

## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – PTA – 27 NOVEMBER 2024

**Karakia**

Let us begin with the sign of our faith in Te Reo Māori:

**Ki te Ingoa, o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu. Amene.**

*Our School*

This is our school,  
Let peace dwell here,  
Let our school be full of contentment,  
Let love abide here,  
Love of one another,  
Love of people,  
Love of life itself,  
And love of God.  
Let us remember,  
That, as many hands build a house.  
So many hearts make a school.

This final report to the PTA for 2024 provides an opportunity to reflect on another eventful year. It is also an opportunity for me to thank this PTA, for the committed, fun and driven way you support the staff and students. The genuine care and kindness you have put behind different events and initiatives this year has been much appreciated. In my first year as Principal at GSS it has been a pleasure to work with you all and I am looking forward to 2025.

### **All Saints Day Mass**

A beautiful and interactive Mass was held by Monsignor Bernard Kiely where children were encouraged to dress as their favourite Saint.

### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

We are looking forward to the End-of-Year School and Graduation Mass on Wednesday 4 December, when we will thank God for the year we have had together and farewell our Year 6 leavers and their families.

### **Visit from Olympic Ambassador**

We also had an inspirational visit from Olympic Ambassador Samantha Charlton. Samantha has been a member of the New Zealand Women's Hockey Team. She shared her journey with our children about how she reached this elite level of sport, how she overcame setbacks and the children had an opportunity to ask questions to learn more. Although a little delayed this visit builds nicely off the learning that took place earlier this year about the Olympics.

## Performing Arts

Our kapa haka group did an excellent job representing GSS at an Irish Club Community Day on the 9th of November where two other Catholic Primary Schools also delivered cultural performances. They will again present at the Albert-Eden Cultural Festival at Rocket Park Week 7, Nov 30. Our thanks to Whae Liv, Matua Tainui and Alice Ryan for their commitments and efforts supporting our children to have this opportunity. We are very grateful to whānau and teachers who work with these performance groups to prepare them to reach this high standard of performance. After nearly a year of preparations the GSS choir sang beautifully as a part of the Eden-Albert Choir Performance at the Holy Trinity, Cathedral, Wednesday 13 Nov. Our thanks to Ms. Li for her dedication and support in leading our school choir.

## Academic outcomes for all students

### Student Achievement

The following report is presented to the PTA for your information and discussion:

*Good Shepherd School Report on Student Achievement: NZCER PAT Reading Assessment -By Megan Dyer*

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