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Dear Parents,

### Cultural Week and Parade of Nations

Last week our school celebrated our diversity. It was amazing to see our school representing over 30 different nationalities that they identify with. We have such an amazing mix of cultures and backgrounds here at Silverdale! A big thank you to all our parents and whānau who came into classes to share their culture. Also I'd like to thank Mrs Moffat for coordinating Thursday's Parade of Nations - what a fun event.

Students comments:

- ♦ Aryan: "I felt proud of my country today because my country has achieved many things. I was happy today to see so many cultures in our parade. I never knew there was so many cultures at our school."
- ♦ Lattrell: "The flag parade was fun because we got to walk around with our own flags."
- ♦ Camilla: "I felt happy and proud today because I can show my culture. The parade was very important today because now we know each other's culture and maybe we can respect each other more."



### Run-a-thon

Last week we were able to acknowledge all the participants in this years run-a-thon with our spot prize assembly. What a great atmosphere of celebration! The \$2,643.20 raised from the run-a-thon event has provided much needed funds to help us get over the line and have our solar heating system installed - awesome! A special prize was given to Jade Bergman who managed to raise the most donations for her run - thanks for your effort Jade and family! I would also like to acknowledge the sponsors who generously donated prizes: Our PTG, Canon, Direct Group, GO!NZ, WEL Network and several of our amazing families who personally donated prizes.

### 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.

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## This Week's Assembly

- ➔ 9.00am Friday, 2nd November - Rooms 11, 1, 13, 8, 6/7, 9 and 4 - Room 1 will be presenting an assembly item.

## PTG News

- ◆ **AGM Result** - Last week we had our AGM. The following officers have been re-elected to the following positions:

- ➔ Katherine Don, Chairperson
- ➔ Anna Mills, Vice-Chairperson
- ➔ Jennie Cox, Secretary
- ➔ Natasha Lipsey, Treasurer

Accompanying the email version of this newsletter is a summary of what the PTG has been doing for the last 12 months. Please see the office if you would like a printed copy.

- ◆ **Dogs At School** - This Sunday, 2.00 - 3.00pm, on the school field.

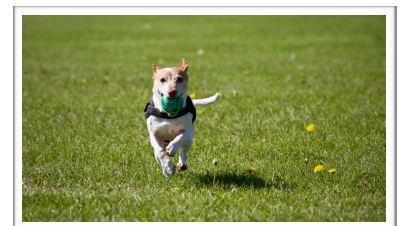
Come down with your dog for a play on the school field. If you don't have a dog, come and meet ours. All welcome.

- ◆ **Good From Scratch Cookbook Tour** - Don't forget to buy your tickets! 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 each. 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.
- ◆ **Second hand clothing** - Each term we generate a huge pile of lost property, which is given to charity at the end of term. This term we are going to offer it to the school community first. In the last week of term we will set up a clothing table where families can take any clothing they would like. More details to come later in the term. If anyone is clearing out outgrown clothing at home, you might like to think about saving it and donating it to our clothing table. In the meantime, please, remember to check lost property for your missing items!

## ◆ Upcoming Events

- ➔ Dogs At School - Sunday, 4th November, 2.00 - 3.00pm
- ➔ Term 4 Disco - Thursday, 15th November, 5.30 - 7.00pm
- ➔ Cooking Show - Wednesday, 21st November, 6.30pm
- ➔ Year 6 Leavers Dinner - Thursday, 6th December
- ◆ Next meeting will be Thursday, 8th November at 7.30pm in the school meeting room (next to the book room). All welcome.
- ◆ Want to get in touch with us? Please email [ptg@silverdale.school.nz](mailto:ptg@silverdale.school.nz) or join our facebook group "Friends of the PTG - SNS".







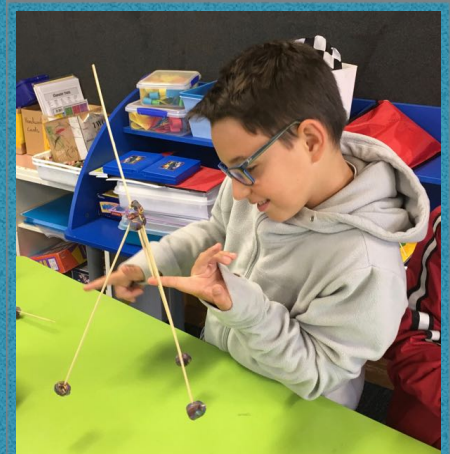
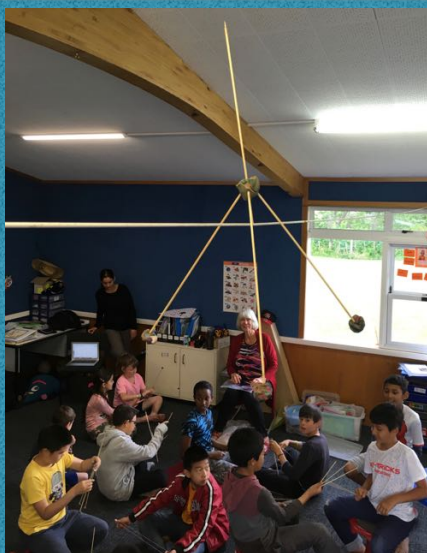
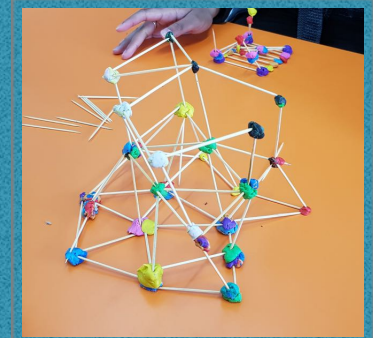
### Senior School

Over the last three weeks, we have had the pleasure of having a science expert come into our school. Mary Loveless has been teaching the students about various energy types and forces. She has challenged the students' thinking, requiring them to make meaning of the world around them and understand important scientific principles. These lessons have been hands on and very engaging. They have made the students'

problem solve and work collaboratively to achieve the learning tasks.

(examples were body heat with cellophane, triangular structures, balancing pendulums)

Throughout the three weeks teachers have also gained invaluable scientific teaching skills and further developed our knowledge. We would like to thank Mary for sharing her fun, engaging, science lessons and teaching us more about how our world works.



### Congratulations to our Award Winners last week

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



### Duffy Book

#### Summer Reading - \$5.00 Parent Offer

A brochure has been sent home with today's newsletter with the opportunity to purchase \$5.00 books. Orders are due back at school by Friday, 16th November.

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### Classroom Item - Room 12

Room 12 have had a great start to the term. We have been creating our own city. We first had to create a plan for our city involving the use of 2d shapes and finding the area of our buildings and their perimeter. After creating our plan, we are now creating geometric 3 dimensional shapes.



### 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

Despite the weather earlier this week, we would like to remind you that children are required to have a sunhat when playing sport and during break times at school. Children without hats will have to play under the shady tree outside the staffroom.

Michael Harrop - Principal

### Community Notices

**The FEED! Cafe** - The FEED! Cafe runs each school morning except Thursdays from The Masters House next to the Hillcrest Chapel. As the high school students are all sitting exams in week 5, we will be closed. This is the 12th to 16th November. However we will open for the remaining weeks 6 to 7 of term until 7 December.

**Hillcrest Chapel Super Hero Light Party Tonight** - A safe and supervised alternative to Halloween for children at Hillcrest Chapel, tonight 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 Tonight** - A great, safe, fun, family friendly event and something we put on for the community, free of charge. There's a parents café and a bouncy castle for the children. Tonight from 6.00 to 8.00pm at Activate Church, 11 Bisley Road, Enderley, Hamilton.

**University of Waikato Outdoor Swimming Pools** - These are scheduled to be open on Saturday 1st December - through to 31st March.

### 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.....

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