

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....

The principles of the New Zealand Curriculum that underpin all school decision making include that of 'Inclusion'. This principle 'ensures that students' identities, languages, abilities, and talents are recognised and affirmed and that their learning needs are addressed' (p. 9) and we see it in action at Good Shepherd in many ways. One of these is through our programmes for gifted and talented learners (see the Good Shepherd School definition of Gifted and Talented below).

Effective provision for these learners, as with all learners, begins in the classroom, where teachers plan for and implement programmes to meet the individual needs of all their students, offering differentiated content, process and product of learning, and enrichment and acceleration of learning, as appropriate. We also offer an impressive range of special programmes outside the regular classroom, including the following in term 1:

Kids' Lit Quiz 2018

This year we have two teams of Year 6 students travelling to the Kids' Lit Quiz at St Cuthbert's College on 14 May to compete against other schools on questions on a wide variety of children's literature such as authors, titles and storybook characters. Thank you to Mrs Butcher and Mrs Drummond for organising and preparing the children for this fun competition.

The School Production

This term the school has been buzzing with preparations for our first school production in some time, *The Toy Shop on Zip Zap Avenue*, next term. This is a wonderful opportunity for those children with special talent in the performing arts to shine. Thank you to Miss Gleeson and Mrs Drummond for all the extra lunchtimes you spend on the production.

Otago University Problem Solving Challenge

Approximately 25 of our very able Year 5 and 6 mathematicians complete a series of problems designed for Year 7 and 8 students. Thank you Mrs Butcher and classroom teachers for preparing our children for this challenge.

Art Extension

Miss Down has been working with a group of able and interested artists on a project that will see them contributing art work for the planned new rapid rail stations in central Auckland. Thank you, Miss Down, for your work with these young artists.

Environmental Sustainability, TravelWise and Gardening Club

These important projects enable children to show leadership and service to the wider community, allowing creativity and bringing an awareness of how we are all responsible for taking care of our world and those in it. Thank you Miss Vergis and Miss O'Neill for your valuable contribution in this area.

Chess Club

Our wonderful Chess Club goes from strength to strength and this term we have 15 students working with Chess Master Mr McLaren to develop skills in chess. We have an even larger group from all year levels playing chess in the library at lunchtime and travelling to competitions throughout the year. Once again, we are grateful to Mrs Butcher and Mrs Pool for enabling our Chess Club.

Interschool Sports

In term 1 we had opportunities in swimming, cricket and touch rugby for our students who are interested and talented in sports to compete in interschool competitions. Thank you Mrs McLeod for all your work in creating these opportunities for our children.

Look out for further extra-curricular activities in all learning areas coming up during the year.

It has been a very full and exciting term! Enjoy your break with your children and thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

God bless

Jane Hahn

The Good Shepherd School Definition of Gifted and Talented

Gifted and talented students at Good Shepherd School are those who demonstrate exceptional performance and flair in relation to their peers of the same age, or who have potential outstanding ability in one or more of the following areas:

- General or specific academic aptitude
- Creative ability
- Leadership ability/social skills
- Visual or performing arts, including cultural arts
- Physical ability
- Technological ability

As a multicultural Catholic school, we acknowledge the special abilities that our children may have within the cultural and spiritual domains.

Tax donation receipts

Last year we upgraded to a new student management system which resulted in a change to our process for issuing tax donation receipts for the donation portion of the school account. The tax donation receipts for the tax year **(1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018)** have been generated and will be mailed home today. This is an important document, please keep an eye out for it in the post.

If you have any questions regarding your tax donation receipt please contact Kathryn in the school office.

School Attendance Dues

A reminder that every family has a responsibility to do their very best to pay their Attendance Dues. Thank you to those families who have paid their term 1 account and we are very grateful if you are also able to contribute the voluntary donations. If you have not made any payment this term please take some immediate action, either by paying some or all of term 1's fees, or coming to see me to make some arrangement.

Jane Hahn

**School will finish tomorrow at 3:00pm.
Term 2 starts on Monday 30th April, 8:50am**

Room 1 Assembly this week
You are warmly invited to attend this assembly tomorrow at 2.15 p.m.

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

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Kalo Sundin** from Room 7 and **Jemima Lipscombe** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Kalo and Jemima for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in April 2018:

Harrison DeLacey
Sarah Forbes
Rosa Fuli
Sebastian Hannay
Aidan Howard
Lucia Katongo
Joseph Lelava
Stanley Petau-Ah Poe
Xavier Raumati-Greenhalgh
Jai Sharma
Patelesio Sundin
Cicely Warman



Football Zones

Football Zones are on Tuesday 22 May (week 4) of Term 2. If there are any parents who can help supervise, transport, coach or referee please contact Heather McLeod on hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz
We will be finalising the teams during Week 1, Term 2.

Anzac Day 2018

This important commemoration occurs in the school holidays this year. If you would like your children to represent Good Shepherd School at the Mt Eden service (details below), please contact Mrs Hahn principal@goodshepherd.school.nz by 3pm on Friday.

Mt Eden Parade and Service

Parade assembly: 10.40am corner of Dexter Ave and Dominion Rd

Parade commences: 10.50am parade marches along Dominion Rd to Mt Eden War Memorial Hall
Service: 11am

Road closure details: Rolling road closure will be in place for the duration of the parade

Calling for help for the Gardening Club (parents, caregivers or grandparents!)

If you are interested in helping out our wonderful Gardening Club, Miss O'Neill would love to hear from you! Please email her on: joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz

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

Wednesday 7pm performance - 2 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.



Sheridan/Connolly News:

Term 2 at Good Shepherd will once again be a great term of learning. Below are the topics and areas of focus for us for the term.

Inquiry = The Greatest Wealth is Health (Healthy Eating) **HEALTH CURRICULUM Personal growth & development**

Year 0-3 - Describe feelings and ask questions about their health, growth, development, and personal needs and wants.

Year 4-6- Describe their stages of growth and their development needs and demonstrate increasing responsibility for self-care.

= We will be having the Life Education Bus on site for Week 1 which will be a great introduction to our inquiries.

Writing = Explanation reports (healthy eating) and speeches

Maths = Number Knowledge, Mult/Div, Geometry (Position & Orientation, Transformation), Measurement (Volume & Capacity)

PE = Large balls, cross country (we also have our whole school cross country event during the term), gymnastics

The Arts (Drama) = **Communicating and Interpreting**

Year 0-3 - Share drama through informal presentation and respond to ways in which drama tells stories and conveys ideas in their own and others' work.

Year 4-6 - Share drama through informal presentation and respond to elements of drama in their own and others' work.

Maori = Taku akomanga (learning the Maori language of the classroom, e.g. commands, names of objects)

R.E. = Charism (Care), Prayer (imaginative), Holy Spirit, Ascension, Pentecost, Church, (refer to school website for more details on the Strands in the different year levels).

Aquatic sessions

This term we have been participating in a pretty exciting and important aquatics programme. We have been learning about survival techniques in deep water and how to wear and use a life jacket correctly.

Each class had a life jacket aquatic session in the classroom. Then each class went to the school pool for a practical session with the expert instructors.



These are the skills we practised in the pool:

1. Putting the life jacket on correctly, before entering the pool (ensure the clips are tight enough)
2. HELP position
 - H - Heat
 - E - Energy
 - L - Lessening
 - P - Position
3. Signalling for help with one hand in the air (no waving)
4. Huddle (put tired or injured people in the middle)
5. Survival chain (moving forwards and backwards)
6. Moving from a huddle to a survival chain
7. Putting a life jacket on when already in the water.



From the PTA

PTA Meeting Update

Sushi

We are moving forward with an electronic ordering system for our Sushi, kicking off next term. This will greatly streamline the processing of orders, and also make it easier for parents! A benefit of the system is we can use it for other electronic payments like buying tickets for the Quiz Night! If you have any questions regarding the new sushi ordering system please contact **Emma Chan on 027 774 5941**.

We will still need volunteers to collect the sushi from Cafe Sushi, and are looking for help on the following dates next term:

- 11th May
- 25th May
- 8th June
- 15th June
- 22nd June
- 28th June
- 6th July

Did you know that the volunteer gets a free pack of sushi for his/her lunch courtesy of Cafe Sushi?!

Please email Emma Chan at emma@virtualtag.co with the date/dates you are able to help.

A request for volunteers!

We have had two parents offer their time to help with the Movie Night and the Calendars, thank you Sandy and Emma! We still are looking for a volunteer for the Grandparents Day Mass. This is a great event, and well worth getting involved in. Let us know if you can help!

PTA Meeting

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

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

Sushi lunches online

We have just made ordering sushi lunch so much easier!
No more finding cash, filling in forms – it's all online.
We are open 24/7 and available on the school website.

Online sushi orders will begin from Term 2 Week 1. We will no longer be accepting cash.
To ensure you are able to order sushi from next term, set up your account today.

Setting up an account

Creating an account is easy!

[Click here](#) for the login in page for our Kindo online school shop.

Click on [Create an account](#) and complete the online form by entering in your contact details, and your child/ren's name/s.

Payment

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' icon.



Bank Transfer No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.

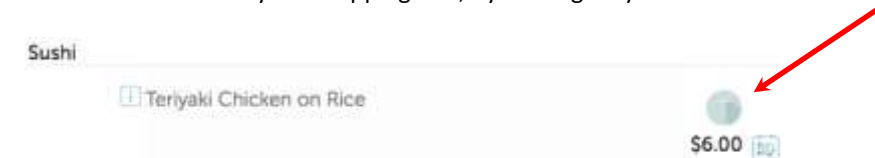
Account 2 account No fees. Instant transfer. ****RECOMMENDED****

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Credit/Debit Card 50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer.
Visa / MasterCard / American Express and China UnionPay available.

Shopping

Items can be added to your shopping cart, by clicking on your child's initial next to an item.



Once you have made all your purchases click on to **CHECK OUT** complete your transaction.

Then simply click **Place Order** at the checkout and you're done!

If you have insufficient funds you will be required to top-up first to complete your transaction.
Your order will automatically go through to the school, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your payment or top-up!



Need assistance? Call the Kindo helpdesk on free phone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636).

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ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT EMMA CHAN ON 027 774 5941