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Tēnā koutou katoa Silverdale!

The end of the year is fast approaching and this will be our LAST newsletter for 2019.

What a fantastic year we have had here at Silverdale. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our supportive and involved community, for everything you have done for our school this year. Whānau is so important to us and we strive together everyday to build a school where all the members of our extended Silverdale family know, and feel, that they belong. Recently I have had the privilege of hearing from our tamariki about what this idea of whānau means to them. Here is what they said: I feel

safe and happy here; we bring new people into our groups and make them feel welcome; I feel at home at Silverdale; we care about each other no matter how different we are; we make visitors feel welcome; we invite our families in to be part of our learning. What an awesome picture of growing a sense of community / whānau in our school. This is a great place to be!

We have examined and played out many aspects of our Silverdale Principles this year - thank you for your input into this. I am excited about what next year will bring and we move to the next phase of developing these and embedding these principles into our school Kaupapa - "what we do here".



I hope that you and your family have a safe and enjoyable time together over the Christmas break. Looking forward to seeing you all back on the first day of Term 1, 2020 - 3 February. Meri Kirihimete!

### **Waitangi Day 2020**

School starts on Monday, 3rd February next year, and Waitangi day falls on the Thursday of that week. The Board of Trustees has decided (in line with other schools in our Silverdale / Hillcrest area) to close for instruction on Friday, 7th February. This means that there will be no staff or students on site this day.

### **Fencing at School**

You might have noticed some fencing work going on around the school recently. This is a scheduled upgrade from the Ministry of Education - the modification has not come at any expense to the school. The reason for the upgrade is to support the inclusive nature of our school and to keep all learners safe here at Silverdale. The existing fence that is being removed will be donated to Toku Mapihi Kura Kaupapa Māori, also on Silverdale Road.

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## Whānau News

- ▶ One of our amazing beginning teachers, **Tim Lind**, was signed off for his full registration this term! Congratulations Tim! You are a real asset to both the Silverdale learning community and the teaching profession. Thank you for the positive difference you make to our learners in Room 2 every day.
- ▶ We would like to thank **Pamela Kemsley** for stepping in and giving the learners of Room 19 a fun and settled transition out of the new entrant space. It has been great to have you on the team Pam, and wish you all the best for the future.
- ▶ **Alison Trenwith** has also been working in a long term relieving position this year teaching the learners of Room 10. Thanks so much Ali for the amazing programme you have run this year in there. We have been so lucky to have you as part of our team.
- ▶ **Matt Roets** leaves our learning assistant team to take up a full time teaching position at Berkley Normal Middle School - well done Matt, we are going to miss you!
- ▶ As previously mentioned, this year we also farewell **Sharron Kavanagh** - 23 years is an amazing legacy.

## Staff in 2020

Our teams have now been finalised for 2020. Next year we will welcome three new staff on board.

- ▶ **Kim Wilson** joins our Junior Team, teaching in Year 1 and 2. Kim is an experienced teacher who currently teaches in Tokoroa. She has a passion for learning through discovery and play and loves threading Te Reo Māori and waiata into her programmes.
- ▶ **Erin McMurray** will also be joining our Junior Team. Erin is an experienced junior teacher and team leader. She is currently working in the United Kingdom and is looking forward to returning home to New Zealand and meeting us all.
- ▶ We will also be welcoming back **Stephen Shirley**. Stephen worked here in 2018 as a Learning Assistant and returns in 2020 as a teacher in the middle school. We are incredibly excited to have him joining the team next year.

### Junior Team

Sandra Edwards	Team Leader / Year 1 and 2
Melanie Freeman	New Entrant
Louise Morgan	Year 1
Kennedy Heikell	Year 1 and 2
Erin McMurray	Year 1 and 2 (new teacher to Silverdale)
Kim Wilson	Year 1 and 2 (new teacher to Silverdale)
Teri Meling	Maternity Leave until Term 3

### Middle Team

Janice Muir	Team Leader / Year 3 and 4
Susie Woolston	Year 3 and 4
Tim Lind	Year 3 and 4
Nesra Wale	Year 3 and 4
Stephen Shirley	Year 3 and 4 (new teacher to Silverdale)

### Senior Team

Brent Taylor	Team Leader / Year 5 and 6
Judy Paterson	Year 5 and 6
Chloe Stantiall	Year 5 and 6
Kent Burnard	Year 5 and 6

## Congratulations to our Learning Assistants

Everyone is a learner at SNS.

At assembly on Friday we celebrated our SNS Learning Assistants' learning. They were acknowledged with a certificate of achievement for undergoing Professional Development on Friday afternoons throughout 2019. They have been studying, discussing, listening to and exploring the many different ways they can assist teachers and students (especially English Language Learners) in their Oral Language development as well as their reading and writing skills. These Learning Assistants are now very upskilled in supporting all students in their English progress at Silverdale Normal. How exciting for us in 2020!!! Well done to all of these Learning Assistants. Thank you all for this big commitment of learning.



## Farewell and Best Wishes to Miss Vera Xu - our ESOL Mandarin speaking Learning Assistant

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Vera this week as she returns to China for a holiday with her family and then she will take up residence in Auckland for 2020. Miss Vera has been a valuable member of our ESOL Team as she helped support, teach, translate and communicate with our Chinese students and their families throughout 2019.

We want to thank Miss Vera very much for the wonderful way she has worked alongside our students, our teachers and our parents and we wish her the very best for her future in Auckland. We will miss you Vera.



## End of Year Assembly

We look forward to you joining us at our End of Year Assembly on Wednesday, 18th December at 1.00pm. This is a time where we celebrate ALL learners at our school and the progress we have all made this year. There are also special awards given to acknowledge the positive difference some

students have made to the school in their actions as well as the school trophies. We also use this as an opportunity to farewell our Year 6 leavers and acknowledge their contributions to school. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Classes in 2020

On Thursday, 12th December, students will go home with a short blurb introducing their teachers for next year. At 10.30am the next day, students will visit their new teachers in their new rooms. This is a chance for your child to meet the teacher and their fellow classmates for 2020.



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### Junior School Athletics Morning

Last Wednesday the junior school had their athletic sports. The children rotated around a range of different activities that showcased their running, jumping and throwing skills. The events included activities such as a dress up relay, egg and spoon race, sack race and the traditional events such as high jump and long jump. Everyone had a fun time and showed great sportsmanship. It was lovely to see so many parents and caregivers who had come along to support the children. A big thank you also to our senior school students who were such great helpers on the day.



### Middle / Senior School Athletics

A strong sense of Whanaungatanga! Setting goals and breaking through them!

2019 senior school athletics saw another fantastic day of competition. It was awesome to see students work hard to improve their skills and break their own personal records.

However, the most enjoyable aspect of the day was all the amazing support that our tamariki gave each other and how they celebrated the success of individuals doing better than before.

A highlight of the day were the final relays which saw Room 1 win the

middle syndicate race and Room 12 win the senior syndicate race. The teachers proved too fast and still remain unbeaten in the student vs teacher vs parent relay.

A huge thank you to all those parents who came down and supported us on the day!!





## Inter-School Athletics

What an amazing effort put in by all our students who competed on the day. They should all be proud of the positive way in which they represented our school. This year saw our best results ever in three years of the inter-school competition running.

Special achievements on the day were:

- ▶ Isobel Miller - 1st in 10 year old girls long jump, 1st in High Jump
- ▶ Tumanako Maihi-Forbes - 1st in 8 year old boys shot put
- ▶ Hukarere Anderson - 1st in 9 year old boys shot put
- ▶ Carly Wheki - 2nd in 9 year old girls Vortex
- ▶ Ozaryus Hopa - 3rd in 9 year old girls Vortex
- ▶ Israel Hazelton - 3rd in 10 year old boys Shot Put
- ▶ Hunter Savill - 3rd 11 in year old boys 100m

A special thank you to all those parents who donated muffins to sell. We raised a considerable amount for our 2020 senior camp.



## Community Appreciation Morning Tea

This morning we held a Community Appreciation Morning Tea for those of you who have supported us in a variety of ways this year. We are very appreciative of all the ways our school community help to make our school such an amazing place for our tamariki to learn, our teachers to teach, and our support staff to work. Thank you.

## PTG News

- **Term 4 Disco** - Now on **Friday, 13th December, from 5.00 to 7.00pm**. Come along for a fun evening.
- **End of Term Hot Dog Lunch** - **Friday, 13th December**. Order forms went home last week. Orders must be in by 3.00pm Wednesday, 11th December.
- Summer Fun Raffle Results:
  - ▶ Prize 1 - Lynlee Cook
  - ▶ Prize 2 - Sally Phillips
  - ▶ Prize 3 - Joanne Broderson
  - ▶ Prize 4 - Dania Sika
  - ▶ Prize 5 - Crystal Woods
  - ▶ Prize 6 - Mel Silcock
  - ▶ Prize 7 - Rose Don
- **Year 6 Leavers Dinner** - **Thursday, 12th December**.
- **Next meeting** - **Thursday, 13th February, 2020**.
- **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](https://m.me/silverdalenormalschoolptg)
  - ▶ Email: [ptg@silverdale.school.nz](mailto:ptg@silverdale.school.nz)



## Important Dates

Term 4 is a busy term with lots of action! Our school calendar is available on our website.

Here is a summary of some key events:

6 December	Senior trip / Middle School Big Day In
9 -10 December	Parent Conversations - School Reports will be given to parents who attend
12 December	Last day - Jump-start
12 December	Last day - After School Māori Art Classes (change to Thursday from Tuesday due to Parent Conversations being held that day)
12 December	Last day - After School Lego Club
12 December	Year 6 Leavers' Dinner
13 December	School Reports go home with children whose parents didn't attend Parent Conversations earlier in the week
13 December	Children will be shown their new classes for 2020
13 December	PTG Disco
16 December	Road Patrollers Fun Day
17 December	Last day - Piano/Guitar/Ukulele lessons
18 December	Final Assembly - 1.00pm under the canopy
19 December	Last day of School (half day) 12.30pm finish



## 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 assembly last week.

## School Choir

Last week our school choir went and sang to the residents of the Bupa Rossendale Dementia Care Home. They sang some traditional Christmas carols and some New Zealand carols. The children in the choir made us all very proud as they sang beautifully and their behaviour was exemplary. The children were each given a gift and we were treated to a lovely morning tea.



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### Lost Property

Please check the Lost Property before the end of the year, as all clothing left here on the last day will be sent to charity.

### 2020 Stationery Information for your Child

Stationery will be available to purchase / view on line in the New Year on the My School website - <https://www.myschool.co.nz/> or phone 0800 724 440 - or you can purchase from OfficeMax corner of Princes and Victoria Street, Hamilton

Enter School Name: Silverdale Normal School and follow the prompts.  
Cut off date for home delivery of your stationery is 17th January, 2020.



### 2020 Enrolments

We are now a zoned school. If you know of any families in our zone who have not yet applied to a place next year, please ask them to contact the School Office; phone 856 7604 or email [office@silverdale.school.nz](mailto:office@silverdale.school.nz)



### Society of St Vincent De Paul School Lunches

We would like to offer enormous thanks to the wonderful volunteers who provided school lunches to us at school for families in need during the year. Every day without fail they arrive with sandwiches so our children are able to eat healthily and this assists them to learn.

We agree with St Vincent De Paul when they say that "a school lunch helps everyone at school, not just the student".

### First Credit Union School Banking

The last day of banking for 2019 is Wednesday, 18th December. Bank books will be returned the same day.



Our last day for 2019 is Thursday, 19th December and school closes at 12.30pm. After School Care will operate from 12.30pm. School opens for Term 1 2020 on Monday, 3rd February. The School Office will be open the week before school starts. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday, and we look forward to working with you all next year.

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## Project Energise

Nuggets provided by  
Zane Hartley,  
Hamilton Energizer

Michael Harrop  
Principal



**GLOBAL FLAVOURS**

### CHINESE SWEET & SOUR PORK

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 Tbsp oil
- 350g lean pork, diced
- 1 red capsicum, chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 can pineapple pieces in juice, drained
- 1/2 c pineapple juice
- 1 tsp ginger, grated
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 1/2 Tbsp white vinegar
- 1 1/2 Tbsp tomato sauce
- 1 tsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp cornflour
- 2 Tbsp cold water

Heat oil in pan over high heat. Add pork. Stir-fry until lightly browned. Add veges. Stir-fry for 5mins. Add ginger, juice, soy sauce, vinegar, tomato sauce and sugar. Simmer until veges are just cooked. Dissolve cornflour in water, add to pan along with pineapple pieces and stir until sauce thickens. Serve with rice.

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### FRESH ASIAN STIR-FRY

**Ingredients:**

- 1 tsp oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- fresh or frozen vegetables
- choice of meat, thinly sliced

Brown onion in pan with oil and add meat. Cook for 5min then mix veges through. Stir-fry until veges are just cooked – they should still be a little crunchy. Add soy sauce for flavouring. Serve hot with brown rice or udon noodles.

**CHICKEN** **BEEF** **PORK** **FROZEN VEG**

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## Community Notices

### Hamilton Model Engineers Miniature Train Rides

THE FINAL TWILIGHT NIGHT RUN FOR 2019 IS DECEMBER 2019! Come down to the track on Saturday the 14th of December 2019 for a train ride around our track under the setting sun, into the darkness! Rides begin from 5pm and run until 9pm, with tickets starting at \$2.00 per person, with concession tickets available.

This Family-Friendly event offers plenty of space for a picnic dinner in the park, and a great Saturday evening event to have a train ride. Under 2's ride for free, with a fare-paying passenger, and great value concession tickets are available for families or parties. We look forward to seeing you all for a night of fun! Previous nights have been beautiful in the winter, but make sure to bring some extra layers as it does get cold!



We are located at the end of Tui Avenue, in Minogue Park Hamilton.

### YMCA Holiday Programme

This is being held at our school from 13th January to 31st January 2020. Contact YMCA Phone 838 2529 for more details.



**YMCA HAMILTON HOLIDAY PROGRAM 13TH JAN-31ST JAN**

**SILVERDALE**

**MONDAY 13TH SL5 Popsicle ART**  
Get creative and make something awesome with popsicle sticks!

**TUESDAY 14TH SL6 Callum Brae**  
Playground and mini golf adventures await!

**WEDNESDAY 15TH SL5 Medieval Day**  
Take a step back in time, build a castle and a crown fit for a king or queen!

**THURSDAY 16TH SL6 T.A POOLS**  
Take a dip in T.A pool!

**FRIDAY 17TH SL5 WATER WARS**  
Grab ya weapon and get ready to seek the competition!

**MONDAY 20TH SL5 Finger PAINTING**  
Who needs a brush? Dress up in some older clothes and paint a masterpiece!

**TUESDAY 21ST SL6 Raglan BEACH**  
We are off to enjoy the beach and sun at Raglan!

**WEDNESDAY 22ND SL5 WHEELS day**  
Bring whatever you need as long as it has wheels!

**THURSDAY 23RD SL6 Paradise VALLEY**  
Visit the king of the animal kingdom at Paradise valley!

**FRIDAY 24TH SL5 Shared LUNCH**  
Bring a plate and a great attitude, group games and group feed for all!

**MONDAY 27TH Public HOLIDAY**  
CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE! Need we say more!

**TUESDAY 28TH SL5 CHOCO day**  
CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE! Need we say more!

**WEDNESDAY 29TH SL5 CRAZY water sports**  
Get ready to get wet with crazy water activities!

**THURSDAY 30TH SL6 LEAP**  
JUMP, FLIP and fall fun times ahead at leap!

**FRIDAY 31ST SL6 MOVIE MANIA**  
A fun morning at the movies, stadium games in the afternoon!

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