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Dear Parents

Our Guiding Principles

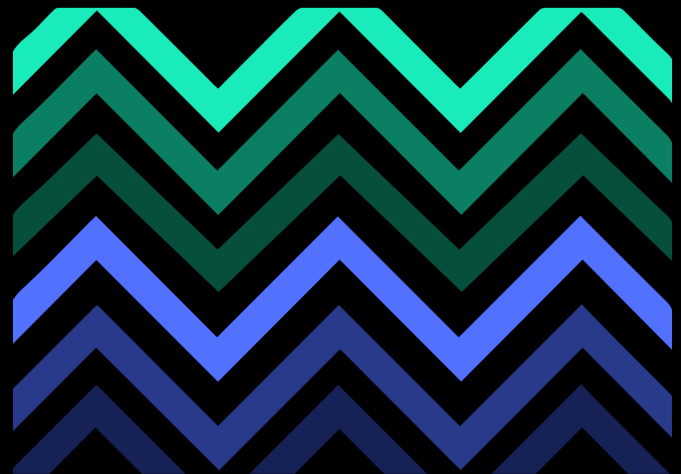
As a school we have a set of guiding principles that guide our decision making, actions and strategic direction. They help us to keep focused on our purpose - making a positive difference in the lives of our learners and our community. Over the course of the year we will be having information evenings and building a picture of what these principles mean for our parents and whānau - so stay tuned for these. In the mean time I will be introducing you to the principles in our newsletters for you to think about and consider.

Whanaungatanga

Whanaungatanga talks about belonging. It is our desire that every person connected to Silverdale Normal School has a feeling of belonging. You are an important part of our school and your voice is important here. Our goal is to build strong connections with our community of learners, staff and whānau - and all of the people invested in the future of our school. In the classrooms this means that we will be learning about each other. Finding out what each others' passions, talents and interests are and how can we support each other to be the best we can be. This is where our Getting to Know Our Learners conversations come in. In this relaxed chat, we get to hear first hand from you the experts, on your amazing children. From previous years we have found these chats not only valuable in getting to know about our students, but also in forming relationships with you the families and caregivers. If you haven't already done so, please follow the instructions in this newsletter to book your appointment. We hope that as an important part of our school community, you do have a sense of belonging here. Please feel free to come in and have a chat with me if you'd like to know more about our principles and what they mean for our school. Appointments can be made by emailing me, michaelh@silverdale.school.nz or contacting the School Office.

Whanaungatanga

*Building strong connections
between learners, staff, whānau
and community through time, talk
and events.*



We are in this together

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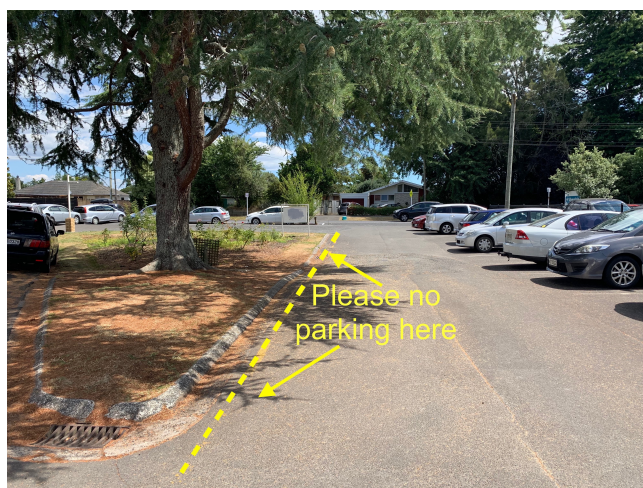
Getting to know our Learners - Parent Conversations

To book a meeting with your child's teacher, please head to 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 are now open and will close at 3.00pm on Monday, 18th February.

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

Carpark

We are so fortunate as a school to have the use of our neighbouring church's carpark to assist us at pick up and drop off times. This is a wonderful service they provide to us as a school. Please can you help us to make this a safe place for our tamariki, and also to respect the wishes of the church. There are areas marked with yellow lines (see photo) - please avoid parking here. It makes moving around an already full carpark difficult. If you park on the grass in front of the church, please consider others who will be parking after you - make space for cars that need access. With so many cars out there we request that a parent or caregiver walk to the gate to collect their children and walk them safely to the car. And remember - please be kind to one another. It can be a stressful time dropping off kids at various schools and contending with traffic on the roads. We expect that everyone in our school community speaks with respect and kindness, role modelling our values and principles to our children. If you have any concerns about parking etc, please contact the office and set up an appointment time with me. Let's work together to make our carpark safe for our children.



Music Lessons with Hermon Music

These were advertised in last week's newsletter. Please fill this form out to enquire about lessons - <https://form.jotform.co/90268049200855>. Aaron will be teaching keyboard, guitar and ukulele. He is also offering 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 he 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>

Our Term Dates for 2019 - (correction)

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| 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 <u>Thursday</u> 19th December |

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App Features



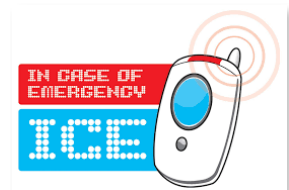
- Direct dial/email absentee
- Subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups
- View and add school events to your phone's calendar
- Receive daily notices to your phone
- School site map



Download today by searching Silverdale Normal School in either the Google Play Store or App store - or by scanning the QR codes above.

Emergency Contact Details

Do we have up-to-date emergency details for you? Sometimes it is essential that we get hold of you urgently. Please check in with the office if you are not sure. We don't mind if you email your updated details to us at office@silverdale.school.nz



Junior Tough Guy / Girl Challenge

This is a fun off road running event full of mud, slippery hills and lots of laughter.

I have managed to save 30 slots for the Tough guy/girl challenge this year on Friday, 7th June.

Fee from 1st February until 20th May is \$25.00 per person.

Fee from 21st May is \$30.00 per person.

Entries must be completed online

There is a question section where you must put in our school name and tick a box to say the Teacher will pick up the race bag on the day of the event. As long as you put in our full school name and tick the box to say Teacher will collect the race bag then the coordinators will link us all together.

Entry Types

Ankle Bitters: School Years 3 and 4 - 1.5km one lap course

Little Nippers: School Years 5 and 6 - 3km one lap course

The event is also designed to raise money for Cure Kids (every child who raises over \$100 will get a free cure kids t-shirt and certificate). If you would like to raise money please see Mr Taylor for an official sponsorship form.

We plan to use parent transport to this event so I will send out a notice closer to the event!!

Plus let me know if you have a good costume idea for the children.

Regards - Brent Taylor





Would you like your child to sign up for school banking. School banking packs are available from our School Office. Simply fill out an application form, complete your first deposit slip with an initial deposit of \$5.00 and place the envelope in the locked banking box in the foyer of our School Office.

Banking is collected every Wednesday morning and bank books are returned at the end of the week.

Congratulations to our Certificate Winners last week

Each week at our assembly every class issues one class certificate.



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, 21st February at 7.30pm in the staff room. All welcome.
- Want to get in touch with us? Please email ptg@silverdale.school.nz or join our Facebook Group "Friends of the PTG - SNS".

Walking Group

Every Tuesday and Thursday. For any parents/caregivers who are keen to get active! We will be walking for 30-40 minutes around our local area. Walk at your own pace and get to know some other school parents! Meet by the front gate at 8:55am.

Michael Harrop - Principal

Community Notices



Young Engineers Term 1 Enrolments Now Open

e2 Young Engineers - Lego challenge and Gali-Lego are exciting programmes that will boost a student's mind in creative thinking and problem solving. Students will explore basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and get a practical experience building motorised Lego models. It's fun, its challenging, and it'll help them prepare for other educational pathways in science, physics or engineering!

Places are strictly limited. For more information contact Katrina on 027 909 3903 or email

katrina@squiggle.org.nz