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Dear Parents

Getting to Know our Learners

Yesterday was the start of our getting to know our learner conversations. This has been a wonderful opportunity to hear from our community - the real experts on our amazing Silverdale learners. I have had positive feedback from whānau and staff about how valuable a chat like this can be. If you haven't managed to make an appointment, or missed your one, a teacher will be in touch with you over the next few days to organise a catch up.



Teacher Only Day

An early heads up that we will be having a teacher only day on Friday, 14th June (Fielday's Friday).

This day has been organised by the Hillcrest Kāhui Ako (our community of learning) and will involve teachers in all of our schools (Hillcrest Normal, Hillcrest High School, Tamahere, Tauwhare, Berkley, Newstead, Matangi, and Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist School) attending for a day of professional development and up-skilling. Silverdale Normal School will be closed for instruction on this day to enable staff to attend this valuable day of learning. Thank you for supporting us!

PTG

We have an amazingly dedicated and supportive group of parents that make up our PTG (Parent Teacher Group). They meet regularly throughout the term to brainstorm ways to support our school and learners. The PTG are meeting tomorrow night, Thursday, 21st February, starting at 7.30pm, here in the school staffroom. Feel free to come along - they are always looking for new members.



University of Waikato Student Teachers

We are extremely lucky at Silverdale Normal School to have two groups of students from the University of Waikato joining us.

Our first group is our Masters students. There are six Masters students who have been with us for the first two

weeks of the year in Rooms 12, 13 and 6/7 and then will be in every alternate week for Term 1 and Term 2. Welcome Daniel, Donna, Shruti, Catherine, Heather and Sa.

We also have sixteen first year student teachers who have their first day with us tomorrow. We look forward to all our student teachers sharing their passions and interests with us at Silverdale.

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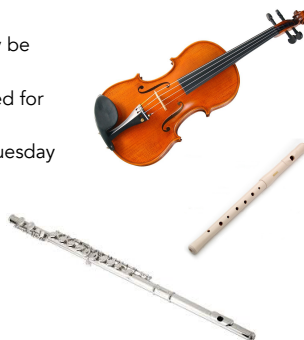
Violin and Flute / Fife Classes

🎵 We have been fortunate to receive Ministry of Education funding again this year to subsidise the cost of these 'out of school hours' music lessons. The cost of lessons is \$150.00 for the school year (up to 32 lessons).

🎵 Violin Lessons this year will be with Celia Griffiths and most likely be held after school on a Wednesday to work with Celia's university timetable. We have a limited number of violins which can be hired for \$60.00 a year from the School Office.

🎵 Flute / Fife Lessons with Catrin Hinton. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings before school and possibly, dependent on number, into the first part of the school day.

🎵 If your son or daughter would like to learn any of these instruments - we expect to begin lessons in early March - please contact Priscilla Thatcher in the School Office this week. We would like continuing students to confirm that they will be taking lessons again this year.



Māori Art Lessons

This after school class is being also being subsidised by the Ministry of Education. It will run from 3.15 to 4.15 on a Tuesday afternoon in Room 10 starting 5th March. The cost for Term 1 is \$10.00 as it will be a shorter term. The cost of enrolling for Terms 2, 3 and 4 is \$15.00 a term, or \$50.00 for a full year. Please register your child's name for this class at the School Office.

Lateness and Absences

Some days we have a number of families who do not inform the office about lateness or illness. We need to be notified each day your child is not at school. Help us by:

📞 *phoning the office on 856 7604*

📱 *texting 027 7557917*

✉️ *emailing office@silverdale.school.nz*

📅 *or using our school app to advise us of your child's absence*

FEED! Cafe

FEED! Cafe will not be open next Tuesday 26th February due to all students and staff needing to travel early to Porritt Stadium for their annual athletics day.

Scooters and Bikes

It is fantastic to see a large number of our students making the decision to bike or scooter to school. It is great to see them making a really healthy choice. Here are just a few reminders to make sure your children are safe:

- Wear a helmet when you are biking - no helmet, no bike.
- Take your bike to the bike racks beside Room 9. Having a bike lock makes sure your bike is safe.
- Keep an eye out for 'sneaky driveways' - cars backing out of driveways.
- Remember: no scooter or bike riding in the school grounds.



Exploration Time

Room 17 has been having heaps of fun exploring the gully, learning about insects, and what living things need to thrive and survive.

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 Rachel Dixon by the front gate at 8:55am.

Lost Property

This is already accumulating - please check the clothing just inside the school front gate when you are in the school.



First Credit Union Newsletter

Issue 42 accompanies today's school newsletter.

Remember, 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.



Michael Harrop - Principal

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Community Notices

Varsity Taiohi Junior Rugby Registration/Weight-In

Ages 5 to 13. Registration will be held on Sunday, 24th February from 10.00am to mid day at the Don Clubrooms (Gate3B by the Silverdale Road tennis courts). New players require a copy of a birth certificate or passport. Subs are \$25.00. Contacts: Billy Cribb on 027 8583111 bill@clb.co.nz or Jimmy Heta on 021 2854669 jimmy.heta@xtra.conz

Hillcrest United Football Club - 2019 Season

Registration is now open for the 2019 season. Please see www.hillcrestunited.co.nz/register for registration links and fees information. All registration to be done online via MyCOMET. Please register by 22nd March to guarantee a place in a team.

There will be a general meet and greet Sunday 17th March, 5.30-6.30 pm at the University Football Fields where you can come to meet the committee and ask any questions that you might have. We will have a second-hand boots sale table.

Grading 11th grade and up: We will run 3 training/grading sessions, for both girls and boys, on 3 consecutive Sunday evenings at the University Football Fields (3, 10, 17th March), 5.30-7.30 pm. It is recommended that you attend all three sessions, particularly if you want to play competitively. We have an opportunity to enter a Federation U12 boys team this year; this will depend on player interest.

10th grade and below. No grading will be done this year. Teams will be loosely based around last years teams.

Hillcrest United Football Club (HUFC) is based in Hillcrest and accommodates players between the ages of 4 (Grade 5) and 13 years (13th Grade). Players come from a wide range of schools including Silverdale Normal, Matangi, Hillcrest Normal, Berkley Normal Middle School, and local kindergartens. The home ground is in Jansen Park on Morris Road. The season begins in early May and continues until mid-September, with breaks for school holidays.

For more information, see our website <http://www.hillcrestunited.co.nz>, especially the FAQ page <http://www.hillcrestunited.co.nz/about-club/faqs/>; join our 'Hillcrest United Football Club' facebook page; or email info@hillcrestunited.co.nz.

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