



## 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

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Teachers,**

The Board would like to welcome all the new families and staff members to our school and wish you all a great 2016.

### Silverdale School Board of Trustees



**Alison Gilchrist**



**Brett Butland**



**Cameron Lockie**



**Colin Thomson**



**Cushla Walsh**



**Karen Holleron**



**Paul Murphy**

### Silverdale School PTA

The Board would like to thank the PTA for their wonderful fund raising cheque of \$42,000.00 which was presented to the Board at our end of year prize giving. This money went towards iPads and Chromebooks for the children.

The Board would also like to say a huge thank you to Dani Boyd who has retired this year and who has given so much to the PTA over a number of years.

The PTA is holding our amazing **'Fun, Food and Fiesta'** on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm – 7.00pm** so come along and have a great time.

### Reminders

The Board would like to remind you about some of the School Policies:

#### **Policy 5(a) Animal Welfare:**

**Dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at any time**, unless special permission is obtained from the Principal.

#### **Policy 5 Procedure 5.12: Alcohol at the School**

1. Alcohol will not be consumed while school is open for instruction.
2. Prize-giving, school functions and school camps will be deemed as being open for instruction – so no alcohol.
3. When children are present no alcohol will be permitted.

### Proposed Amendment to our Zone – Update

All submissions have been sent to the MOE and we are waiting to hear back from them.

## The Triennial Board Elections

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Select Returning Officer by	April 23rd, 2013 – <i>Vickie Matich is our Returning Officer</i>
Call for Nominations by	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Nominations Close	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
<b><u>Election Day</u></b>	<b><u>Noon Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016</u></b>
Count Votes	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Board Takes Office	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2016

The Triennial Board Elections are being held this year and we wanted the community to know '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.

### **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.

If you would like more information please contact one of the Board members or have a look on the NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association) website [www.nzsta.org.nz](http://www.nzsta.org.nz)

**Our next Board meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm**