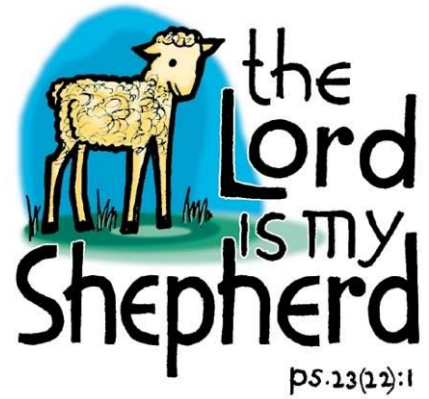


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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....

This newsletter is full of the children talking about their learning experiences over the last two weeks and I am going to leave room for them to share these with you. I would just like to say that these opportunities would not be there without the wonderful staff at Good Shepherd – both teachers and support staff – who are so amazingly generous in the work they do for the children of our school. On Wednesday we particularly celebrated our administration, teacher aide and OSCA teams (and of course Sharyn!) on International Support Staff Day and thanked them for their commitment to the wellbeing and learning of our students.

Finally, I strongly urge you to become involved in the discussion about the future direction of New Zealand schooling as part of the Tomorrow's Schools review.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn



Good Shepherd School Production The Toyshop on Zip Zap Avenue

Thank you for your patience in the postponement of our much-anticipated school production. The parish team has been working very hard to repair the damage to the ceiling above the stage area and are hopeful that this will be completed in the next few weeks. At the moment we are looking at **Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st June** as the most likely timing for the show and will be working towards these dates. We will let you know immediately if there is any change in the situation. Meanwhile – tickets are still on sale for the two evening performances and the one matinee!

Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday 20 May at 6.30pm

This week we keep the Sacramental programme candidates who will be confirmed on Sunday in our prayers. You are warmly invited to join them and their families as they take this important step on their faith journeys on Pentecost Sunday at 6.30pm.

Please remember to put **Sunday 1 July at 2pm**, when these same children will be making their First Holy Communion, in your diaries. This will be our parish/school Mass for the term, when we all come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

Room 6 Assembly this week

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

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Madison McLeod** from Room 4 and **Willow Irving** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Madison and Willow for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd May in the staff room. All welcome.

Cross Country

On Tuesday 5 June we will be having our whole school cross country. We require parents to help supervise at points around the course, for safety reasons. The event starts at 9.30am and will be finished by 1pm approximately. Please email Heather McLeod if you are able to assist for this event. hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Congratulations



As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we are very proud to have a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in our school community.

Hare Paniora, who many of you know as grandfather of Elia Landon-Paniora, was awarded this honour

in Wellington this week. Pa Hare has worked in education for more than 55 years and is currently Māori Advisor at Unitec Institute of Technology in Auckland. He was closely involved in the establishment of Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae at Unitec in 2009. Many of you have been part of the school group which has visited the marae over the last few years. The honour is well-deserved and we congratulate Hare on the recognition of his services to Māori and education.

Teacher Only Day

School is closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 1st June 2018. Please note Monday 4th June is a public holiday.

Bullying Free NZ Week

This week Good Shepherd School is taking part in the nation-wide Bullying Free NZ Week, with the theme 'Let's Talk About It'. The children have been talking about how we work together to create a community that encourages respect, values opinions, celebrates difference, and promotes positive relationships through our Good Shepherd Way. We began each day with a reflection focused on **PINK** - being **Peaceful**, **Inclusive**, **Noble** and **Kind** - to build a community that is peaceful, with the peace of Christ. On Friday we hope that everybody will wear something pink to remind us that we live by these values; we can show our kindness to others by bringing in a gold coin donation that will help the work of the Catholic Caring Foundation.



We all need to work together to prevent bullying

Tomorrow's Schools Review

The government has invited input from everybody – children, young people, parents, teachers, employers, iwi, families and whanau - to have a conversation about building not just a better education system in New Zealand, but the world's best. The Ministry of Education has set up a website, www.conversation.education.govt.nz, with an online public survey and a hashtag for promoting the discussion on social media, #EdConvo18. This is your chance to have your say on the future of New Zealand education, for all our children and young people, for the next 30 years or more.

Wastewise Team News

The Kiwi Conservation Club (<http://kcc.org.nz/>) has some great opportunities for kids and families to get involved in local conservation projects:

Sunday 20th May - Working Bee at Balmoral Heights (Butterfly Park)

Saturday 26 May - Fungi Fun

Sunday 24 June - Tree Planting on Motutapu Island

Check out their website and let Miss Vergis know if you are interested in forming/being part of a GSS group at any of these events:

kvergis@goodshepherd.school.nz

PTA Update

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is next Tuesday, the 22nd of May in the Good Shepherd School staff room at 7:30pm.

All parents are welcome along, please join us! It's a great opportunity to meet new parents and also to hear from Jane Hahn around initiatives at the school, what's going on, or to ask any questions.

Agenda is as follows:

- Treasurer's report
- Principal's report: from Jane Hahn
- General Business
- New Fundraising ideas
- Update on PTA events 2018 (Quiz Night, Movie Night, Grandparents Day)
- New Funding requests
- Caring Committee update
- Sushi update
- Holey Fathers update

If you're unable to make it to the meeting, but would like to raise anything, please send me an email.

Sushi

We've had an amazing boost in orders for sushi with the new online system, a great success – thank you to Emma and Kelly for getting this in place.

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

Back to School Campaign

Our Travelwise team went out this morning to remind drivers to slow down around our school and look out for our children.

What a fantastic morning we had! We had great support from drivers this morning. We had almost all drivers tooting and waving and acknowledging our signs.

Thank you to all the drivers who remember to slow down around schools!



Room 1 & 2's Healthy Choices and Holy Spirit!

Room 1 & 2 really enjoyed going to the Life Education Van last week! We learnt so much about what keeps us happy and healthy. We learnt so many new words, including the names of our organs that are inside us! Some of the healthy choices we must try are getting enough sleep, eating lots of fruit and vegetables- using the traffic light system.



Room 1 & 2 have also been learning about how the Holy Spirit helps them to be what God wants them to be, making good choices. Just like our breath fills a balloon, the Holy Spirit fills us up with love, joy and peace.



CHESS CLUB NEWS

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championship

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championships were held on Tuesday at Ponsonby Primary School. Mrs Pool took 4 teams from GSS to compete. It was wonderful to see 8 of our students competing in their first chess tournament. Although we didn't place in the competition all teams had a wonderful day. Thank you to all those parents who so generously gave up their time to provide transport and supervision on the day.



KIDS' LIT QUIZ-The Sport of Reading



On Monday 14th of May two year six teams from Good Shepherd went to compete in the Kids Lit Quiz. The Kids Lit Quiz is an annual competition about books and reading. The quiz master Wayne Mills calls it the sport of reading.

The two Good Shepherd teams competed in the second Auckland heat. It was held on Monday morning at St Cuthbert's College in Epsom. In the second heat there were sixty teams competing for the honour of going to the New Zealand final in Wellington later in the month. The winning team of the New Zealand final will compete against international teams in the Grand World Final which is being held in Auckland in July.

Both teams did extremely well with the Good Shepherd one team winning the year six competition. The other team came third in the year six competition. They placed thirty third and thirty fifth overall.

There were one hundred questions altogether with ten categories. There was ten questions for each category. Every team got to pick a category that they got double points for, which means that each question they got right in that category they got double points.

Here are a few example questions:

What age was Harry Potter when Hagrid took him to Hogwarts?

What was the name of the orphaned girl who found the secret garden?

It is a really exciting event that celebrates reading and literature and I hope other children can have the same experience I did.

**By Gina Smoldon
School Journalist**

The NZ Opera Performance

It was Wednesday, the 9th of May, when we lined up to go to the hall - today the New Zealand Opera are performing in front of Good Shepherd School! How cool is that!

We had to be seated by 9am so we couldn't miss a second of the amazing performance. They explained what an opera exactly is, saying it's a play, but instead of speaking, they sing every word they say. This opera was different in a few ways though, it's said that around 20-30 people are playing the background music. But in this case, 1 talented person was playing all the music using his keyboard, featuring 4 others that acted and sung.

A brief explanation of the story. There is a man working in a fish & chips shop, and that man is in love with the owner's daughter. But the daughter doesn't show interest in him. Then, unfortunately a famous celebrity arrives at the city and grabs the daughter's attention. The fish & chips worker drinks a magic potion, and the daughter cancels her wedding with the celebrity and falls in love with the man working at her dad's shop.

I really enjoyed the opera, and by the looks of other kids' reactions, it looked like they enjoyed it to. Thank you to the NZ Opera for coming to Good Shepherd School and performing in front of the students.

Elijah Betonio (Student Journalist)

