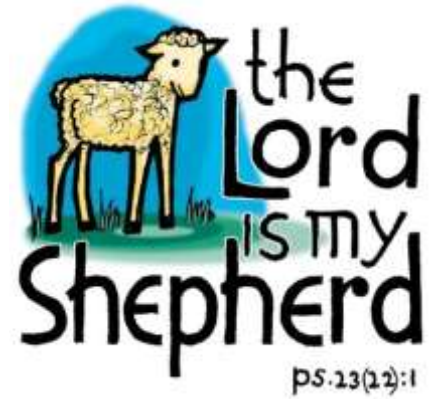


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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

Newsletter No 7, 3 May 2018

From the principal...

Our Vision: *Good Shepherd School provides a Catholic environment in which students become critical thinkers who are positive in their own identities and who contribute to the global community.*

Welcome back to the autumn term! Coming home with your child today is a copy of our strategic plan for 2018, outlining the four strategic goals developed in consultation with our school community in 2015, and the actions we are taking this year to enable us to reach these goals.

As a Catholic school, it is appropriate that supporting our children in the development of a personal relationship with God is right at the front and we work hard to ensure that our Catholic special character is nurtured and strengthened in every aspect of school life. As a school, learning is our core business and we have high expectations of both our teachers and our children as learners. Our teachers are professionals, committed to ongoing development in this complex process of teaching and learning and our children are increasingly taking control of their own learning, able to set goals and work towards achieving them.

Safeguarding the wellbeing of all members of our school community with a strong focus on building resilience was identified as a priority in our community consultation so please continue to talk to your children about this whenever the opportunity arises. Finally, building an awareness of sustainability and how our actions impact on the environment continues to be an important goal for all of us. You will have noticed the results of our efforts in this area around the school over the last two years.

Our strategic goals are challenging but we have made significant progress towards achieving them over the last two years. We look forward to continued progress over the next three terms.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn



Good Shepherd Production Postponed



Unfortunately our production of *The Toyshop on Zip Zap Avenue* will have to be postponed until later in the term because of repairs taking place in the ceiling above the stage area of the hall. Damage occurred during the severe storm at the end of last term and although we were hopeful of everything being ready for the production, it now looks like this will not be the case. We will let you know the new dates (the times of the production will remain the same) as soon as we can. Tickets are still on sale and those that have been purchased will be transferred to the new dates.

Welcome

We welcome Marie Walker to the staff of Good Shepherd. Marie is an experienced teacher who will be working two days a week across the school providing classroom release time.

School Uniform

With autumn settling in, it is good to see the children moving into their winter uniform. A few timely reminders about our school uniform:

- Shoes should be black laced/velcro standard school shoes, worn with black socks
- Shoulder length hair must be tied back at all times with only plain black and brown hair bands, clips, school scrunchies, school headband or ribbons in the school colours
- Nail varnish is not permitted
- Children should be wearing the school jumper or the school jacket to keep warm, or something underneath the long-sleeved polo shirt or skivvy that cannot be seen – no non-uniform jackets or jumpers please
- Children need to bring in their sports uniform or a change of clothes every day so that they can participate in fitness, physical education and play on the field during break times.

Thank you for ensuring that the uniform is clean, neat and tidy.

Fruit in School

Sometimes children come to school without fruit for their 'brain break'. If you have any surplus fruit from trees at your place, please drop into the school office to help fill this need.

Good Shepherd Gardens

You will have noticed the work that has been done in our gardens over the holidays and we have two generous staff members to thank for their hard work. Jade O'Neill and Alex Vergis gave up their time during the holidays to clear some of our gardens and replant some areas. Keeping our environment beautiful is very important but can be quite hard work and we would welcome any help from members of our community. We have a thriving Gardening Club that could do with some more adults to help – pre-schoolers are welcome!

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

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Jodeci Lagofaatasi** from Room 3 and **Maverick Capao** from Room 8 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Jodeci and Maverick 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:

Mary Dawit

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

Miguel Biado

Riley Dwyer

Ciaran Farrell

Faith Gribble

Alessandra Haydon

Benjamin Maddox

Liam Millar

Jayden Pandah

Maggie Shaw

Xavier Taito



Meredith D'Cruz

Eva Fala

Ida Greenhough

George Hanrahan

Miracle Lemana

Kara McGillivray

William Moulder

Ethan Sharma

Caleb Soon

Parent Help Needed for Football Zones

Football Zones are on Tuesday 22 May at Western Springs Football Club. We need parents to help transport, referee and supervise teams.

At the moment we have enough children interested to enter 1 girls team and 2 boys teams.

But we need to have parent support for this to happen.

Please email Heather McLeod if you are able to assist: hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

From the PTA

PTA Meeting Update

Welcome back to term 2!

Sushi

First orders this week for our new online system! Check out the instructions attached on how to register. It's much easier than hunting the back of the couch for coins!

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

- 22nd 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.

Volunteers!

A big thank you to Hannah and Maria for volunteering for the Grandparents Mass! We are covered for people running these big events, but I'm sure there will be calls out for helpers, so keep an eye out and get involved!

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

Music Lessons at Good Shepherd School

MICHAEL JAMES COLLIER

Solo \$28/30mins
Group \$15.50/30mins

Guitar & Ukulele - Group or Solo Lessons
Piano - Solo Lessons
Singing - Solo Lessons

Music lessons during school hours, or if preferred at my private home studio on Rosedale Ave.
Please use Email to organise lessons.

Contact **0212557121** MikeJamesCollier@gmail.com



7-13 May 2018

Seat belts

Seat belts are one of the simplest and most important features for protecting vehicle occupants, and wearing them is one of the most basic steps drivers and passengers can take to reduce their risk of death or injury. Using a three-point seat belt reduces the chance of dying in a crash by 50%.

It is essential that back seat passengers belt up too, for their own safety and the safety of other vehicle occupants. In a crash, an unrestrained back seat passenger can be thrown forward with enough force to kill the person in front of them.

An adult seat belt is not designed to protect a child, therefore it is essential children travel in appropriate child restraints. Using a properly fitted child restraint that is appropriate for the child's size and weight reduces the risk of fatalities, and can prevent the most serious injuries in many situations. Rear-facing child seats can reduce the likelihood of death and injury in young children and small infants by up to 90%.

Whilst the law says children must be in an appropriate child restraint until their 7th birthday, Brake recommends children stay in a child restraint appropriate for their height and weight until they are 148cm tall.

Distractions

Driving is unpredictable and requires 100% of a driver's attention at all times.

Using a mobile phone at the wheel, whether hand-held or hands-free, significantly increases the risk of a driver being involved in a crash.

We will be running a colouring competition for Sheridan and a poster competition for Connolly. There are lots of prizes to be won!

All entries must be in to Miss Vergis in room 7 by 3pm on Friday 11th May.

Winners will be announced on Monday 14th May after whole school prayers.

Concerns and complaints

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. We know that if a problem does occur, early intervention often reaps the best results, so take your concern to the appropriate person at the earliest possible convenient time. It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

If you are worried by something in your child's classroom here is what to do:

