

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....

It was a privilege this week to be part of the Rite II Reconciliation on Tuesday evening when such a large group of our children took part in this Sacrament for the first time. It was very special to see the number of adults there to support the children, and to participate in the Sacrament themselves. Equally special have been the thought provoking Easter liturgies prepared for the school each morning by our Special Character leaders, sharing the true meaning of Easter and leading us into this greatest feast in the Christian calendar.

Strong home-school partnerships are the key to children's learning success, and once again I thank you for the commitment you have shown to this relationship in your attendance at the Three Way Conferences this week. It is a busy time for everyone, as teachers prepare for the meetings and you squeeze another school event into your busy calendars but I think we all agree that it's a very worthwhile exercise. Please remember that you do not need to wait for formal interview times – you can arrange to see your child's teacher or teachers at any time during the year if you have any concerns or questions about their learning.

Finally, I wish you all a blessed Easter. Travel safely if you are going away for a break and enjoy the time with your families. We'll see you back for a busy last two weeks of the term on Wednesday next week.

God bless
Jane Hahn



Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Remy Kastelan** from Room 7 and **Rose Gray** from Room 1 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Remy and Rose for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Staffing Update

Next term we will be opening Room 2 for our new entrant children. We are very fortunate to have Clare Fala and Janet Scanlan, two teachers who are well known in our community, taking responsibility for this classroom.

Easter Break

School will close at 3pm today for the Easter break and will resume on Wednesday 4th April at 8.50am.

Student Achievement at Good Shepherd

Coming to you with this newsletter is the student achievement report that was presented at the last PTA meeting. Mrs Hahn is happy to discuss any aspects of this report with you.

Pool Closure

The swimming pool is closed on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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.

Parent Help Needed

Touch Zones	Thursday 5 April
Cross Country Zones	Tuesday 19 June
Football Zones	Tuesday 29 May TBC
Netball Zones	Thursday 9 August Save day - Tuesday 14 August
Athletics Zones	Thursday 22 November Save day Thu 29 November
GSS school cross country	Tuesday 5 June
GSS school athletics day	Wednesday 14 Nov Save day - Fri 16 Nov

If you are able to help out at these events please contact Heather McLeod at hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Good Shepherd Aquatics Programme

The Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons with qualified instructors at Mt Eden Swimming Pool have now been completed. We welcome your feedback on this aspect of our Aquatics Programme – please email principal@goodshepherd.school.nz.

Lost Property

Please remember to check the lost property shelves inside the admin building.

Please name all items belonging to your children including uniform, lunch boxes and swimming gear.

St Peter's College Enrolments for 2019 close
Friday 6th April 2018

Contact Details:

Lisa Duffy, Enrolment Office

PH: 524 8108 x7323

Email: enrolments@st-peters.school.nz

PTA Parents' Morning Tea Friday 6 April in the staff room

You are all invited to come and share some time with other Good Shepherd parents on Friday 6 April after school drop off time. It is a great way to get to know other members of our school community and pre-schoolers are welcome! Thank you to Andrea Hannay and her team for co-ordinating this event.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/
(go to Catholic Schools in Auckland / Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions)

Swimming Pool Hire Keys

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key for the season that the pool closes on Wednesday 4th April and keys need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 6th April 2018**. Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00 which is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned by this date, you will lose your bond.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that the children change to winter uniform for terms 2 and 3. The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 9.00am during term time. Arrangements for purchasing uniform items outside of these hours can be made by phoning or emailing the school office. Please note the school does not sell black socks or school shoes but we do have a number of second hand shoes on hand. The school office is not open during the school holidays.



The Toy Shop on Zip Zap Avenue

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Rehearsals for the production are well underway and the buzz from the students is beginning to take flight. Classes are busy discussing costumes, hair and make-up, so if you are able to help with any of these areas please do let your child's teacher know.

Performance Dates/Times:

Wednesday 16th May - 1:30pm (matinee)
Wednesday 16th May - 7:00pm
Thursday 17th May - 7:00pm

Ticket Price: \$5 (children under 3 are free as they can sit on their parent's lap)

Tickets: Available at the office from Monday 9th April.

We have allocated seating. When purchasing your tickets you will need to choose which seats you wish to sit in (so get in quick if you want specific seats). There is no limit on how many tickets you can purchase, it is basically, first in first served. Each performance seats 170 people.

We are also looking for parents each night who can volunteer to help with backstage during the shows.

Wednesday 7pm performance - 4 parents
Thursday 7pm performance - 4 parents

If you are available for one of these performances please contact Miss Sarah Gleeson - sgleeson@goodshepherd.school.nz, with the date that you are available.

From the PTA

PTA Meeting Update

We had a great turn out to the PTA meeting last week!

A couple of items that were passed:

- 1) We are going to introduce an online ordering system for sushi, this is planned to be in place for first orders next term, so no more envelopes and stopping at the dairy to get coins!
- 2) We passed a funding request for Library Books for senior school readers. We will be working through the purchase of these.
- 3) The quiz night date has been set, 31st of August – put it in your diaries!

The next meeting date is set for the 22nd of May.

A request for volunteers!

As some of the parents look towards a future without kids at GSS, we are looking for some volunteers to take over running some of the key parts of our fundraising calendar – The Movie Night, The Calendars and the Grandparents Day Mass. These are great events, and well worth getting involved in. Let us know if you can help!

As always, feel free to get in contact any time, digitalbugsy@gmail.com

Or join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSSPTA/>

Thanks!

Kirsty-Anne, Kelly, Mairead and Buggy



Calling all Mother Superiors....

We did it  Term 1 is just about over.

Friday 6th April is the first of our 2018 Mother Superior catch up's!

Join us to celebrate the end of the first term with a vino or two...

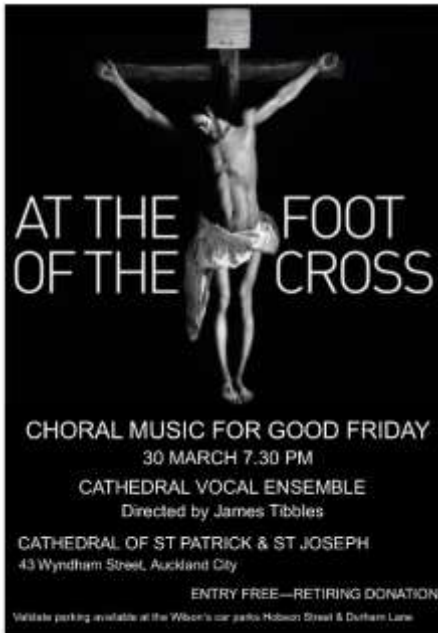
you may need it for the following 2 weeks of school holidays! 😊

Date: Friday 6th April

Time: from 7.00pm

Place: **Lord Kitchener, 6 Kitchener Road, Sandringham.**

Any questions or if you would like more information on Good Shepherd Mother Superiors please contact Catherine – 0274948603



At the Foot of the Cross - Choral Music for Good Friday

The Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph are very pleased once again to present

At the Foot of the Cross ~ a Choral Music offering for Good Friday by the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble directed by James Tibbles.

Friday 30 March at 7.30 pm.

Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph,
43 Wyndham Street, Auckland City

ENTRY FREE—RETIRING DONATION

Validate parking available at the Wilson's car parks
Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2)



“Taekwon-Do (which is a martial art) for Kids is held at the Good Shepherd school hall every Tuesday at 4.30pm-5.30pm. Our Mini-Kids syllabus is especially designed for kids aged 5-9 and is a great way to start off in Taekwon-Do.

The Mini-Kids curriculum progresses children into a stronger understanding of Taekwon-Do techniques. They develop fitness while learning cool moves, self-defence and have a lot of fun. It promotes self-confidence, personal achievement and resilience. Also, there is an emphasis on the valuable qualities of respect and honesty.

Pop in and see us any Tuesday to receive your free 1 x introductory class. Wear comfortable clothes and no shoes are needed. (No training during the holidays). Look forward to seeing you then.

Team Legacy”



School Festival Gymnastics

run by TriStar Gymnastics

For Years 4 – 6

Term 2 every Tuesday after school 3pm-4pm in the hall

\$95 per child for 9 weeks

(no lesson on 15th May)

Skill and development

Children will be learning the 3 routines for the school festival routines. Making sure the skills are done with tightness and finishing correctly.

To register or for further information please contact Ashleigh Henry at TriStar
ashleigh.henry@tristar.org.nz or phone 625 4354