



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

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

19th December 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Staff,

In the middle of the year we had a Board of Trustees election as James Arnold had a change in work commitments and had to step down from the Board of Trustees. We really appreciated James' professionalism and the time he spent as a Trustee and we would like to thank him for his contribution. I would like to personally thank our current board members Colin Thomson, Hayley Thow, Nicola Kayes, Steven McCleery, Cameron Lockie and Sheree McLeish for all their hard work and dedication this year.

Some of the things the Board have been up to in 2017:

- School Policies 1, 3, 4 and 6, have been updated with minor changes,
- Our 8 classrooms were started this year and will be completed for Term 2 2018,
- Completed our major upgrade to our field,
- We have attended many workshops, webinars and the annual NZSTA, including:
 - Hautū Workshop
 - NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) Conference
 - Learning Support Workshop
 - Effective Governance Workshop
 - Effective Financial Governance Workshop
 - The Good Employer Workshop
 - Special Needs, Students Behaviour and Discipline Workshop
 - Board Chairs' Workshop x 2

Board of Trustees Scholarship

The Board of Trustees Scholarship for this year was awarded to three staff members. Margaret Joyce completed a paper on the Foundations of Literacy Education, Nicola Neethling completed two papers as part of a Diploma of Psychology. Mark Ralston completed another year on Maori language and culture and has been awarded a further scholarship in 2018 to complete his studies to Level 5. We are very proud of all of them.

School Donations for 2018

The Board decided to retain the school donations of \$200.00 a year or \$50.00 per term, per student for 2018. The Board will continue to perform a draw each term for a refund of \$50.00, for all students that have paid their donations. We would like to thank our parents who have paid their donations this year, it does make a difference to our school and it allows us to purchase resources for your children.

Silverdale School Board of Trustees thank you to our Staff

We must acknowledge our Principal, Cameron Lockie. Cameron's vision for Silverdale School, his dedication, professionalism and focus on the education and wellbeing of all our students is incredible. Thank you Cameron.

Thanks to our Deputy Principal Nicola Neethling, it was Nicola's first year as our Deputy Principal, she has taken the role on with enthusiasm and has done an amazing job.

Our Associate Principal Lynn Scott does an incredible job of looking after our junior syndicate. Thank you Lyn.

Thank you to our Team Leaders Rebeccah Basset-Smith, Marion Durose and Laura Webster; to all our wonderful teachers who do an amazing job with all our children; to our teacher aides and all our support staff. They all do such a fantastic job with the extra activities they help with over the year, it is really appreciated by us all.

Staff Leaving

Sadly we are saying goodbye to some of our staff members. The Board would like to wish Sune Boswell, Linden Wilde, Gemma Pratomo, Jill Johnson and Nicole Varadi all the best in their next adventures. A special thank you to Sandra Owen who is retiring this year after 19 years working at Silverdale School.

Thank you to the PTA

Our PTA has had another great year and we thank them for all their hard work this year and for doing a great job fundraising for our school. Our Country Show Day was another fantastic day and was a huge success. The donation from the PTA of \$70,000.00 yesterday at our prize givings is just amazing and we can't thank you enough for the support you show our school. So a huge thank you to the PTA.

Thank you to our Community

The board would like to thank all of you, the parents and the caregivers of the children in our school for the support you have given this year; it has been incredible. Especially to all those parents, grandparents and friends of the school who volunteer their time to the school.

Here are the Term Dates for 2018

<i>Term One</i>	<i>7 February 2018 – 13 April 2018</i>
<i>Term Two</i>	<i>30 April 2018 – 6 July 2018</i>
<i>Term Three</i>	<i>23 July 2018 – 28 September 2018</i>
<i>Term Four</i>	<i>15 October 2018 -20 December 2018</i>

Our first Board Meeting in 2018

If you would like to come along to the next Board of Trustees meeting it is on Monday 26 February 2018 at 7.00pm.

Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the holidays.