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Kia ora e te whānau! Nau mai haere mai ki te kaupeka kura tuawha!



Firstly - welcome to our new families that have joined our Silverdale community. It is great to have you here. We hope that you feel welcome and at home here in our vibrant wee whānau.

#somuchfun! WE POOL

Making a Positive Difference

Near the end of last term, the incredible team of Room 17

POOL AREA PRESERVATION PROJECT

WE NOTICED THE POOL WASN'T READY FOR SUMMER. SO WE THOUGHT OF A PLAN. WE THOUGHT THAT THE POOL HAD TOO MUCH RUBBISH AND INSIDE THE POOL WAS MUD AND LEAVES. WE DECIDED TO CLEAN THE POOL.TO MAKE IT BETTER WE COULD: CLEAN UP THE RUBBISH, SWEEP UP THE LEAVES AND MUD, AND PUT UP SIGNS.

FIRSTLY WE SEARCHED UP SHADE-SAILS, SIGNS AND RUBBISH BINS. THE SHOPS WE SEARCHED FROM WERE: BUNNINGS, WAREHOUSE, MITRE TEN, AND K-MART. WE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM MR HARROP AND WE TOLD HIM THE PRICES ON THE SHADE-SAILS, SIGNS, AND RUBBISH BINS. WE FOCUSED ON THE PRICES. I THINK BUNNINGS HAS GOOD IDEAS.

SECONDLY WE WERE READY TO CLEAN. WE PICKED UP RUBBISH. AND SWEPT THE POOL. YOU HAD TO BRING SPARE CLOTHES. WHEN WE WERE DONE, IT WAS TIME TO GET MUCKY. NIKORN TURNED THE HOSE ON. MRS MUIR TOLD US TO GET ON OUR HANDS AND KNEES. NIKORN TURNED THE HOSE ON AND PUT THE SOAP IN THE POOL. WE SCRUBBED AND SCRUBBED. TO ME IT SOUNDED LIKE ANZAC BAY. WE WERE RUNNING

OUT OF BROOMS SO WE GOT MORE. I LIKED CLEANING THE POOL.

Thanks so much for making such a difference to our school Room 17!

learners took it upon themselves to

They decided to clean up our school pool area ready for the start of Term 4.

After much planning, discussion and

writing - they settled on what they

would do and went for it!

make a positive difference to our

school environment.

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School Donations for 2020

Last night the Board of Trustees discussed the Ministry of Education proposal for schools to opt ito the School Donations Scheme. The Board can now confirm that we have opted in, and this will take effect from the start of the school year, 2020. This means that the Ministry of Education will now pay the school donation and materials fee for all

students from next year. We have attached a parent information form published by the Ministry of Education. If you have any questions around this, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Enrolments for 2020

As you are probably aware, our new school enrolment scheme is now in place. This means that anyone wishing to enrol from out of our school zone will need to go into one of our ballots. There is information on this process including all important dates on our website. Our Board of Trustees has also guaranteed that any siblings of current students will be accepted at our school - but we do need to know about these enrolments in advance. If you have a new student due to start with us and are out of zone, please get in touch with the school office.

Classes for 2020

The Leadership Team and teachers are now beginning the process of arranging classes for 2020. If you have any information that you wish to communicate around friendship groupings that you believe could be important, please email me - principal@silverdale.school.nz.

Our Term Dates for 2020

First week of the school year: School will be closed on Thursday, 6th February for Waitingi Day and Friday, 7th February for a Teacher Only Day.

Term 1 3rd February to 9th April
Term 2 28th April to 3rd July

Term 3 20th July to 25th September
Term 4 12th October to 15th December

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The Summer Terms

Terms 4 and 1 are our summer terms at school. Our pool is open and despite the return of some wintery weather, our pool is warming up, thanks to our solar heating system. Thanks for your support in sending swimwear to school with your learners. On Fridays, classes will combine.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00				
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1:55	9	4	9	4
2:15	7	6	7	6
2:35	8	19	8	19

The summer term also means the return of hats. From Labour Weekend onwards, we require all students (and staff!) to wear hats while outside. If students do not bring a hat after Labour Weekend, they will be required to stay under our designated shade spots over break times.

Whānau news

Early this term our amazing Sharron Kavanagh announced that this will be her last term teaching at Silverdale. Sharron has been part of life at Silverdale for more than 20 years. Over that time she has worked in all areas of the school, positively impacting the lives of hundreds of learners. Although we are incredibly sad to see Sharron go, we know that she is going to enjoy new adventures with husband John. We will be farewelling Sharron as a school more formally later in the year, but I would like to take the chance on behalf of the school community to thank Sharron for giving so much to our school over her time here. We will really miss you!

Important Dates

Term 4 is a busy term with lots of action! We have the most important dates on our school calendar now - available through our school website. Here is a summary of some key events:

24 October PTG AGM followed by regular monthly meeting

30 October Reading Information Evening

1 November Junior Trip5 November Cultural Night8 November T-Ball Tournament

13 November Berkley Year 6 Orientation Visit

15 November Middle School / Senior School Athletics Day

19 November Vision and Hearing Checks for New Entrants and children requiring rechecks

20 November Junior Athletics Day22 November Inter-school Athletics Day

29 November PTG School Disco

6 December Senior trip / Middle School Big Day In

9 -10 December Parent Conversations12 December Year 6 Leavers' Dinner

18 December Final Assembly

19 December Last day of School (half day)

Calendar Art Orders

Our Silverdale learners have been working hard creating some amazing art work to be turned into a calendar, gift card, diary, sketchpad or mouse pad. Order forms have been sent home - orders need to be in by the end of this week.

School App

Have you downloaded our school app? We are using this increasingly to notify parents of happenings in the school. Search SchoolappsNZ, then choose Silverdale Normal School. You can use this app to direct dial/email an absentee, subscribe to and receive timely alerts from different school groups, view and add school events to your phone's calendar and receive alerts to your phone.



Principal Appraisal

As part of my annual appraisal, my appraiser (Rachel Allan) has asked Priscilla to randomly select several families from our school to fill out a questionnaire. This is not compulsory but we would appreciate your feedback. Families selected will receive an email in the next week or so.

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Mamasdonuts Fundraiser

Our current year 4 and 5 students are going to the Senior School camp in 2020. To help reduce camp costs per student, the students have decided to sell donuts to help fundraise for next year's camp. They will be selling

mamasdonuts, which you can preorder, pay and pick up from school. Donuts are Mamasdonuts Original Glazed and cost \$2.50 each. Pre-order by <u>Friday, 1st November</u>, and then pick up on <u>Thursday, 7th November</u>, outside the staffroom. Please talk to your friends and family, ordering donuts on behalf of them so we can get closer to our fundraising goal. An order form has been emailed and can be viewed on our school website and app.

PTG News

- Friday Iceblocks are back on! Mini popsicles (\$1.00) and juicies (\$1.50) will be on sale every Friday after school at the main gate.
- ▶ PTG AGM Tomorrow night, 7.00pm in the staff room, followed by an ordinary meeting. Supper will be provided and you can hear about what we have been doing over the past year. Anyone can come to the AGM, not just PTG members. And while we would love to have you join us, there is no pressure to join at the AGM.
- Upcoming events Save the Date!
 - Term 4 Disco Frida, 29th November
 - Year 6 Leavers dinner Thursday, 12th December
- Keep in touch:
 - Like our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/silverdalenormalschoolptg.
 - Join our Facebook Group: "Friends of the PTG SNS"
 - Messenger: m.me/silverdalenormalschoolptg
 - Email: ptg@silverdale.school.nz

Congratulations to our Certificate Winners

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

There was no certificate assembly the last week of the term.



Yummy Apple Stickers

Thank you to all those family who have collected Yummy Apple Stickers for us over the last twelve months. These were sent away at the end of last term and as a result, we have been allocated \$415.00 worth of sports equipment. We encourage you to start saving for next year's allocation. Sticker sheets are available from the School Office or can be downloaded from the Yummy Apple website https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz





Vision and Hearing Checks

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school on Tuesday, 19th November. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

If any parents/caregivers <u>do not</u> want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

Children being checked are: Children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School check, children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up and new immigrants. In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check.

Scavenger Hunt

If you participated in the PTG organised Scavenger Hunt over the school holidays, can you please return your answers to the School Office this week to go into the draw for some spot prizes. Funds raised from this activity will go towards shade sails for the senior playground. Please ensure your name is on the answer sheet.

Cultural Night

We are intending to hold a Cultural Night on Tuesday, 5th November at Hillcrest Chapel from 6.00pm. More information will follow, but this will involve students learning a musical instrument, Kapa Haka, Pasifika and our school choir.

Reading Information Evening

Are you looking for ways to make reading sessions with your learner a more fun and positive experience for you and your learner? Come along to the Pause, Prompt, Praise session run by Janice Muir on Wednesday, 30th October from 6.00 - 7.00pm in the school staffroom.



School Absences

If you have an absent child, please remember to inform the School Office before 9.00am. You can do this a number of ways:

- Use the absentee function on the school app
- → Text the school mobile 027 755 7917
- ⇒ Phone the school office 07 856 7604
- ➡ Email the school office office@silverdale.school.nz

Extra Clothing in School Bags

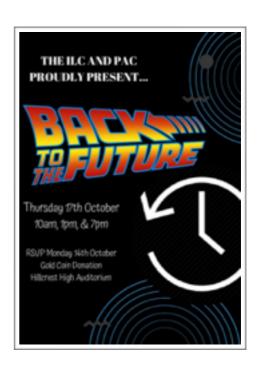
Please continue to keep a spare set of clothing in your child's schoolbag this term.

Student Item - Back to the Future

On the 17th of October, the Middle school and Senior school went to the ILC and PAC presentation of 'Back to the Future' at Hillcrest High School. Keagan and Ometh reflected on this show:

"The show was interesting, like I couldn't look away. This show was people singing a collection of songs. These were songs that I knew but some of them were made up and written by the performers. It made me think about if my life was the same as theirs. I kind of felt bad because it looked like one of the performers was going through a hard time. After I listened to the music, I felt like I was more creative." Keagan

"Back to the Future was quite sad. It showed some of the people who died, and I felt lucky to be alive. There was also a song about how it feels to be an autistic person. The person who wrote the song was in a wheelchair and shared that he felt quite sad because he couldn't walk around or play a lot. Most of the music was fun. There were some really famous songs. At the end there was a 'get up and dance' song. Lots of people got up to dance, but I was too shy. This show was good because you can feel like how people feel if they have an injury or disability, and if you want to have fun dancing you can do this too." Ometh





Student Item - Writing Workshop

This week some students got to do a writing session with Matt Elliott. We got to do writing drills; for example we did a drill when he put a word on the board like rivers and forests and we would have to write as many words as we could that describe it. Some words we came up with were; tide, flowing, fish, rubbish, mud, kayaks, eels, glistening, blue, tropical, cold, crisp refreshing, and clear. We did another drill where he put the abcs on the board and we made a story out of it. A Bee Can Dance Effectively From Garden Hedges In July. Keep Loving Mum Nana Or Poppa.

Matt Elliot taught us in writing there are no right or wrong answers. He explained that in writing you get to choose what

you want to write - this fits in with our school principle, Mahi Tahi.

He left us with one of his favourite sayings "Kids who read succeed!"

By Hunter and Isobel



First Credit Union

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.

A kids first newsletter accompanies today's school newsletter - Issue 45.

After School Activities - Māori Art Class (Tuesday in Room 10) and Lego Club (Thursday in Room 8)

These classes have been filled for the term. Cost \$15.00 Māori Art and \$10.00 Lego Club). If you have not yet paid, please do so at the School Office this week, or pay by internet banking. Account Number 12-3249-0084477-00.

Hamilton Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Our school has registered as a School Group for the Hamilton Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon to be held on Sunday 16th February 2020 at University Fields, Hamilton East, Waikato. The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is for Kiwi kids of all sporting abilities who are aged between 7 and 15. Children can enter as individuals and do all three legs of the TRYathlon by themselves or in a team of two and do either the swim/run or bike/run with a friend.



Cost:

- \$45 early bird special Closes: midnight on Sunday 26 January 2020
- \$50 Closes: midnight on Thursday 13 February 2020
- \$60 on the day of the event

Please go on and register and pay under the url below to become part of the school team.

https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35575&G=100719

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School.



Project Energise

Nuggets provided by Zane Hartley, Hamilton Energizer





Kids Yoga Class with Sarah Vassella

Please contact Sarah sarahvassella@gmail.com if you are interested in your child participating in these yoga classes on a Friday morning this term.

Michael Harrop - Principal

Community Notices

Jungle Adventure Light Party

A safe alternative to Halloween for children at Hillcrest Chapel, Thursday, 31st October 5:30-7:30pm. Come dressed up in 'jungle' theme with a gold coin per person for lots of fun!!! BBQ tea provided, bouncy castle, lollies, games, face-painting, music, dance, prizes and more-everyone welcome.



Activate Church Annual Community 'Light Party'

For kids aged up to 12 years. It is a great, safe, fun, family friendly event and something we put on for the community, free of charge. There's a parents café, bouncy castles, balloon twisting, candy floss, sausage sizzle, games, and more. Ruakura Campus - 11 Bisley Place, Enderley North Campus - 79 North City Road, Rototuna.

