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Dear Parents

Can we remind you that school finishes for the term at 3.00 p.m. this Friday.

Our Term Dates for 2019

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

Whānau news

Sadly this is the last week at Silverdale for the amazing Ms McMillan. Jess and her family, partner Barry, children Mack, Angus and Bella, are leaving Hamilton to move to Gisborne. This has been a very difficult decision for Jess to make as she loves Silverdale and our community so very much, but also a great one as they move closer to home and the beach - very important to Jess and her family! I know that you will join me in thanking Jess for her amazing contribution to our school and community over the past 4 years. Jess, you have made a massive positive difference here! Parents, staff and learners over the years have mentioned to me how much they value your kind, caring nature as well as your amazing enthusiasm for teaching and learning. We will miss you! Lucky for us, the equally wonderful Alison Trenwith will be teaching out the year, offering the learners in Room 10 a continuation of the quality programme already in place.

Kids on Bikes

The senior school children have had a week of excitement and new challenges, learning about bike safety and road sense in the last few sunny days of Term 1. We are so appreciative of Cameron Ward, the School Travel Coordinator at the Hamilton City Council, who offered us this



opportunity and the two instructors, Paul and Zane, who have been so caring, patient and encouraging with the children in Rooms 11, 12, 13, and 14.

"Making a Positive Difference"

Around 10 children have been excitedly telling stories of learning to ride a bicycle this week, others said they learned to indicate and turn a corner with one hand, and all the children wished they had more time to ride their bikes at school. Each class got to have a daily 45 minute session with the instructors from Monday and will do so through until tomorrow, Thursday. It was a great way to increase safety as they ride and to teach them the foundational skills they will need to use bikes on roads in the future.

We hope to see more children using these skills and biking to school independently (wearing helmets) from Term 2.



School Lunches - Term 2

We have continued to absorb price rises in food for our school lunch programme in recent years. Our lunch packs have been priced at \$5.00 since 2012. Unfortunately we can no longer absorb the costs, and as a consequence, lunch packs will be priced at \$6.00 from the beginning of Term 2.

Cyber Safety Parent Evening

You are invited to join with other parents from around the Hamilton community in a Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening held at Hillcrest High School Auditorium on Friday 16th May from 7pm. Guest Speakers: Pauline Spence (Educator) from Netsafe, Constable Jack Driver - Waikato Police Social Media Team, Constable Peter Van't Wout - School Community Officer. RSVP to the event on the Facebook Event page - link found on our Facebook / Website.



Atlas Donation

Last week Mr Francis Charleton from the Hamilton East Rotary Club kindly presented our school with 20 beautiful Junior Atlases pitched at the year 3 level.

The children enthusiastically perused them.

Our thanks to the Hamilton East Rotary Cub for their very generous gift.

They will be well utilised.



PTG News

- **End of Term Hot Dog Lunch** - This Friday 12th April. Today 3.00pm is the deadline for orders. Please place orders into the PTG box beside the children's counter in the office. For internet banking, please deposit payment into "Silverdale Normal School Parent Teacher Group" Westpac, 03 1559 0019428 00 and return form to the box. Lunches will be delivered to your child's classroom at lunch time.
- Want to get in touch with us? Please email ptg@silverdale.school.nz or join our facebook group "**Friends of the PTG - SNS**".
- Next meeting will be in Term 2: Thursday 9th May.

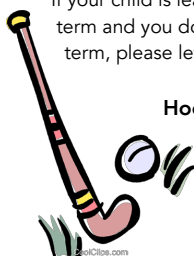
Champions Programme

A reminder that our Champions Programme will kick off at the beginning of next term. Champions is our Christian religious education programme run during Friday lunch times. Champions is run by a vibrant team of volunteers from our local community, teaching life values through engaging Bible stories and fun games. We had such a blast last year and can't wait to be back!

Ukulele, Guitar, Piano / Keyboard Lessons - Term 2.

If you would like your child to learn one of these instruments next term, please email Aaron Lyndon on playnotesnz@gmail.com.

If your child is learning one of these instruments this term and you do not want him or her to continue next term, please let Aaron know by the end of this week.



Hockey

Our year 5/6 team is still in need of a coach. A notice will go home on Friday with further details.

A yellow poster for "Play Notes" music lessons. It features illustrations of a keyboard, a guitar, and a CD. The text reads: "Play Notes. ONE-ON-ONE OR GROUP MUSIC LESSONS. Looking for music lessons in Ukulele, Guitar or Piano/Keyboard for your child? Term 2 enrolments are open. For more information: EMAIL - PLAYNOTESNZ@GMAIL.COM". There is a small logo at the bottom right.

Entertainment Book

Support our school and purchase your new Entertainment Membership from our School Office. The 2019/2020 memberships have exclusive offers for everything you love to do. There are so many options which can be used in the school holidays. It's their best membership yet, packed with amazing offers for activities, attractions, shopping, travel and all kinds of tasty treats - from cool cafes to fabulous fine dining. Purchase a book from the school office or digital membership for \$65.00. Order online by visiting www.entbook.co.nz/155y154



Michael Harrop - Principal

"Making a Positive Difference"

Community Notices

Hillcrest United Football Club - First Kicks Programme

Registration is still open for First Kicks. The First Kicks programme is a skills based football programme for children in 6th grade or lower, i.e. those born in 2013-2015. They have a one hour training after school (was Tuesday last year), and games will be between 9.00 and 10.00 on Saturday mornings, mostly at Galloway Park, some at other parks in Hamilton. Fees are \$50 per year. See <http://www.hillcrestunited.co.nz/about-club/first-kicks> for more info and to register.



Hillcrest United Football Club - Junior Players Needed

Spaces still available for 7th, 10th-13th grade boys, and 11-12th grade girls. Please contact info@hillcrestunited.co.nz if you are interested.



Varsity Taiho Junior Rugby - Registration/Weigh-in and training)

Ages 5 – 10, Thursday, 2nd May from 3.30 – 5.00pm at the fields below the Waikato Uni pool. Students require a copy of a birth certificate or passport, subs are \$25.00. Contact beforehand Billy Cribb on 027 8583111 or bill@clb.co.nz

ScratchHeads - a Workshop for Scratchers

TechLeap now taking bookings for Term 2 at their weekly STEAM club at Berkley Middle School - for students aged 10-16.

Draft Hamilton Speed Management Plan

You may have seen that Hamilton City Council's draft Hamilton Speed Management plan is now out for consultation. This draft Plan is a culmination of the engagement work they did towards the end of 2018, and is significant in support of the Council's Vision Zero road safety goal of no deaths on Hamilton's streets and roads. The Plan sets out the principles and priorities they think should be applied when they are looking at speed management around the city. They want everyone to be safe using Hamilton's streets and roads, which means they need the right speeds on the right roads. There has been some talk about reducing the speeds around schools to 30kmph. They want to know what you think – have they got it right? Feedback can be made via [Have Your Say](#) from 2 April – 8 May 2019 www.hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay. For more information see <https://ourhamilton.co.nz/on-the-move/safer-speeds-for-hamilton-what-do-you-think/>

ScratchHeads: a workshop for Scratchers
 Tues 23 April, 9am-12:20pm @ Rototuna High School
 Book now at TECHLEAP.NZ

Hillcrest Club: Interwebs & The Metaverse
 Thursdays, 3:45-5:15pm @ Berkley Middle School
 Book now for Term 2 at TECHLEAP.NZ