



Ako kit e haere – haere kit e Ako
Learn to Journey – Journey to Learn

Kindness - Atawhai • Excellence - Hiranga • Respect - Whakaute • Integrity - Ngākau pono

Mission Statement

“To actively prepare each child to take responsibility for their own life-long learning, values and behaviour, in partnership with the home and community.”

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER

13th March 2019

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Staff,

We would like to welcome all our new families and staff members to our school.



Silverdale School Board of Trustees

Back row: Colin Thomson, Cameron Lockie and Steven McLeery
Front row: Nicola Kayes, Alison Gilchrist, Sheree McLeish and Hayley Thow

Board of Trustees positions for 2019

Chairperson – Alison Gilchrist

Deputy Chairperson – Colin Thomson

Finance – Hayley Thow

Communication, Minutes Secretary – Nicola Kayes

Property, Health and Safety – Steven McCleery

Staff Trustee – Sheree McLeish

Principal – Cameron Lockie

Board of Trustees Triennial Election 2019

The NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) Triennial Board Elections are being held this year on **Friday June 7th** our Returning Officer is Tina Branks. Tina will be sending more information out in the coming weeks.

Board of Trustees Information Evening

We will be holding an information night on **Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm** for those in the community that would like to know more about what a Trustee does within a school.

'What does a member of Silverdale School Board of Trustees do?'

- The Board of Trustees are elected by the parent community of the school every three years (if an election is required)
- We have 5 parent elected trustees, one staff elected trustee and the Principal
- The Board governs the school and emphasises strategic leadership rather than administrative detail.
- The Boards main focus is student achievement.
- Set strategic directions and long term goals in consultation with the Principal
- Monitor financial management and approve the budget.
- Approve major policies and programme initiatives.
- Ensure the Board is compliant with its legal requirements.
- Act as a good employer

Below is our Silverdale School Trustees Code of Behaviour – this is signed by every Board member after an election.

Silverdale School Trustee's Code of Behaviour – Policy 1 Board Operations

The board is committed to ethical conduct in all areas of its responsibilities and authority. Trustees shall:

- Maintain and understand the values and goals of the school as representatives of the school community.
- Ensure the needs of all students and their achievement is paramount.
- Be loyal to the organisation and its mission
- Publicly represent the school in a positive manner
- Respect the integrity of the Principal and staff
- Observe the confidentiality of non-public information acquired in their roles as trustees and not disclose to any other persons such information that might be harmful to the school
- Be diligent and attend board meetings prepared for full and appropriate participation in decision making
- Ensure that individual trustees do not act independently of the board's decisions
- Speak with one voice through its adopted policies and ensure that any disagreements with the board's stance are resolved within the board
- Avoid any conflicts of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility
- Recognise the lack of authority in any individual trustee or subgroup of the board in any interaction with the Principal or staff
- Recognise that only the chairperson can speak for the board
- Continually self-monitor their individual performance as trustees against policies and against any other current board evaluation tools
- Be available to undertake appropriate training

Silverdale School Board of Trustees, Study Scholarship 2019

The Board of Trustees Study Scholarship, have been awarded to the following staff:

- Mark Ralston - Te Reo language
- Anne Reid – 6 week beginners Te Reo course
- Tina Branks – 6 week beginners Te Reo course
- Caroline Holmes – 6 week beginners Te Reo course

Congratulations to them all.

Here are the Term Dates for 2019

<i>Term One</i>	<i>Finish Term 1- 12 April 2019</i>
<i>Term Two</i>	<i>29 April 2019 – 5 July 2019</i>
<i>Term Three</i>	<i>22 July 2019 – 27 September 2019</i>
<i>Term Four</i>	<i>14 October 2019 - 20 December 2019</i>

Our Next Board Meeting

If you would like to come along to the next Board of Trustees meeting it is on **Monday 1st April at 7.00pm.**