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Dear Parents,

Plans for 2019

We have been busily working behind the scenes planning and organising the structure of our school for next year and would like to let you know about some changes that are coming up. Firstly, next year we will be forming a Middle School Team. This is a great opportunity for us to help develop an identity and sense of belonging for our learners in Years 3 and 4 who are not quite seniors yet but are ready to move on from the Junior School. This will have an impact on the layout of our school and where the various year levels will be learning next year to give flow. We will be grouping the Junior, Middle and Senior Team classes together as best we can.

If you know that your child/children will not be returning to our school next year, please phone the School Office.

Staffing

Janice Muir, currently teaching in Room 14, will move to the new role of Middle School leader. We are very excited to have Janice leading this new team as well as teaching in the Year 3 and 4 classes next year.

Sadly two of our amazing teaching team will be leaving us at the end of year to take up new adventures. Tracy Hopewell has accepted a position as an RTLB teacher - a specialist role supporting teachers and learners around the city with learning and behaviour needs. Sarah Vassella will also be moving on to pursue her dreams in other areas. We will be seeing her back at Silverdale as a reliever however.

Strike Action

As teachers across the country prepare to embark on further strike action next week, it's important to remember what's at stake. If New Zealand is to offer a high-quality education for our children then a number of things need to change.

1. There needs to be much better support for schools in the areas of special education and complex behaviour needs. It is very hard to maintain high teaching standards when this area is under-resourced.
2. There is a teacher shortage crisis and it needs to be addressed now.
3. There is a need to retain quality teachers in the workforce. That means making teaching a rewarding profession. Part of that is pay, but a large part of it is being supported and resourced properly.
4. There needs to be time to teach and lead. That means more resources and support is needed across school life.

The decision to strike is a serious one, but this is a serious issue. Let our teachers know that you support them as they seek to make the school of Aotearoa world-class for all our tamariki.

Yours sincerely, Rob Gray - Board Chair

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PTG News

- ◆ **School Disco** - Next week, Thursday 15th November, 5.30-7.00pm, under the canopy. Flyer accompanies this newsletter. Come and join us for some fun! \$4.00 per school aged child, \$10.00 per family. Sausage sizzle, iceblocks, cupcakes, drinks, face painting, coloured hairspray, tattoos available for purchase on the night.
- ◆ **Good From Scratch Cookbook Tour** - Don't forget to buy your tickets! \$5 per person. Michael Van de Elzen is touring NZ promoting his new cookbook for kids: Good From Scratch. Our PTG is 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. 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!
- ◆ Next meeting will be tomorrow, November 8, 7.30pm, in the staff room. All welcome.



Congratulations to our Award Winners last week

This Week's Assembly

- ➡ 9.00am Friday, 9th November - Rooms 12, 17, 14, 3, 16, 2 and 15 - Room 16 will be presenting an assembly item.



Assemblies in Weeks 5 and 6

Due to both the senior and junior athletics days we will cancel assemblies in weeks 5 and 6 (Friday 16 and Friday 23).

First Credit Union has two exciting competitions running this month for their school banking kids! They have the opportunity to sit next to Santa in the Hamilton Santa parade on Sunday 9th December OR WIN a brand new bike! - Just by making a deposit into their First Credit Union Account in the month of November!

Both winners will be announced on Monday 3rd December. It could be a child from our school!

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Hamilton Gardens Scarecrow Festival Entry

Well done everyone for our 2nd place winning entry in the Scarecrow competition! This amazing entry was designed and put together by the equally amazing Fiona Jackson (ex Silverdale students Gabby and Isabella's mum). We are so grateful to Fiona for providing us with the inspiration, tools, homemade monsters she created and putting it all together.



Swimming

Thanks to all the families helping to ensure their children come to school with swim suits for their scheduled swimming times. This is an important part of our curriculum and with the solar heated pool and specialist swim instructor team that come in Term 4 - this is a great opportunity for our learners.

Cultural Night

We will be holding our School Cultural Evening at the Hillcrest Chapel where our kapa haka, pasifika group, choir, violin, flute, fife, guitar and ukulele students will treat you with performances. Mark this date in your calendar now.

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2019 Organisation

Our term dates for next year have been slightly adjusted. The end date is now Thursday, 19 December. The dates are as follows:

Term 1: Monday, 4 February - Friday, 12 April

Term 2: Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July

Term 3: Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September

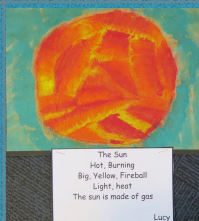
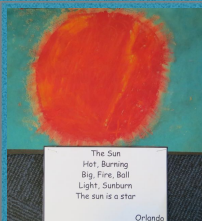
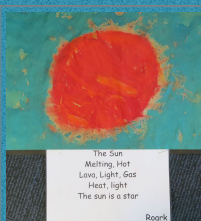
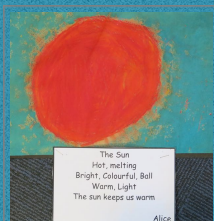
Term 4: Monday, 14 October - Thursday, 19 December

Classroom Item - Room 4

In Room 4 we have been learning about the sun. We found out many facts about the Sun.

We listened to three sun legends from different cultures - one from Japan, a Māori legend about how Māui slowed the sun, and one from China about 10 suns.

We drew the sun by blending red, orange and yellow pastels, then we wrote poems describing what the sun feels like, looks like, what the sun does and a fact about the sun.



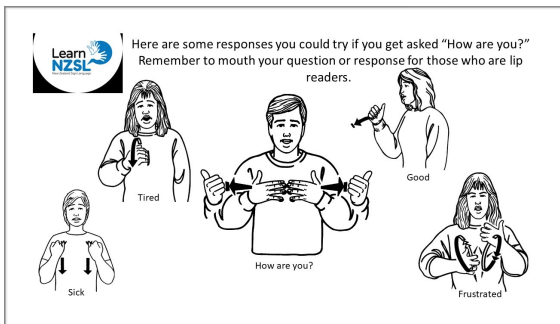
Learn New Zealand Sign Language

Duffy Book Summer Reading - \$5.00 Parent Offer

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

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

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.

Second Hand Berkley Uniform for Sale - Girls Size 14/16 - Shoes Size US8

All items have been worn for 2 years but will easily do another 2/3 years and are from a smoke free, but pet friendly home. PLEASE NOTE - uniform can be viewed but is not available till 14/12/18. 3x Skorts (skirt/shorts) \$15 each; 2x Shirts \$15.00 each; 2x P.E. Shirts \$15.00 each; 2x P.E. Shorts - 1 pair has a fixable rip on pocket \$10.00 other pair \$15.00; 1x Polar Fleece Jersey (hardly worn) \$20.00; 1x Black B52 Lace Up Shoes (hardly worn) \$15.00.

If interested please email Bonnie at bonniej@silverdale.school.nz or leave your details at the Silverdale School Office and I will get back to you.

Peachgrove's Got Talent - On Monday, 12th of November we are having our Annual Peachgrove's Got Talent Competition where a range of talented young performers will be showcasing their talents. We will be having all types of performances ranging from dances to singers to musicians and much more. 7.00pm start at the Peachgrove Intermediate School Hall.

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