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Dear Parents,

School breaks up for the school holidays at 3.00pm this Friday and Term 4 begins again on Monday, 15th October.

This Sunday, 30th September, **Daylight saving** starts when clocks go forward by 1 hour at 2.00am.



2019 Organisation

We are already well underway in our thinking and planning for next year - 2018 has raced by. Our Board of Trustees met on Monday night and decided on our term dates for next year. They are as follows:

Term 1: Monday, 4 February - Friday, 12 April (49 days - 10 weeks)

Term 2: Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July (49 days - 10 weeks)

Term 3: Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September (50 days - 10 weeks)

Term 4: Monday, 14 October - Wednesday, 18 December (47 days - 10 weeks)

Also - we would like to hear your input on anything we might need to consider with classroom placements for your learners next year. If you would like to let us know anything you think might be important when placing children into classes for 2019, please drop me an email at michaelh@silverdale.school.nz. While we can't make any promises and guarantees, it is important to us to hear your thoughts and dreams for your children.

Normal School Conference

Last week, Nic Wilson and myself travelled down to Palmerston North to take part in the annual Normal and Model Schools' Association Conference. This is a time where we gather with other principals and leaders from schools around the country who share our passion and interest in Initial Teacher Education. We heard from many experts from various training institutions and were able to visit several Normal Schools in the Palmerston North region and see how they are supporting the education of new teachers. We also had a chance to share our thoughts with Bali Haque who is advising the government and leading the Tomorrow's Schools Review. A great opportunity to share our dreams for New Zealand education and have our voice heard.

Run-A-Thon

Today's Run-a-thon has been <u>postponed until Friday</u> due to the unsettled weather.

11.10am - 11.25am Year 5 and 6 from Rooms 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 11.30am- 11.45am Year 3 and 4 from Rooms 16, 17, 9, 14, 4 and 3

11.50am - 12.05pm Year 0 and 1 from Rooms 6/7 and 8

12.10am -12.25pm Year 1 and 2 from Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 17.



PTG News

⇒ Pizza Lunch - This Friday. All orders in by today please.

➤ Loud Shirt Day - Thanks to all those who donated to our Loud Shirt Day campaign. We raised just over \$170.





- ▶ PTG AGM Our next meeting will be held in the staff room on 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. Anyone can come to the AGM, not just PTG members. And while we would love to have you join us, there is no pressure to join the PTG at the AGM.
- → Good From Scratch Cookbook Tour Silverdale Normal School has been selected to host one of Michael Van de Elzen's cooking demonstrations as part of his latest cook book tour. It is a cooking show aimed at kids and parents. Our show will be held on Wednesday, 21st November. It should be a fun night so save the date! More details to come next term.
- → Save the Date!
 - ▶ Term 4 Disco Thursday, 15th November.
 - Cooking Show Wednesday, 21st 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".

Calendar Art - Advance Notice

The Silverdale learners have been working hard, creating some amazing art work to be turned into a calendar, gift card, diary, sketchpad or mouse mat. A small preview of your child's art work will come home the first week of Term 4 along with an order form. Samples of the various products will be on display on the front desk of our School Office. Don't forget that every calendar or item purchased helps our school raise money that will go towards making a positive difference to our learners here at Silverdale.



Prices are: \$12.00 calendar, \$12.00 eight greeting cards, \$12.00 mousemat, \$12.00 A5 sketch pad, \$15.00 A5 diary. Orders need to be into the Office by Thursday, 25th October.

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. We have five places left. If you would like your child to participate, please contact the School Office.





Chinese Language Week

This week is Chinese Language Week and also traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. We made the Monkey King Mask and took photos with our masks. It looks so cool! For Chinese people, Mid-Autumn Festival is a special day for family reunion, eating moon cakes and enjoying the beautiful Lanterns Display. We do the beautiful lanterns and enjoy the story about the festival to celebrate this festival!



- Jing Wu, Mandarin Learning Assistant





Classroom Item - Room 17

As part of our inquiry in Room 17 this term we have been learning about our body. We've discovered that we can make good choices for a healthy body and mind every day. One of the questions we explored was, 'what does the brain need to stay healthy?' Here are some of our responses...

- * 'It needs water, glow food, go food and sleep so it can make better choices. The brain needs to focus. Mediation helps to clear your mind.' Charlie Rogers
- * 'It needs lots of fruit and vegetables. We need to exercise like swimming'. Jack Hodges
- * 'When you are riding a bike you need to wear a helmet because if you fall over you could get brain damage on part of your brain. Thats why you need to wear a helmet. You also need to sleep so your brain can get some rest from your big day.' Ayva Bowater
- * 'I think we need food to be healthy, like apples and kiwifruit. The brain helps us to breathe and to sleep.' Amelia Duggan



Yummy Apple Stickers

Please remember to bring your Yummy cut-out labels from bags and individual Yummy apple stickers to school <u>by tomorrow</u>. We will then post all the stickers to claim some sports equipment for our school. Sticker sheets are available from the school office to start

saving for nest year's allocation of sports equipment.

Project Energise Nuggets

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This term our nutrition nuggets are focused on label reading – a very handy skill to have!

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.

Squiggle Holiday Programme – 1st – 12th October 2018

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Fairfield and offer a huge variety of activities. Our theme for this coming holiday is "Harry Potter" and we'll be learning about Snapes science potions, baking Prof McGonagall's muffins and making Master Ron Weasley's soup, cool Muggle arts and crafts, playing Quidditch team games, and of course Young Engineers will be a key feature in our programme. We'll be heading to the movies to watch Small Foot on



Friday 5th of October and we have a special visitor performing a magic show on Friday 12th October.

Enrolments are now open on www.squiggle.org.nz. If you have any queries, please contact Katrina on 0279093903 katrina@squiggle.org.nz.