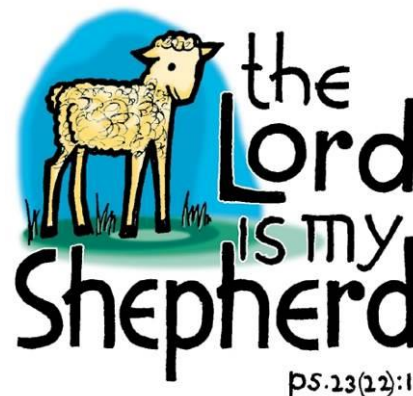


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

\* Hello \* Kia Ora \* Malo e Lelei \* Namaste \* Cead Mile Failte \* Talofa Lava \*  
\* Kia Orana \* Zdravo \* Dzień Dobry \* Apa Kabar \* Guten Tag \* An Nyung Ha Se Yo \*  
\* Privet \* Kwaziwai \* Mabuhay Kayo \* Kon Nichi Wa \* Hola \* Ola \* Salaam \* Fakalofa Atu

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## *From the principal...*

St. Pope John Paul 11 talked about Catholic education as being 'above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others'. This week the teachers of Good Shepherd School joined those from all other Catholic schools in Auckland for the annual Dedication Mass at Christ the King Church in Owairaka. On this occasion we expressed our commitment to Catholic education, our dedication to the holistic education of our students, including their spiritual, intellectual, moral, emotional, physical and social development, and to educational excellence. It was a very special occasion and one that made you proud to be part of the Catholic education system, and inspired to look further for ways of communicating Christ to others.



As we move towards the sixth week of the term, we ask for your prayers for those who are not well in our school community. Our wonderful Caring Committee has been very busy and we thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness – you are definitely communicating Christ to others! We also keep in our prayers those children who are preparing for their first reconciliation and who will be presented at Mass this Sunday.

God bless

*Jane Hahn*

## **Early close of school**

School will close early on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1.00pm** as staff will be attending an offsite conference. OSCA will operate from 1.00pm. Please make arrangements to collect your children promptly at 1.00pm.

## **Safety in the car park**

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who take extra care when driving down Telford Avenue, and Volcanic and Pine Streets when dropping off and picking up children. We are all responsible for the safety of all our children and we ask that everybody respect the limit of 40km/hour during those crucial before school and after school times.

## **Room 3 & 4 Assembly this week**

You are warmly invited to attend this assembly on Friday at 2.15 p.m.

## **Cycles and scooters**

Just a reminder about protocols around riding cycles and scooters to school. We encourage children to travel to and from school by walking, cycling or on scooters but we do ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden in the school grounds before 6.00 p.m. during the week; they must be walked. Helmets are mandatory when riding bikes and it is good to see that lots of parents insist on their children wearing helmets when riding scooters as well. We also ask that all children walk their bikes and scooters in the car park areas between 8.30 a.m. and 8.50 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe as they make their way to and from school.

### Auckland Diocese Preference Forms

At this time of the year many of our families are asking for our Parish Priest to sign Preference forms for Catholic secondary schools. Msgr Bernard will be available to sign Preference forms after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

### Imaginary Play for Year 5 and 6 students

Once again our Year 5 and 6 students are invited to participate in Imaginary Play sessions at lunchtimes on Fridays. This is one of those great parent-run initiatives that encourages children to play co-operatively and in ways that may be different from the usual form of play they engage in, using different, non-routine equipment. Part of this approach is to encourage children to take acceptable risk in their play, and although we do not normally allow children to climb trees during the school day, they are allowed to do so during the Imaginary Play sessions. As always, our first consideration is the safety and well-being of our students and we believe that by encouraging them to judge what is acceptable in terms of risk will equip them with skills to make good judgments in the future.

If you **do not want** your child to participate in this particular activity, please communicate this to the school office in writing. We thank Julie O'Toole for organizing these sessions for our senior students.

### Netball 2018

Today the children will be coming home with a notice about school netball for 2018. If you are interested in your child playing netball; coaching or managing a team; or running the afterschool programme for year 1 and 2s, please complete the form and return to the school office by March 7<sup>th</sup>. Marieke Zieleman (ph 021 679 555) is kindly co-ordinating the GSS netball again this season and we thank her for managing this.

On Tuesday 27 February, 13 swimmers from Good Shepherd School competed in the **Eden/Albert**



**swimming zones** at Diocesan Pool. They swam extremely well throughout all the events. All the swimmers showed great sportsmanship, perseverance, swimming ability and competitiveness.

Well done to all of you!

### Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Natasha MacRae** from Room 3 and **Wils Pahulu** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Natasha and Wils for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



### Welcome



We extend a very warm welcome to the following new student who has started with us recently:

Uiti Lemana

### Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthdays in **March 2018:**

Sabine Andrews		Po'oi Kaho
Matthew Clement		Filomena Kautoke
Noah D'Rose		Adam Lobo
Carlo Eclarino		Carissa May
William Erickson		Darcy McGivern
Matila Fa'apopo		Eli Millar
Luka Hale		Daniel O'Reilly
Molly Hanrahan		Genevieve Olliver
Levi Harris		Xavier Prentice
William Harris		Asher Sutton
Alana Jackson		Melody Tuala Soon
James Jansen		



### The Holey Fathers Annual Hot House Challenge

The annual Holey Fathers Hot House Challenge will be held on **Saturday 17 March 2018!!** Bring along your togs and racing faces and feel free to dress in your house colours. Face paint is encouraged!! The kickoff is at 2:30pm, so if you can arrive from about 2pm to collect your wrist bands, that would be great!!

## From the PTA

### Sushi and Moosies:

A reminder that Sushi is available for the kids on Fridays.

Orders are to be placed on Thursday and can be placed in the Sushi Mailbox at the office at any time during the school day.

#### Prices:

4 pack Chicken, Tuna or Vege	\$5.00
6 pack Chicken, Tuna or Vege	\$6.00
8 pack Chicken, Tuna or Vege	\$7.00
Teriyaki Chicken on Rice	\$6.00

### Meet the new Committee:

#### *Kelly Peterson*

Kelly has 2 kids at GSS, Zara in Year 4 and Daniel in Year 2. Her favourite things are pub quizzes, Parks & Rec, Thai food and Guns n Roses

#### *Mairead Woods*

Mairead has a hubby and three kids, Siena is in Year 3 and Will is in Year 1 at GSS. Nat is seen regularly at school but has a couple more years to wait. Mairead likes running, skiing and biking in the great outdoors, and architecture/design. She loves it when someone else is cooking but preferably not her kids. Wishes she could see more live music.

#### *Kirsty-Anne Singleton*

Kirsty-Anne has been a GSS parent for 2 years. She has William in Room 8, Thomas in Room 1 and Samuel who is only 2 but can't wait to get to school! She doesn't have a great deal of spare time between her family and work commitments, but loves squeezing in drinks with friends, reading, going for walks and dancing.

#### *Bugsy (Andrew) Shaw*

I am sometimes called Andrew, but mostly only at work! Anna and I have been GSS parents for 3 1/2 years with Maggie in Room 9, Esme due to start this year, so I'll be around for a while yet! I like seeing new sights with the family, dumplings in Balmoral, and when I get time I like to throw myself down hills on bikes.

Feel free to get in contact any time, [digitalbugsy@gmail.com](mailto:digitalbugsy@gmail.com). Or join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSSPTA/>

Thanks!

Kirsty-Anne, Kelly, Mairead and Bugsy



**Congratulations to Tiri & Jason Raumati-Greenhalgh** on the birth of their son Isaiah, a little brother for Xavier and Monet.

**Required for school production, big empty fridge boxes. Please bring to the office. Thank you.**

### Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre (MERC) Upcoming Events

MERC has two fun, family friendly events open to the public to celebrate Sea Week which runs from March 3 - 11

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 6:00 - 8:00pm**  
Evening Intertidal Exploration

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 10:00 - 3:00 pm**  
'Sea' MERC Day

### Eden Rugby Junior Rugby at Eden.

Register online now on [www.edenrugby.co.nz](http://www.edenrugby.co.nz)  
Tackle players must weigh in Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 1-4pm. Eden Rugby Clubrooms – Gribblehirst Park.

### Marcellin College Open Day Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Tours at 9am, 10am, 11am and midday – no registration needed.

Come and find out about our college and view our campus. Enrolment packs for 2019 will be available.

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