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Dear Parents

Tēnā koutou katoa!



Welcome back to Silverdale Normal School for 2020!

Firstly, a very warm welcome to all of our new families that have joined us this year; it is great to have you as part of our community. One of our guiding principles here is Whanaungatanga (belong) and it is our hope that you very soon feel at home here. If you would like to come and meet with me to hear more about our awesome school, what we value and maybe how to get involved, please contact our School Office to make an appointment - I would love to meet with you.

You will have noticed some building works going on between Rooms 7 and 8. This work is the beginning of our property upgrades that will be happening in stages around the school over the next 18 months or so. This current project is a bathroom upgrade to provide us with a purpose built, new entrant suitable, bathroom space. Thank you to everyone in Room 8 with their patience here. The project is taking longer than we were initially promised and we hope that it will be completed in the next few weeks.

Our School Newsletter

A printed newsletter will be given to every child to bring home every second Wednesday for the first month of the school term. Please look for it in your child's schoolbag. From March onwards, this will just be given to the eldest child in each family. A colour copy of our newsletter is posted on our school app, our school website and emailed to parents who have provided us with an email address.



Getting to know our Learners - Parent Conversations

As part of our start of the year routines, we'd like to invite you all to our "Getting to know our Learners" conversations. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and share about what makes your unique learner tick. We know that you are the experts and we really want to hear from you.

Please head to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the booking code: **zrca4** The conversations are held on Wednesday, 19th February from 3.15 to 5.30pm and Thursday, 20th February from 3.15 to 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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School App

Home communication is very important to us as a school. We want you to be informed about what's happening and have easy access to dates and important information. We have a Silverdale App that we use frequently to push out important notifications and is fast becoming one of our main forms of communication. You are also able to use the app to find email addresses of staff and submit absence notifications directly to our School Office. The app can be downloaded from Google Play and Apple App store - just search for SchoolAppsNZ. Once in the app, you can search for Silverdale Normal School. Berkley use the same app system - so you may already have it if you have students there.



Fun in the Sun!

What a warm and sunny start to the year! This has enabled us to make full use of our swimming pool and games on the field - it has been great! To help protect our children from the sun, please can you make sure that you send your learners to school with a named hat every day (this can stay at school) and apply sunscreen before leaving home. A big thank you to all the parents supporting our learners to bring their swimming togs to school every day too - the pool is a lovely warm temperature and the class swimming instruction lessons are in full swing.

Whānau news

Our Silverdale family grew in number over the break with three of our staff members adding new baby boys to their own families.

Latoia (Ms Workman-Whatarangi) welcomed a new son, Renata; Teri (Ms Meling) welcomed Lawson to her family; and Matua Maek welcomed Koda. Big congratulations to them all!

Stationery

If you still need to access stationery, this can now be purchased as a pack from our School Office. Thanks to all the families who have already done so.

New Enrolments

Do you have any other students due to enrol at Silverdale this year or know of other families who intend enrolling a child? To help with our future planning, could you please contact the School Office to make sure we have them in our pre-enrol records. We will also shortly be opening up opportunities for out of zone enrolments. This will be advertised on our website, school newsletter and facebook page. For information on future enrolments, please contact our School Office.

Jump Start

This is our pre-school programme taken by Mrs Mel Freeman which is open to students enrolling at our school. You are welcome to attend with your pre-schooler on a Friday afternoon from 1.45pm to 2.45pm in Room 8 for up to ten weeks prior to your child starting school.



Community Picnic - Save the Date

Every year we like to gather as a community here at school and have a relaxed picnic together. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and make connections through out our community. We have scheduled this for 5.00pm on Wednesday, 11th March - more details to come.

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PTG News:

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is a group of parents and teachers that work to create fun events for the kids and fundraise for the school. We always welcome new members, we'd love to see some new faces at our meetings. If you can't commit to meetings but would like to help out at events, please let us know. We especially need parents that can help out during the day occasionally.

- **Iceblocks** will be on sale at the main gate every Friday after school in Term 1.
Mini popsicles \$1.00, juices \$1.50.
- **First meeting** for the year: **TONIGHT! Wednesday 12th February, 7.00pm** in the staff room. All welcome.
- **New Entrant books:** The PTG gives each five year old new entrant a book to keep, as a welcome to the school. We will be presenting some of these at assembly this Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome.
- **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

*Please
join us!*

Classroom Teachers 2020

Senior School Team: (Years 5 and 6)	Room 11	Kent Burnard
	Room 12	Brent Taylor (Team Leader)
	Room 13	Judy Paterson
	Room 14	Chloe Stantiall
Middle School Team: (Years 3 and 4)	Room 1	Susie Woolston
	Room 2	Tim Lind
	Room 16	Stephen Shirley
	Room 17	Janice Muir (Team Leader)
	Room 19	Nesra Wale
Junior Team (Years 1 and 2)	Room 3	Kim Wilson
	Room 4	Erin McMurray
	Room 6	Sandra Edwards (Team Leader)
	Room 8	Mel Freeman
	Room 9	Kennedy Heikell
	Room 10	Louise Morgan

Patricia Ave Satellite Class Room 15 Sue Baker and Simon Bartlett

St Matthew's Church Carpark Reminder

We are so fortunate to have been given the use of St Matthew's Church carpark for pick up and drop off times.

- ➡ Please avoid parking on the yellow lines or coned area
- ➡ Please have an adult walk to the gate to pick up your children
- ➡ Please model a courteous and kind attitude to other drivers in the busy times.



School Lunches

We have two options for ordering school lunches

- \$6.00 lunch packs which need to be ordered from the children's counter of the School Office before 9.00a.m. These are available each school day.
- Online 'Lunch Orders' - available on a Tuesday and Thursday. Visit them online at www.lunchorders.co.nz and sign up for an account. Top up using a credit card or direct debit.



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. Their 'kids first' newsletter - Issue 46 accompanies today's school newsletter 2020.

Māori Art Classes

Alison Trenwith will be taking Ministry of Education subsidised Māori Art classes after school on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.15 to 4.15pm in Room 11 this year. The cost is \$40.00 for the year. We will be taking Year 2 to Year 6 students with a maximum of 12 students in the class. These were advertised on our school app and begin today. If you would like your child to join the class, please contact the School Office.

Music Lessons

- ➔ **PlayNotes with Aaron Lyndon (Ukulele-Guitar-Drums-Piano/Keyboard)-** My passion is to mentor, teach and facilitate a safe place for my students to learn music that is individualised to best suit their learning style. There are different classes and price options at Silverdale Normal School. Please note that lessons are held within school terms and prices are customised for Silverdale Normal School children. I can be contacted by email - playnotesnz@gmail.com or by phone 021 2671301
- ➔ **Ministry Subsidised Violin Lessons** - These will start early March. The cost of the lessons will be \$150.00 for the year. We have a small number of violins that can be hired for \$60.00 per year. Please indicate interest with Priscilla Thatcher at the School Office.
- ➔ **Ministry Subsidised Fife and Flute Lessons** - These will start early March. The cost of the lessons will be \$150.00 for the year. A fife can be purchased from Music Works for a cost of \$21.00. Flutes will need to be purchased or hired from a music store in town. Please indicate interest with Priscilla Thatcher at the School Office.
- ➔ **Singing Lessons** - Singing lessons will now be available at school with Kelly Baigent. All lessons are held in groups of 2 beginning in week 4. There are limited spaces available, so please contact Kelly at kjbaigent@gmail.com for more information.



Michael Harrop - Principal

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