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Dear Parents

Ako

He aha the mea nui o te ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

The principle of Ako means that learning is something we do together. We gain knowledge from new information and the world around us, but we also learn from each other. One of the beautiful aspects of being in a diverse school such as ours is we have people with many different experiences, view points and ideas that we can learn from. As mentioned in the whakatauki above - people are our most important resource! There is so much we can learn from each other and how much better would our world be if we could all appreciate what it is like to walk in other's shoes. A way we go about growing the principle of Ako in school is with our Tuakana - Teina time. Once a week, our older children (tuakana) buddy up with our younger ones (teina) for combined learning. It is wonderful to see such collaboration and reciprocity in learning as the students help each other and share their learning journey together.

Junior Parent Information Evening

A big THANK YOU to all the parents and whānau who came to school last night and took part in the junior information evening. It was great to see so many people there, invested in the learning of their children and wanting to be part of their learning journey - awesome! Last night was a great example of our principles of Kaupapa - creating a collaborative and shared vision for learning with our community, and Ako - our whole school community learning from each other, learning together. Throughout the night we heard from literacy expert Ann Beckitt (Resource Teacher for Literacy based at our school) who shared around our new phonics programme. This active, discovery and language rich programme has been developed specifically for our school and based on the needs of our learners. Louise Morgan, Melanie Freeman and Sandra Edwards also presented on the play based approach we are developing throughout our junior school. We heard about the research behind the approach, examples of play based learning in action, how it ties together so many aspects of the New Zealand Curriculum as well as fostering creativity, curiosity, problem solving and the development of social skills. There will be more opportunities in the future to hear from our amazing team about aspects of learning at Silverdale - so please watch this space!



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Hells Pizza Challenge

The HELL Reading Challenge is a well-established programme, now in its sixth year, which has been hugely successful in getting kids reading and enjoying the pleasures of stories — with the bonus of free pizza rewards. The HELL Reading Challenge is free, and it is so easy! Children receive a stamp on their

pizza wheel for each book they read, and once seven books have been read they can redeem their pizza wheel for a free 333 kids' pizza at HELL. Our school has registered for the Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to our Certificate Winners last week

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



Board of Trustees Elections

Nomination forms have been posted to eligible voters last week. If your current address has not been updated at the School Office, please do so this week. If you did not receive a nomination form in the post, please contact our Returning Officer, Barbara-Anne Montgomery, in the School Office. The Voting Roll is available to view at the School Office during school hours.



PTG News

- **Oxford Pies:** Our annual pie fundraiser will run this term. Order forms accompany this newsletter. Please return all order forms to the PTG box by the children's counter in the office, by Friday 14th June. Payment can be cash with the order form, or paid by internet banking to Silverdale Normal School PTG, 03-1559-0019428-000. Please use your child's name and PIES as the reference. Pies will be delivered on Tuesday 25th June.

Extra Clothing in Children's Schoolbags

Now that we are experiencing some wet weather, can you please ensure you have a change of clothing packed in your child's schoolbag each day. We have many children slipping over on wet days, requiring a change of clothing. It is much easier if we have extra clothing on hand, rather than try to locate a parent, who is often working during school hours.

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Classroom Item Room 8

We had a super time
being super heroes at
Friday's Assembly.



Welcome to the Family

Whānau News

Congratulations to Jess, Barry, Mack, Angus and Bella who welcomed their newest family member to the McMillan crew last Friday. We got to meet Finnian quickly today as we said goodbye to Jess and family on their way down to Gisborne. All the best Ms M and family! We are going to miss you all HEAPS!



Ashton Book Club Orders - Issue 3

Orders must be placed by this Friday, 17th May.

Jump Start

Our school runs a Jump Start programme on a Thursday afternoon from 1.45 to 2.45 pm in Room 8. This is available to all pre-school children and their parents for a full ten weeks before they start school. Contact the School Office for a pamphlet on the programme if you have a child who is nearly five.

Yummy School Sticker Promotion

Yummy sticker sheets for collecting cut-out labels and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of free sports gear, can be located in the newsletter section on our school website. They are also available from the children's counter at the School Office.

We have to submit the stickers during the last week of term 3, so please start saving. Sticker sheets are also available from the School Office.



Photo Day

Advance notice that portrait and class photos will be taken on Wednesday, 5th June. Mark this date on your calendar.

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Hockey

All games are played at Gallaghers Hockey Centre, Queens Ave, Hamilton. Please allow plenty of time for parking as it can get very congested; it is important the players are on time to warm up with their team prior to their game. Your team manager or coach will let you know what time they require you to be at the turf.

Draw: Saturday, 18th May

Silverdale Pukekos vs Hukanui Dynamos	8.30am	GHC 1RB09
Silverdale Keas vs Hukanui Quicksticks	10.00am	GHC 1QB
Silverdale Kiwis vs Hukanui Tacklers	10.00am	GHC 1QA
Silverdale Harriers vs Southwell Hawks	9.30am	GHC 2QC
Silverdale Moreporks vs Whatawhata Sharks	9.30am	GHC 1QC



Results: Saturday, 11th May

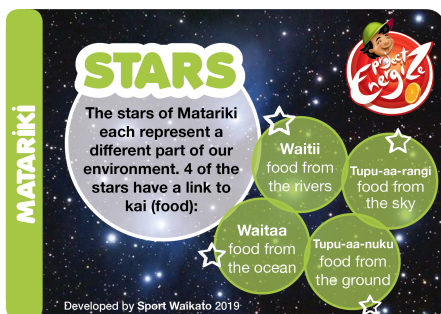
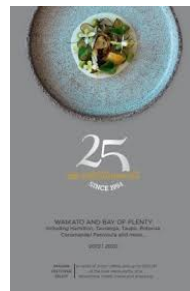
Silverdale Pukekos won 2-0	Micheal Elder was the player of the day
Silverdale Keas lost 0-5	Naia Bell was the player of the day
Silverdale Kiwis lost 0	Olive Mills was the player of the day
Silverdale Moreporks won 4-0	Jessica Lipsey was player of the day
Silverdale Harriers won 3-0	Amarni Gooding Pilisi was the player of the day

Gymnastics Classes

Lessons began today and the class is now full. The cost is \$35.00. For those who have enrolled in the programme, payment can be made in cash at the School Office or by internet banking to our school account 12-3249-0084477-00.

Entertainment Book

Current memberships end on 31st May. Support us and purchase your new Entertainment Membership from our school. Purchase a book from the School Office or a digital membership for \$65.00. A sample book is available for viewing on the front counter of our office. Order online by visiting www.entbook.co.nz/155y154



Project Energize

Nugget

Supplied by Zane Hartley – Energizer

Michael Harrop - Principal