

KERI KŌRERO

11 NOVEMBER 2026

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Taloha Ni, Ni sa bula, 你好, Namaste, 안녕하세요, Hola, Xin chao, السلام عليكم.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Ayaan Pillai, Oliver Bowern, Max Potgieter, Valentino De Abreu, Nyah Barkla, Ethan Liu, Rheed Lessing and Ruby Daniels.

Drop-off/Pick-up

With the volume of traffic in and around school, please be patient and mindful during drop-off and pick-up times. We urge all families to strictly follow the 40km/h speed limit outside the school gates and to use the designated crossing points. The safety of our tamariki is our highest priority.

Mobile Phones at At School

Please remind your children who bring mobile phones to school that they must be handed into their classroom teacher at the beginning of the day and then they can collect them at the end of the day.

Hats

Please make sure that your child has their school hat at school. The wearing of the school hat is compulsory during term 4. Children not wearing a school hat will have to sit in a shaded area during break times. Hats can be purchased via Kindo. A report is run at 9.30am daily and hats are named and handed out to the children.

Interschool Swimming 2026

Last week, a team of our talented students proudly represented us at the Cluster Interschool Swimming Competition. Facing tough competition, every single swimmer demonstrated incredible determination and grit in the pool. Congratulations to all who competed!

A huge special mention goes to Emma Cameron for her outstanding performance:

- 1st Place: Year 5 Girls, 25m Breaststroke 🥇
- 2nd Place: Year 5 Girls, 25m Freestyle 🥈
- 2nd Place: Year 5 Girls, 75m Individual Medley 🥈
- 3rd Place: Year 5 Girls, 25m Backstroke 🥉

Ka rawe, Emma!

Thanks to the combined effort and spirit of our entire team, our school placed 3rd overall! We are so proud of you all.

Tū Māia Festival 2026

On November 6th, Silverdale School had the honour of hosting the Tū Māia Festival at the Ōrewa College Arts and Events Centre. Tū Māia is an annual kapa haka cultural festival celebrated by primary and secondary schools across the Hibiscus Coast. The festival brings together hundreds of local tamariki from 12 kura to showcase their talent, pride, and Māori cultural heritage. Our senior kapa haka rōpū took the stage last, delivering a breathtaking performance that left everyone in the audience filled with pride and emotion. The commitment, heart, and discipline demonstrated by our tamariki were nothing short of extraordinary. A huge mihi to our kaiako, and whānau for all your hard work and support—ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!



One of my favourite things about Silverdale School is the annual Tū Māia festival that the year 5s and 6s participate in. Every year the year 5s and 6s get dressed into their performance outfits and go to Orewa College to perform. This year was by far the most amazing performance that Silverdale has ever done. You get lots of opportunities to lead waiata and do long poi for when we perform. Tū Māia means to stand brave. All the local primary schools and some colleges in Auckland participate in it and practice for days until Tū Māia comes around. I got to do long poi for one of the songs we did. Tū Māia is a chance to shine brightly and accept new challenges. Tū Māia always happens in October. This year we hosted Tū Māia so we got to do a pohiri to the people coming in. Our performance was from 1:55 to 2:10, and some of us stayed at Orewa College for the whole day. If you are a year 4 going into year 5, I hope you enjoy Tū Māia!

By Harper Oldfield

At Tū Māia in the morning we started with a powhiri to welcome everyone to Tū Māia. Then we watched some other schools. The schools were in order: Orewa College Juniors, Dairy Flat, Ahutoetoe, Orewa Primary, Stanmore Bay Primary, Wainui Primary, and then the last one for session 1, Gulf Harbour. After everyone was finished, we ended Tū Māia session 1 with a karakia. Then session 2 came. We did another powhiri but this time we wore our performance kakahu. After that, we watched some more performances. The Schools were Orewa College Seniors, Whangapāroa Primary, Orewa Beach, Whangapāroa College and Red Beach. We were the last school to perform. We performed at 1:55 and finished at 2:10. The kura that is hosting next year is Whangaparoa Primary. Ka rawe Whangaparoa Primary.

By Zylah Menehira







A New Initiative from Our School Enviro Group

Our school enviro group is made up of students from Year 5 and 6. This group meets regularly to discuss ways that our school and community can be more environmentally friendly. One of the discussions was that they have seen an increase in the amount of rubbish around the school. They have come up with a solution to the rubbish problem. **So welcome to Kaitiakitanga Wednesdays! Read below to find out more about Kaitiakitanga Wednesdays.**

Save Money, Supercharge Health & Protect Our Planet – All in One Go!

What if one small tweak to your morning routine could save you over $1,200 a year, boost your child's energy, and help safeguard Aotearoa for future generations?

Welcome to Kaitiakitanga Wednesdays!

Starting Wednesday 11 November, we're launching our Waste-Free Wednesday Lunchbox Challenge alongside our popular Travelwise Wednesdays. Every Wednesday, we invite all tamariki to travel to school car-free (walk, scooter, bike, or bus) and pack a trash-free lunchbox.

The Weekly Class Competition

Each week, we'll tally up two things:

1. The classes with the least amount of single-use packaging in their lunchboxes.
2. The classes with the most students arriving car-free.

The winning class in each team will proudly display the Travelwise Trophy and the Waste-Free Wednesday Classroom Plant for the week!

Why Take the Challenge?

- Big Savings for Your Pocket: Did you know packing a waste-free lunch box costs around $6.37 less per day? That adds up to $31.85 saved every week—or an incredible $1,274 back in your pocket each school year!
- Guardianship of Aotearoa: NZ generates roughly 4,100 tonnes of waste every single day—that's the weight of 16 blue whales! By ditching single-use wrappers, your family directly cuts down what ends up in our landfills and oceans.
- Nourishing Kids' Minds & Bodies: Unpackaged whole foods—like fresh fruit, veggie sticks, homemade baking, and leftovers—are naturally lower in hidden sugars, salt, and preservatives, giving your tamariki sustained fuel to learn and play.

Need Ideas?

Check out our handy Waste-Free Lunchbox Poster attached to this newsletter for quick, clever, and budget-friendly ideas—from bulk-bin swaps to simple homemade treats. If you bring your own containers to Bin Inn in Silverdale you even receive a 5% discount!

Together, let's show our tamariki how small daily actions create massive change. Thank you for your support as we step up as kaitiaki of our health and environment!

WASTE-FREE LUNCH BOX IDEAS FOR NZ FAMILIES

NOT JUST WASTE FREE: YUMMY, CLEVER WAYS OF SAVING THE EARTH!

DITCH MULTIPACKS, BUY BIG TUBS & BAGS



Instead of single-serve items, buy large tubs of yoghurt, cookie packs, chips and snacks. Portion them into smaller containers.

FIT REUSABLE CONTAINERS IN LUNCHBOXES



Get containers that fit inside your lunchbox. No more individually packed

SHOP FROM BULK STORES & SUPERMARKETS



Buy staples and snacks in bulk. Bring your own container to bulk stores for a discount!

Also check supermarket bulk bins.

BUY WHOLE FOODS & CHOP THEM UP



Choose unwrapped fruits and veggies. Chop them yourself for fresh, cheap, and waste-free lunch box treats.

BAKE HOMEMADE MUFFINS & MUESLI BARS



Make your own delicious muffins, cookies, or muesli bars. They're cheaper, tastier, and avoid packaging!

USE LEFTOVERS FOR LUNCH



Pack leftover dinner for a ready-made lunch. It saves time and prevents food waste.

REDUCE WASTE | EAT HEALTHY | SAVE MONEY

CLEAN GREEN AOTEAROA

Principal Awards

Well done to the following children who received Principals awards at last week's assembly.















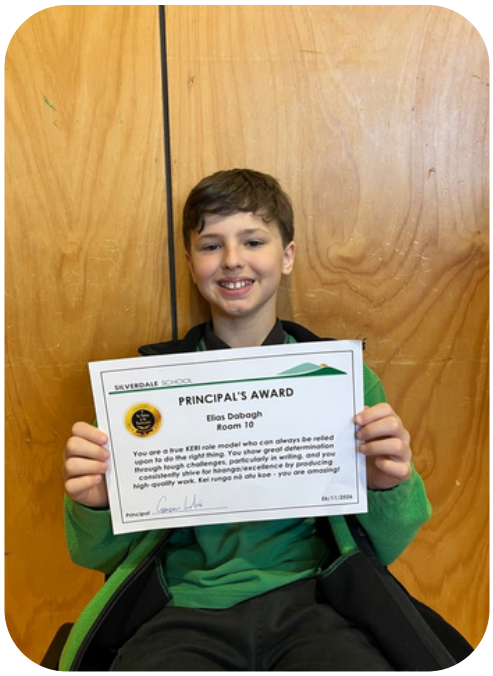




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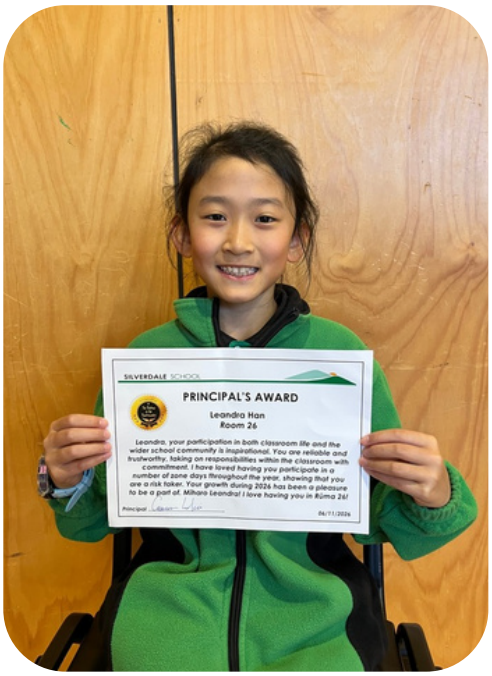






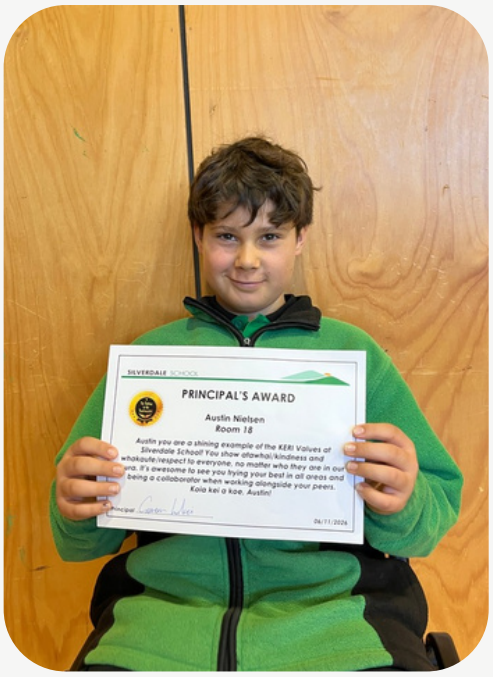






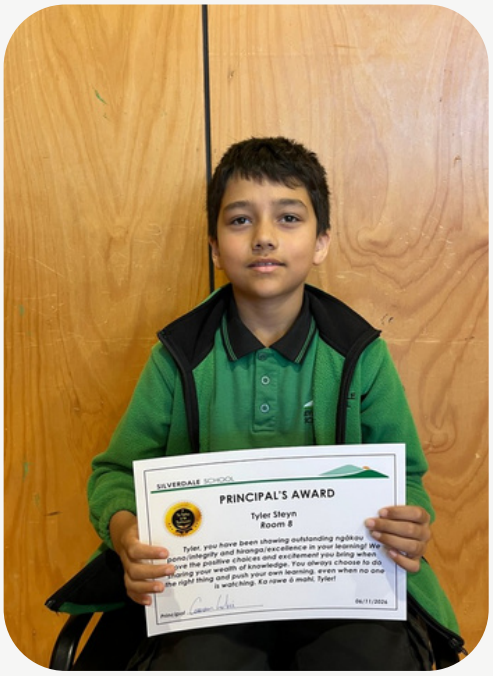
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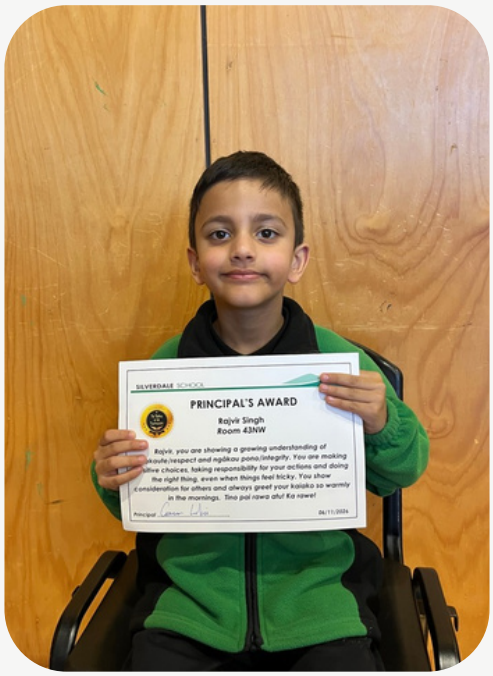








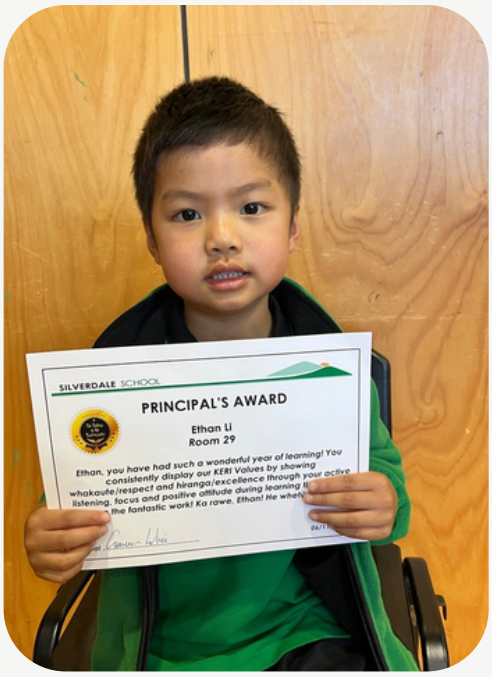






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Well done to the following children who received Principals awards at last week's assembly.



KERI Awards

Well done to the following children who received Caught by KERI awards at last week's assembly.

	Team Te Ōhanga	Team Kiwi	Team Pūkeko	Team Tūī
Kindness Atawhai	Cooper	Harrison	Valentino	Lyla
Excellence Hiranga	Middo	Tamara	Melody	Ally
Respect Whakaute	Amelia	Hope	Georgia	Emma
Integrity Ngākau pono	Eden	Khyan	Jade	Sofia



Assembly Presenters

Congratulations to our celebration/whakanui assembly presenters at last week's assembly.





Kelly Club

KELLY CLUB

TERM 4 2026

12 Oct - 18 Dec

Weekly Theme Planner
Kelly Club Silverdale

Wk 1 12 Oct	**Alice in Wonderland**		Let's take a dive down the rabbit hole! You'll never guess what we might find!
Wk 2 19 Oct	**European Adventure**		Pack your (imaginary) bags! We're off on a fun-filled adventure to explore Europe.
Wk 3 26 Oct	**Monster Mash**		Ghosts, ghouls, and lots of fun! Join us for spooky games, creepy crafts.
Wk 4 2 Nov	**Kids Choice**		This week you're the boss! What is your favourite activity?
Wk 5 9 Nov	**Diwali Delight**		Celebrate the Festival of Lights and brighten up the week with Diwali magic.
Wk 6 16 Nov	**Happy Hobbies**		Show off your favourite hobby! Let's share what we love and have fun doing it together.
Wk 7 23 Nov	**Dream Big**		Imagine, create, and play! This week we're turning your wildest dreams into fun activities and adventures.
Wk 8 30 Nov	**Time Travellers**		Come jump in our time machine. Let's explore the past and peep into the future.
Wk 9 7 Dec	**Christmas Cheer!**		Ho, Ho, Ho! Join us at Kelly Club for a week full of holiday magic and joy.
Wk 10 14 Dec	**Staff Choice**		This week the staff get to decide! You'll have to join us to find out what they choose.

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KELLY CLUB

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What's Up AT YOUR CLUB

KELLY CLUB SILVERDALE UPDATE

What's been happening...

Kids choice was such a fun week! The kids were amazing in the kitchen and made a delicious sprinkle slice - so delicious everyone wanted the recipe to make at home! The kids loved playing their favourite sports, like dodgeball and octopus tag. We spent a lot of time out on the playground and in the sandpit!





What's happening next week!

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Happy Hobbies!
Term 4 Week 6, 16th November 2026

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Silverdale

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Flag Making & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Staff Choice & Structured Free Time	Homemade Pikelets & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Simon Says	Game: Needle Tag	Game: Rob the Nest	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Turkey Tag
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rice Bubble Cakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sausage Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Pikelets & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Frozen Tag	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: Seaweed	Game: Wacky Relays
Team A 3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Mini Replicas	SPORT Hockey	COOKING Scones	CRAFT Scrapbook Boards	GAME Board Games Champion
Team B 3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Painted Postcards	DISCOVERY Mini Replicas	COOKING Scones	GAME Pacman Tag	SPORT Hockey
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon's Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects

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