearing peers. Neither charity charges deaf children or their families for their services. This Friday we are asking everyone to wear their loudest, most colourful and wacky shirt to school and bring a gold coin donation to support this charity.



School Assembly - Week 8, Term 3

- ➔ 9.00am Friday, 21st September - Rooms 12, 17, 14, 3, 16, 2 and 15 - Room 17 will be presenting an assembly item.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Please remember to bring your Yummy cut-out labels from bags and individual Yummy apple stickers to school by Thursday, 27th September 2018 (last week of Term 3). We will then post all the stickers on Friday to claim some sports equipment for our school.

Book Week - Next week is our annual book week. This week revolves around stories. If you would like



to share a story to a class or students during the day, please see your child's classroom teacher. We would love you to join us. On Wednesday, 26th September we will be holding our Run-a-thon and book character day, where students dress up as their favourite book character. This day starts with an assembly at 9.15 at Hillcrest High School, followed by the run-a-thon at 11.00am which will run until 12.30pm. Please join us for the fun.

Parents and whānau are welcome to attend any part of Wednesday's events.

Classroom Item - Room 1

I'm very proud of Room 1 for getting up and sharing their sign language song, 'Paradise' in front of the assembly last Friday. It was extra nice to have our buddy class, Room 11, join us up the front to perform too. This really helped ease some of our nerves!

If you are wanting to view the video, please get in touch with either Miss Kelly or myself and we will be happy to show you.

If you are interested in learning the song for yourselves, you can find it here, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlHyZyUR4EA> translated into NZSL by Sarah and Christie Mason.

Nga Mihi,
Teri Meling

PTG News

- ➔ **Loud Shirt Day - This Friday!** Wear your loudest, most colourful and wacky shirt (or fancy dress) on Friday, bring a gold coin donation, and support enabling deaf children to hear.
- ➔ **End of Term Pizza Lunch - Friday 28th September.** Please place orders and money into the PTG box beside the children's counter in the office. Orders in by 9.00am Wednesday 26th September.
- ➔ **PTG AGM -** Our next meeting will be held **Thursday 18th October.** 7.00pm is the AGM, followed by our regular meeting at 8.00pm. We encourage you to come to the AGM. Supper will be provided and you can hear about what we have been doing over the past year.
- ➔ **Save the Dates**
 - **Term 4 Disco** - Thursday, 15th November.
 - **Year 6 Leavers Dinner** - Thursday, 6th December.
- ➔ Want to get in touch with us? Please email ptg@silverdale.school.nz or join our facebook group "**Friends of the PTG - SNS**".



Lego Club

Mrs McMillan will be holding Lego Club again next term on a Thursday afternoon between 3.00 and 4.00pm in Room 2. The cost is \$10.00 per term. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the School Office. Numbers will be limited.

Project Energise Nuggets

This term our nutrition nuggets are focused on label reading – Supplied by Renee Mouat – Energiser

Michael Harrop - Principal

Community Notices

YMCA Holiday Programme

The YMCA is holding a Holiday Programme at Silverdale Normal from 1st to 12th October. Book online <https://ymca-akl-ham-bop.aimyplus.com> A brochure is available from our school office.



The Magician's Nephew

Friday 5th - 13th October, 11.00am and 7.00pm shows at the Meteor Theatre

"We've come from another world. By magic" cried Polly. Join Polly and Digory as they stumble into new worlds with magic rings, talking animals, an evil witch, a tree that grows magic fruit and the great lion Aslan. No sooner have they arrived in Narnia, Polly and Digory must race to save it. Although Narnia is only a few hours old, an evil has already entered it.

C.S. Lewis' The Magician's Nephew adapted for the stage by Glyn Robbins takes us back to where it all began. In this prequel to The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe discover how Narnia came to be and how the White Witch seized control of the land. Not to mention the origins of the infamous lamp post that would later guide Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy safely home.

For tickets and more information visit <http://themetor.co.nz/event/the-magicians-nephew/>