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Dear Parents

### Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a restful and recharging break with your families. The students have certainly come back to school ready for learning - there is amazing energy and enthusiasm out there in the classrooms! The summer has been a very warm one and it looks like this is set to continue for a while, thank goodness

we have that swimming pool! We are all very excited about the year ahead - there is a lot planned and it's going to get very busy. Stay tuned to our newsletters, facebook page and school app (search Silverdale Normal School) for notifications of upcoming events.

We also have a number of new families and some new teachers that have joined us this year. Please join me in making them feel welcome and show them what a great community they have joined.

I hope that you and your learners have enjoyed the first week of school and getting back into the regular routine. Please remember that I am available for you to meet with at any time should you need a catch up. Please contact the office or email me to make an appointment

[michaelh@silverdale.school.nz](mailto:michaelh@silverdale.school.nz).



### Our School Newsletter

A printed newsletter is given to your child to bring home every Wednesday. Please look for it each week. This week's newsletter is delayed due to the school being closed on Wednesday. A paper copy of this newsletter will go home with the eldest child in each family tomorrow. Our newsletter is posted on our school app, our school website and emailed to parents who have provided us with an email address.

### Getting to know our Learners - Parent Conversations

We really value getting to know our students well. Not only does it help us to create learning opportunities that meet our students' needs, it also helps us build community. And who knows our learners better than anyone?... YOU! We'd like to invite you to come along and share about your learners in a casual and relaxed way with their teachers. We did this for the first time last year and the response from our school whānau was great. This year we will hold these after school on the 19th and 20th February.

**To book a meeting with your child's teacher, please head to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code: X327z.** From here you can enter your details and select an available time slot. If you don't have access to the internet, you can still book a meeting by phoning through to the School Office, or just call into the reception here at school. Bookings will open Monday, 11th February at 9.00am. Bookings will close at 3.00pm on Monday, 18th February.

For bookings after this time, please contact the School Office.

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### Summer time in Term 1

Remember that in our summer terms ( terms 1 and 4) we need all learners to wear hats and bring their togs (swim suits) and towel to school everyday.

### Stationery

Thank you to all those people who managed to get down to Office Max (or get online) to order their learner's stationery for the year. If you have not been able to do this yet, stationery will be available for purchase from Office Max until the end of the month. Please ensure you have your child's correct year level and room number when you go into the store. We do encourage you to purchase the stationery if possible by the start of next week. Reading Logs @ \$1.00 each are available for purchase at the School Office.

### Bell Times

We are always looking at ways to make positive changes at Silverdale - changes that help us better meet the needs of our amazing group of learners. To help us make the most of key learning times within the day, we have made some changes to our bell times. This enables us to have a full 2 hour morning block - making the most out of this time where learners are generally energetic and focussed, and just over an hour in the last block of the day - a time that can be quite challenging for learning.

Classrooms open for learners at 8.30am

First bell at 8.55am

**Block 1:**  
9.00am - 11.00am (Includes a brain break session)  
Morning Tea: 11.00am - 11.25am

**Block 2:**  
11.25am - 12.45ish  
Lunch eating / community time: 12.45pm - 1.00pm  
Lunch outside activity: 1.00 - 1.45pm

**Block 3:**  
1.50pm - 3.00pm

**Bell Times  
2019**

### Choir

Mrs Edwards and I are looking at leading a Choir again this year with the aim to join in with the Kids for Kids Choir. We'll be announcing "auditions" next week where students can come along with a short song to sing - no one gets turned away, this is just to get an idea of ability. Please let your learners know about this awesome opportunity.

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## Our Term Dates for 2019

Term 1	Monday 4th February to Friday 12th April
Term 2	Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July
Term 3	Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September
Term 4	Monday 14th October to Friday 19th December

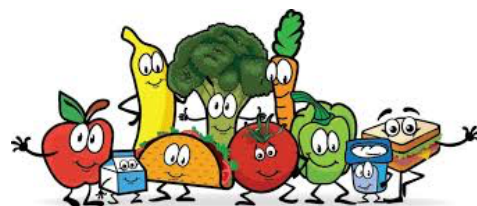
**New Zealand Calendar 2019**

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## School Lunches

We have two options for ordering school lunches

- \$5.00 lunch packs which need to be ordered from the children's counter of the School Office before 9.00a.m. These are available each school day.
- Online 'Lunch Orders' - available on a Tuesday and Thursday. Visit them online at [www.lunchorders.co.nz](http://www.lunchorders.co.nz) and sign up for an account. Top up using a credit card or direct debit.



## Carpark Reminder

We are so fortunate to have been given the use of St Matthew's Church carpark for pick up and drop off times. As you know, this carpark becomes incredibly busy at these times, especially around the 3.00pm pick up time. As a number of our families use this facility, we need to ensure that our children can move safely to their cars.

Please help us keep our children safe by:

- Avoiding parking on the yellow lines or coned areas
- Having an adult walk to the gate to pick up your children
- Modelling a courteous and kind attitude to other drivers in this busy time

We would also like to remind you that the Staff carpark next to the Student Common Room can only be used before 8.00am and after 3.30pm (for Before and After School Care drop off and pickup)



## PTG News

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is a group of parents and teachers that work to create fun events for the kids and fundraise for the school. We always welcome new members, so feel free to come along to a meeting. If you can't commit to meetings but would like to help out at events, please let us know.

- Iceblocks will be on sale at the main gate every Friday after school in Term 1. Mini popsicles \$1.00, juices \$1.50.
- First meeting for the year: Thursday, 21 February, 7.30pm in the staff 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".

## Family News

I have the pleasure of announcing some very exciting news, Jessica McMillan (teacher in Room 10) is expecting a new baby sometime in Term 2. Jess intends on taking Term 2 off for maternity leave - while she is away Ms Alison Trenwith will step in as classroom teacher for Room 10. Alison is an incredibly experienced teacher who brings energy and artistic flair to the classroom. I know you'll join with me in congratulating Jess at this exciting time.

## Music Lessons with Hermon Music

With the wonderful Anna Mills taking on new ventures, we have been lucky enough to secure Aaron Lyndon - an experienced musician and music teacher to teach keyboard, guitar and ukulele.

A bit about Aaron: - Aaron Hermon Lyndon (HERMON MUSIC) - 24 years old, married with a baby girl on the way! My passion is to mentor, teach and facilitate a safe place for my students to learn music that is individualised to best suit their learning style. Having worked in the music industry for many years, I have accumulated an array of skills in a number of different instruments, styles and genres such as classical, pop, contemporary, improvisation (my personal favourite) and jazz.

There are different classes and price options for this year at Silverdale Normal School. Please note that this is within school terms and prices are costumed for Silverdale Normal School kids. Please fill this form out to enquire about lessons - <https://form.jotform.co/90268049200855>

I am running a FREE introduction music session at lunch time shortly. This is for kids who haven't committed to the music lessons yet but who may be interested but not sure which instrument to learn. Please fill out the form below and I will put your child on the list. Depending on how many are interested, this may run for a couple of lunch times. - <https://form.jotform.co/90287443530860>

We will also be offering Ministry subsidised small group music classes in violin, fife and flute. These lessons will only cost \$150.00 for the year. An additional charge will apply for instrument hireage. Violins can be hired from the school, fifes can be purchased, and flutes will need to be hired from one of the music stores in town. More information will follow next week.

## The FEED! Cafe Breakfast Programme

The FEED! Cafe breakfast programme will start on Monday, 11th February at The Master's House on Masters Avenue next to the Hillcrest Chapel; opening at 7.45am each school morning (excluding Thursdays). Please have children at the Cafe before 8.00am so that there is enough time for them to eat. This year, children will only be accompanied to school by an older student from FEED! if requested by parents. Please fill out a form with parent contact details on the first day your child attends.

Michael Harrop - Principal

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**LESSONS WITH  
HERMON MUSIC**



## KEYBOARD

**GROUPS OF 3 @ \$13.50  
P/STUDENT  
30 MINUTE CLASSES**

**ONE-ON-ONE @ \$20.00  
P/STUDENT  
20 MINUTE CLASSES**

## GUITAR

**GROUPS OF 3 @ \$11.50  
P/STUDENT  
30 MINUTE CLASSES**

## UKULELE

**GROUPS OF 3-5 @ \$7.00  
P/STUDENT  
30 MINUTE CLASSES**

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