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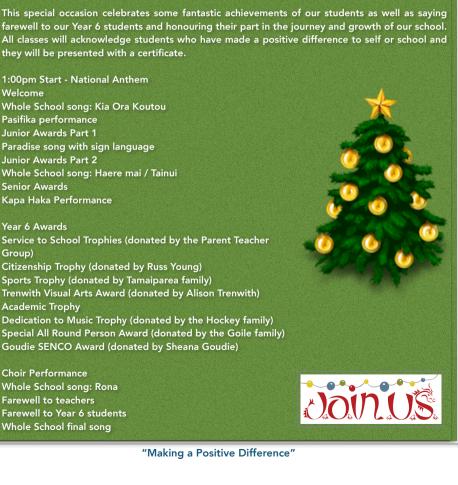


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Dear Parents

Welcome

Group)



End of Year Assembly

We look forward to you joining us tomorrow for our End of Year Assembly under the canopy.

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Service to Silverdale School

The Year 6 students at our school have been responsible for a huge range of roles this year. On Monday afternoon we acknowledged some of these roles at a Senior School assembly where the children received certificates for: Leadership, recognising their participation in specialised training days, the time they contributed and the experiences they offered to make a positive difference for



students in the school. Library Aides were acknowledged for their reliability and commitment to their duties. Our two regular Lunch Monitors were given certificates for being very punctual, organised and independent in getting the job done and Road Patrollers also received a certificate for their dedication to learning and carrying out their job in every kind of weather. We are very grateful for the positive difference they have made to our school this year.

Lost Property

Claim your lost property by Friday or give it away for good!

On Friday at 12:30 pm you can come and choose any clothes from the clothing tables set up by the PTG. The clothes will include outgrown clothing that people have donated and cleaned lost property from the school. If you have clothes that have been outgrown but still look great, send them along to donate too. As you are aware at the end of the term we donate any lost property that does not get claimed to charity.

Welcome to our new staff members for 2019!

We are excited to be welcoming some new teachers into the Silverdale family next year. Here is a little bit about them:

My name is **Kennedy Heikell** and I am beyond excited to be joining your team for 2019.

I was born and raised in Gisborne, a small beach town, where I grew up by the beach, involved with many team and individual sports.

I have been very lucky to have two amazing parents, my mother who was a teacher, and now a counsellor, and a father, who is a rugby coach. I also have a younger brother who is studying journalism at Te Ara in Canterbury. My family means a lot to me, and I love getting chances to go back home and visit them whenever possible.

Outside of teaching, and through schooling, I have a huge passion and interest in sports, some being football, dance, squash and surfing. I love being active, and exploring outdoors. Alongside this, I love to travel and have had many travelling experiences that has given me the "travelling bug." Exploring beautiful landscapes both in New Zealand and internationally is something I love doing. I cannot wait to meet you all and begin teaching next year. I am very excited to have my first teaching position at Silverdale. As-Salaamu-Alaikum, my name is **Nesra Wale** and I have recently completed by Bachelor of Primary Education at Waikato University. I am very excited to be joining the team here at Silverdale next year. I am passionate about empowering children and helping them to develop their full potential. I migrated from Somalia in 2000 and have called Hamilton home for 18 years. In my spare time I enjoy cooking, going on scenic road trips and spending time with my friends. I am looking forward to meeting my students and their whanau.

My name is **Susie Woolston** and I am excited about coming to Silverdale in 2019. I have lived in and around this area for much of my life. I grew up out at Newstead with my three sisters and I've been teaching at Berkley for the last few years. I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone at Silverdale and getting started on a fun year of learning next year. Kia ora Silverdale whanau! My name is **Chloe Stantiall**. I was born and raised in the Waikato, going to local schools, including Hillcrest High School. My parents live in Hamilton, my sister, her husband and their 3 kids in Cambridge and by brother is training at the air force base in Blenheim.

After completing my studies at the University of Waikato, I taught in Hamilton for three years. Looking for a new challenge, I moved to Laos at the beginning of this year, where I am now living and working. I have made great friends and really enjoy my, very different, life here. I live with local Lao people, teach English and support a community of young people as they learn English, vocational and life skills.

I will be coming home at the end of December, eager to see my family and friends again. In New Zealand I love being outside; at the beach, in the garden or playing sport.

I look forward to meeting you all at the beginning of the school year in 2019. I can't wait to be part of your community, learning and growing with you all!



PTG News:

Well, 2018 is almost over! The PTG have had a very busy and successful year this year. Along with our standard fundraisers including end of terms lunches, Friday Ice blocks, school discos, we ran several charity fundraising events, and also have had a couple of new events: a cooking show, and Year 6 leavers dinner. The dinner was a huge success and we hope to run that every year now. We welcome new entrants into the school with a book for them to keep. And now we farewell them as Year 6 students with a leavers dinner. We have had many people and organisations support us over 2018. A huge thank you to:

- Berkley Normal Middle School, for the use of their cultural centre for our cooking show, and help in selling tickets. They have also very kindly refunded the hireage fee back to the PTG as a donation.
- Four Square Silverdale, for donating the fruit for the leavers dinner.
- Mootown Meats, Morrinsville, for donating sausages for our school discos.
- Carters and Placemakers for BBQ use for discos.
- The Warehouse Hillcrest, for supporting our pyjama day charity fundraiser.
- New World Hillcrest, for supporting the senior cooking groups.
- Sara and Luke McConnell, for DJing at the discos.
- All the PTG members. What a great bunch of people we have to work with. None of this
 would be possible without all your effort.
- Priscilla and Barbara-Anne, you have done an enormous amount of admin work for us this year
- Silverdale teachers and staff, thanks for all your support this year. And finally, thanks to all our awesome students and parents at Silverdale Normal School. Thanks for supporting all our fundraising ventures and charity events. Silverdale has a fantastic community which we are incredibly proud to be part of. A few notices:
- Friday ice block sales will be on this Friday at 12.30. Juicies are \$1.50, mini popsicles are \$1.00.
- Lost property: Make sure you check lost property today and Thursday for your missing items as it will all be put out on Friday at 12.30 and offered to the community for free. Any leftover clothing will be donated to charity.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to working with you all next year.

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Message from Michael Harrop.

Last week I was lucky enough to spend time with the Year 6 students at their first-ever annual Farewell Dinner. It was a moment that highlighted all the positive aspects of our school and who we are in 2018. For a start, the students



were so happy to be together, and there was a real sense of belonging and care. The



children were so respectful and careful to show

appreciation to the parents and teachers there to make their night a

success. The parents had worked so hard to make the event come together and to create something really special for the children to remember and take with them. And the teachers, after working tirelessly on reports and organising the complexities involved in creating a learning experience outside the school, had made sure that they were (excitedly) there, at 6:00pm, to make the event memorable for the children they care so much about.

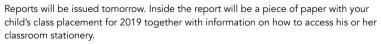




Silverdale Normal School really is a special community, and it is a community that gives so much to make a positive difference for our learners. I want to take this chance to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season - enjoy spending time with your precious children. 2019 will be here before we know it. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

A reminder that the last day of school is this Friday, the 14th of December and school closes at 12:30 on this day. After School Care will operate from 12.30pm.

School opens for Term One 2019 on Monday, 4th of February. The School Office will reopen for the 2019 year on Tuesday, 29th January





Michael Harrop - Principal

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