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Dear Parents

You may have heard on the news or social media, issues that have come about due to an online "game" known as the Momo Challenge. At this stage, Netsafe NZ have not received any reports of young people getting involved in the "challenge". They have reported that some people have seen content relating to Momo and have been upset at the imagery and content.

This is the advice from Netsafe:

Netsafe encourages anyone that comes across content relating to the Momo Challenge or other similar 'challenge' content to immediately report it to the social media site or website that it's on. In New Zealand, it is against the law to incite another person to take their own life. If somebody is targeting a young person to play this "game", or attempting to incite suicide, you should contact the Police and Netsafe for help, and a mental health service for support. Netsafe can also provide advice for any parents who are concerned about this challenge. If young people are expressing feelings about self-harm or suicide then this should be followed up with appropriate mental health support.

Netsafe's advice for parents about exposure to upsetting content:

- Have a conversation with young people about what to do if they do come across upsetting content online
- Let your child know that they can come to you when they find something upsetting and they won't get in trouble
- Stay calm if they do come to you – don't assign blame, reassure them that it's not their fault and don't punish them for seeking help
- Normalise their feelings – let them know that it is normal to feel scared, confused or upset
- Don't over-react by taking away the technology – this may make them less likely to talk to you if something else happens
- For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords like "Momo"
- If you or your child comes across this type of content, report it to the platform that it's on
- If your child is expressing any concerning feelings, follow up with mental health support
- If you know that a young person has been engaging in this challenge, report it to the Police and Netsafe, and contact a mental health service for support.

Toys at school

Recently we seem to have a large number of toys coming to school. We'd like to encourage children to keep their toys and precious items at home. It is not always easy to keep track of such precious things and from time to time items go missing - this can cause quite a bit of distress! Thanks for your support with this.

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Community Picnic

A reminder that on Wednesday next week we'll be having our Community Picnic - this will be a great time to get to know other families in our school and spend a relaxed afternoon with your family, taking part in activities run by the staff. We'll also be having live music from our good friend Tracy Hopewell! She is amazing! Please bring a picnic dinner to share with your family or you can purchase Dominoes Pizza for dinner courtesy of our PTG - it will be

delivered to school on the night ready for the picnic. Looking forward to seeing you at school from 5pm to 7pm next Wednesday.

Classroom Item

Room 12 and the senior school have been learning how to organise a community event to build whanaungatanga in our school. This has involved; planning, interviewing, research gathering, statistical analysis, mapping and persuasive writing. Below is an example of our persuasive letter to entice our whānau to join us next week out the Silverdale Community Picnic.

Fantastic, Free, Family Friendly, Fun!!

Do you enjoy having fun and spending quality time with your family? Are your tamariki bored? Well don't miss out on our amazing community picnic here at Silverdale Normal School. Come and meet other families (whānau) to make our community stronger.

Date: Wednesday 13th March

Time: 5pm – 7pm

There will be fantastic, free, family friendly, fun for everyone. Some of the events on offer will be art, games, challenges, swimming and music.

Don't miss out on ordering your pizza by Monday 11th March or bring your own delicious and nutritious food.

Congratulations to our Certificate Winners last week

Each week at our assembly every class issues one class certificate. These students are acknowledged for making a positive difference!



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School Communication

Do you feel informed about events and school information? We have several ways we reach out to our families and pass on information:

- ▶ Weekly newsletter - printed on a Wednesday and delivered digitally through email, website and app
- ▶ School App - can be downloaded by searching for Silverdale Normal School on Google Play store (Android) or App store (Apple)
- ▶ Facebook page - "like" us on Facebook for updates and information
- ▶ School Website - can be found at www.silverdale.school.nz
- ▶ Seesaw - shortly, all classes will be creating seesaw accounts - watch for your invite in the coming weeks. This will be your digital window into your learner's classroom - with photos, videos and examples of the amazing learning they're involved in everyday.



Māori Art Lessons

"We are off to a great start this year with our weekly Māori Art class which started this week. A group of dedicated, creative students are working through developing their skills across a range of mediums within a Māori art context. This week we explored symmetry and using pastel. If you would like to register your interest in joining the class please see Priscilla at the School Office if you wish to enrol your child for Terms 2-4."



PTG News

- ▶ **Community Picnic - Wednesday, 13th March 5-7pm.** Preorder pizza forms must be in by 3pm Monday 11th March.
- ▶ **Save the Date: Friday, 29th March** for our Term 1 Disco.
- ▶ **Next meeting: Thursday, 14 March, 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**".

Materials Fee and School Donation

Thank you to all parents who have paid our \$25.00 school materials fee and/or school donation. We do not have an EFTPOS facility. Payment can be made in cash, by cheque, or by internet payment directly into our school account: 12-3249-0084477-00. Please use your child's name as a reference.

- ▶ The Materials Fee of \$25.00 per year covers the cost of photocopying resources and newsletters, as well as classroom resources provided by the school such as coloured pencils, crayons, felt pens, large rulers, pencil sharpeners etc. These costs are not optional as they are required to fund class activities.
- ▶ The School Donation requested by the Board of Trustees is \$25.00 per term (\$100.00 per year) for each child. The school donation may be paid on a term-by-term basis, but you may wish to pay in full prior to 31st March 2019 as a discount of \$10.00 will apply. This would reduce the annual donation to \$90.00 per child.



Violin and Flute / Fife Classes

These classes will start next week and your child will be informed of his/her lesson time before the end of the week. Payment is now due. Lessons cost \$150.00 for the year, and hireage of a violin costs \$60.00 for the year.



🎵 Violin Lessons will be with Maia-Dean Martin. Celia Griffiths, who was to take our lessons, is now unable to teach due to her University timetable. Maia-Dean is from Whangarei; she is studying at the University of Waikato and comes highly recommended. She will teach on a Wednesday afternoon in the music room attached to the Student Commonroom, and in the Library. Violins being hired will be distributed next Wednesday. Students will be advised of where their lessons will take place.



🎵 Flute / Fife Lessons will be with Catrin Hinton who taught here last year. She will teach on Tuesday mornings in the Library.

Michael Harrop - Principal

Community Notices



HILLCREST
UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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: (Updated) We will run two sessions on 10th and 17th March, at the University Football Fields. 11th and 12th grade boys, 5.30-6.30pm. U12, U14 girls, 13/14th grade boys 6.30-7.30 pm.

10th grade and below. No grading will be done this year.

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 group; or email info@hillcrestunited.co.nz.

Squiggle Holiday Programme – 15th – 26th April 2019

Squiggle Holiday Programme is an OSCAR approved programme that is great for girls and boys ages 5-13 years old. We are based at Waikato Diocesan School in Chartwell and offer a huge variety of activities.



Our theme for these holidays is " Magic " where we will be learning about the magic of solar energy, playing witch and warlock games and creating potions. We will also be practising healthy eating, cooking ANZAC biscuits, making healthy dips and snacks, and upcycling to make creative arts. Of course Young Engineers will be a key feature in our programme. We will be off to see a live magic and Illusion show on Wednesday 17th April. Enrolments are now open on www.squiggle.org.nz. If you have any queries, please contact either Katrina on [0279093903](tel:0279093903) katrina@squiggle.org.nz.