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Dear Parents,

### **Celebrating Cultures Week**

This week is United Nations Week and we are celebrating cultures across our school in different ways. Teachers have been inviting parents to come share their culture with their children's classes. If you would like to share about your culture, we would love to hear from you.

Thursday Parade - On Thursday we are encouraging ALL students to come to school representing their family culture/country. This may be in national costume - a hat, scarf or shoes in the national colours; a book on your country; a stuffed animal; or flower or ornament or carving representing your country. Each child will be in a 'United Nations' school parade carrying a flag which will begin at 9.15am (weather permitting). You are invited to attend this little celebration of our school's many cultures.



### **Reminder to Close Gates**

Please ensure that you close our school gates behind you as you enter and leave. We value the safety of all our children, and this will enable us to keep our school safe.

### **This Week's Assembly**

- 9.00am Friday, 26th October - Rooms 12, 17, 14, 3, 16, 2 and 15 - Room 12 will be presenting an assembly item.

### **Run-a-thon**

We will also be holding special assembly on Friday afternoon to give out spot prizes to children who participated in our run-a-thon fundraiser. A BIG thank you to all our community and friends who supported this fundraiser to get our pool solar heating up and running for the summer.

### **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](mailto:principal@silverdale.school.nz).

### **Hats**

Well done to everyone who regularly brings a sunhat to school! A quick reminder that from this week onwards, children are required to have a hat when playing sport and during break times at school. Children without hats will have to play under the shady tree outside the staffroom.

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### Swimming

Our pool will be operating from next week - that can mean only one thing... summer is coming! Please name towels and togs. As we did last year, we will have the team from Find Your Field of Dreams sending swimming coaches from Week 4. This is an amazing opportunity for our learners to have targeted swimming lessons from expert instructors. Your child's classroom teacher will let you know when their class regular swimming time will be.



### Congratulations to our Award Winners last week

Each week at our assembly every class issues one duffy book and one class certificate.

### School Beautification Project

As part of our 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](mailto:tracyh@silverdale.school.nz) or speak with her before or after school in Room 9.



It doesn't take much to start incorporating Sign Language into your daily life. Just over the weekend I found myself signing 'thank you' without giving it any thought to a lady in her car as she moved to make sure I had enough space to walk in front of her vehicle on the foot path.

Here are some simple everyday signs you can start using with your family and friends.



Please



Thank you

## PTG News

- 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 at 6.30pm. Tickets on sale now, \$5.00 each, with a special family price of \$15.00 for up to 5 people available until this 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.
- 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.
- Upcoming Events
  - ➡ Term 4 Disco - Thursday 15th November
  - ➡ Cooking Show - Wednesday 21st November
  - ➡ Year 6 Leavers Dinner - Thursday 6th December



## Calendar Art

A reminder that calendar art orders need to be into the Office by **tomorrow, Thursday, 25th October**. 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.

### Classroom Item - Room 8

Room 8 are planting flower and vegetable seeds this term. We already have sunflower seeds sprouting. We are going to have a small garden outside our room.



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## First Credit Union Jimmy Jumper Savings Account

Application packs with all the information you need are available from our School Office.

## 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

**Hillcrest Chapel 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.

**Activate Big Top Light Party** - A great, safe, fun, family friendly event and something we put on for the community, free of charge. There's a parents café, bouncy castles, balloon twisting, candy floss, sausage sizzle, games, and more. Wednesday, 31st October from 6.00 to 8.00pm at Activate Church, 11 Bisley Road, Enderley, Hamilton.

**Parent Help** - is a non profit organisation supporting parents to build resilient and positive families/whānau. We run a free confidential parenting Helpline for parents and caregivers. The Helpline is available from 9.00am – 9.00pm, 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge.



## Books for Kids - 310 Grey Street

- ➡ Saturday, 27th October at 11.00am - Join bestselling author Dawn McMillan and award-winning illustrator Nikki Slade Robinson as they launch their first book together 'There's a Tui in our Teapot' to celebrate NZ Bookshop Day. Hear Dawn read, see Nikki draw, listen to birdsong and colour in your own tui.
- ➡ 3rd November from 9.30am - You're invited to the launch of 'Hollybee Hope wants a Prickly Coat'. Bring the kids - join in the fun! Meet author/illustrator Deb Hinde for a personalised copy. Buy the book to go in the draw for a signed framed print. Readings, sport prizes and more.....

