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Dear Parents,



Kia ora te whānau and welcome to Term 4! Hard to believe we are at this point of the year already - we have achieved so much this year! Firstly I would like to welcome all the new families that joined us this term - welcome to the Silverdale community! If you are new and haven't met personally with me yet, please phone the office and make an appointment to come in for a chat - I'd love to share with you our school vision and values, and hear from you as to what is important to you and your family.

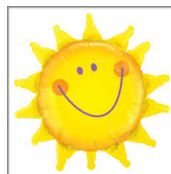
Our First Sunny Term!

In line with being sun smart, we require all students to have hats for outdoor activities in Terms 4 and 1. Please could you ensure your child has a **named** hat that can be left at school for him/her to wear during break times when outdoors. From week 3 onwards we will be asking children who come to school without hats to spend their lunch times in the shade under the big tree in front of the staff room.



Reminder

Next Monday is Labour Day and the school will be closed.



Assemblies

For the start of the term we will be running our weekly 9.15am assemblies in the same fashion as we have done for the past two terms - half of the school meeting in Turkana-Teina (buddy classes) groups every other week. You can find out when your child's class is at assembly by looking at our school calendar, available on our website. Our hope is that as the weather warms up we will be able to meet together as a full school whānau under the canopy again.

We have an Amazing Community!

Over the school holidays we had a number of building projects on site helping to make a positive difference to our learning environments. Our Senior Rooms had their linoleum, carpet and wall coverings replaced - they look amazing. A MASSIVE thank you to all the parents in our community who came out to school on the first Saturday of the holidays and helped us prepare the rooms. Also, thanks to ex-Silverdale student Bailey Callagher who used his expert building skills to create a new door in between rooms 13 and 14. Steve Dixon's team at Ardent Building Developments did an amazing job patching up the classes and administration block too. We are so lucky to have such a great set of skills out there in our community.



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Swimming Season is Coming!

The pool solar heating system is now in! We are very grateful to our sponsors and to Bruce Clothier who gave his time and skills to dig the trench to allow the system to be connected - LEGEND! We hope to have the pool open by week 3 at the latest but will open it earlier if it warms up a little more. We also have the team from Field of Dreams coming in from week 4 to support swimming lessons with all of our students. Very exciting.

Bees!

It seems every year around this time we have the odd visit from a new queen bee looking for a home. This has never caused a problem for us as the bees usually congregate around the gully area. But from time to time a swarm will float up to one of our trees. We have some keen bee keeper friends who pop down and collect them for us - Mrs Muir's husband came and collected the last one! It is also a good time to remind us that if you know that your child has an allergy to bee stings, please ensure that the office knows.



Classes for Next Year

We are currently sorting class placements for 2019. A reminder that if you have anything that you feel might be important for us when considering classes for your learners next year, please email me: principal@silverdale.school.nz.

PTG News

- **PTG AGM** - Tomorrow night, at 7.00pm in the staff room. 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** - Michael Van de Elzen is touring NZ promoting his new cookbook for kids: Good From Scratch. We are hosting one of his events, where he will do a cooking demonstration and talk about healthy eating. The show is designed for kids and parents to come together. This will take place at Berkley Cultural Centre, Wednesday 21st November, 6.30pm. Tickets on sale now, \$5.00 each, with a special family price of \$15.00 for up to 5 people, available until Friday, 26th October. Orders can be placed in the PTG box by the children's window in the office. Tickets will be sent home with your child, or if you would like to pick them up from the office please indicate that on the order form. Proceeds from ticket sales go to the PTG.
- **Friday Iceblocks** - are back on! Mini Popsicles (\$1.00) and Juicies (\$1.50) will be on sale every Friday after school at the main gate.
- **Thanks** to Mrs Vassella's Yoga club, who once again donated their session koha to the PTG. Namaste.



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- **Upcoming Events**

- ➔ Term 4 Disco - Thursday 15 November
- ➔ Cooking Show - Wednesday 21st November
- ➔ Year 6 Leavers Dinner - Thursday 6th December

Calendar Art

Our Silverdale learners were working hard last term, creating some amazing art work that you can turn into a calendar, gift card, diary, notepad or mouse mat. A small preview of your child's art work will have come home by now together with an order form. Samples of the various products are on display on the front desk of our School Office. Every calendar or item purchased helps our school raise money that will go towards making a positive difference to our learners. Orders need to be into the Office by Thursday, 25th October.

Run-a-thon

It was great that we were eventually able to hold our run-a-thon on the last day of Term 3. Thank you for all the sponsorship received to date. A reminder to have your sponsorship money in by the end of the week.

Childhood Book Competition

As part of book week we ran a competition where the children had to correctly match the teacher with their favourite childhood book.

The winners of the competition were:

Senior 1st Liam Room 11
Junior 1st = Raydin Room 3
 Gabby Room 4
 Elsa Room 17



These winners will each receive a book. Well done to all who entered - Mrs Edwards



First Credit Union Jimmy Jumper Savings Account

Children participating in First Credit Union's school banking programme open a S11 Jimmy Jumper Account, which is a great first savings account with an interest rate of 3% p.a. Regular savers get

rewards and each student at the school gets a Kids First educational newsletter at the start of each term! Application packs with all the information you need are available from our School Office.

School Beautification Project

As part of a school beautification project, we are creating a database of talented artists in our school community.

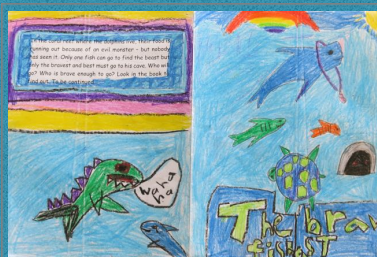
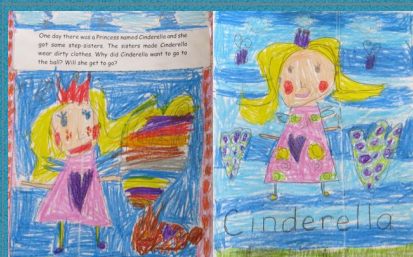
If you are a carver, harakeke weaver, mural artist, builder, sculptor, or are willing to support our school with resources for some of our projects, we would love to hear from you!

Please email Tracy Hopewell on tracyh@silverdale.school.nz or speak with her before or after school in Room 9.

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Classroom Item - Room 3

As part of book week Room 3 learners designed a book jacket for their favourite books. The book jacket had to include the author's name, colourful illustrations related to the story and a blurb about the story to go on the back. Here are two examples.



Energise Nuggets

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

SuperHero Light Party - A safe and supervised alternative to Halloween for children at Hillcrest Chapel, Wednesday, 31st October from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Come dressed as any superhero with a gold coin per person for lots of fun!!! BBQ tea provided, bouncy castle, lollies, games, face-painting, music, dance, prizes and more - everyone welcome.

