

# 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....*

Talofa Lava as we come to the end of Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa: Sāmoan Language Week

It has been a week of celebration of this beautiful language and culture at Good Shepherd and a lot of the credit must go to our Cultural Leaders, Miracle, Maggie and Bella, who have organised a number of great activities to deepen our understanding of Gagana Sāmoa, the Samoan language, and Fa'asamoa, Sāmoan values. Our school is blessed with a rich diversity of culture and ethnicities and this week we particularly thank our Sāmoan families for being such an important part of our Good Shepherd community.

Children go through a number of transitions in their school lives as they move from early childhood education to begin school, and then shift from primary to intermediate, and on to secondary school. At Good Shepherd School we have a strong focus on successful transitions at these points in our students' learning journeys. Our priority is to ensure that our students' wellbeing is maintained and learning is continuous so that current learning follows on from previous learning.

As you are aware, Good Shepherd is part of the Central Catholic Community of Learning, along with seven other Catholic primary schools and four Catholic secondary schools in our area. One of the purposes of working closely in this community is to strengthen our links with the secondary schools that many of our students move on to.

Last term, Mrs McLeod and I visited many of the Early Childhood centres in our area to talk about how children transition from them to Good Shepherd School, and to share information about our places of learning. Our early childhood colleagues were very pleased to see us, and we were impressed with the quality and diversity of services in early childhood available to our families. A summary of these early childhood centres is included in this newsletter. We are looking forward to visiting more early childhood education providers this term.

Ia faamanuia e le Atua

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 the week **18-22 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!



## **Holey Fathers Working Bee Saturday 23 June from 1pm**

The Good Shepherd dads are doing it again! They are coming along after Saturday morning sports on 23 June to help keep our school beautiful and to do some much-needed maintenance work around the site. We are hoping that this will be a joint working bee with the parish so that we can complete some of the big jobs for both the parish and the school. Please come along - everybody is welcome and it's a great opportunity to get to know other people in our community. Contributions for afternoon tea to say 'thank you' for their hard work are also very welcome.



## Welcome

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

Jamie Dixon-McIvor

## Teacher Only Day

School is closed for a Teacher Only Day tomorrow, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

Please note Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June is a public holiday.

## Parking on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Please note that both the carpark at the Volcanic Street entrance and the carpark within the chain at the Telford Avenue entrance will be closed on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 8am until the completion of the school cross country at approximately 1pm. No vehicles will be able to enter or exit the carparks during this time.

Thank you for your co-operation with this as we ensure the safety of our students during the school cross country event.

## Sacramental Programme- First Holy Communion Parents meeting

To all those families who are participating in the Sacramental Programme, there will be a parents meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm at Good Shepherd School staffroom. The meeting will be run by Monsignor Bernard Kiely and will surround First Holy Communion preparation. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Sandra Cultrera.

## GOOD SHEPHERD/PARISH SCHOOL MASS

Please remember to put **Sunday 1 July at 2pm**, when our 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.

## 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](http://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.

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Ava Elbourne** from Room 3 and **Matila Fa'apopo** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Ava and Matila for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Tuesday 5 June 2018

### Cross Country Timetable – Start Times (times are approximate)

**9.30am** – Year 0/1 girls  
Year 0/1 boys

**One** lap around the school grounds course

**9.50am** – Year 2 girls  
Year 2 boys

**Two** laps around the school grounds course

**10.20am** – Year 3 girls  
Year 3 boys

**Three** laps around the school grounds course

**10.50am - Morning Tea (earlier than usual)**

**11.15am** – Year 4 girls  
Year 4 boys

**Two** laps around entire cross country course

**11.45am** – Year 5 girls  
Year 5 boys

**Two** laps around entire cross country course

**12.15pm** – Year 6 girls  
Year 6 boys

**Two** laps around entire cross country course

**1pm** – Finish and pack up

# From the PTA

## PTA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the last PTA meeting – a couple of new faces which was great! A couple of the key things discussed:

- The Pie Day, happening today. This seems to have been greatly subscribed to, especially for those kids who don't like sushi! I'm sure we'll have these more often!
- The Quiz Night – we decided the project we are fundraising for. We are going to get the netball courts resurfaced with a non-slip paint. This will make the courts much more usable during wet days.
- Samosas – these are going ahead again this year; Paul Maddox will send around order sheets in the next month or so with orders being take via Kindo.

## Sushi

Sushi continues to be appreciated by the kids, with orders going strong with the new Kindo app. Our Friday sushi lunch supplier Cafe Sushi have informed us that due to rising costs to them, they must increase the cost for our sushi. We have absorbed increases in the past, which we are unable to do this time. For this reason, sushi prices will increase from 8th June. New prices will be as follows:

4 pack chicken, tuna or vegetarian sushi = \$6.00

6 pack chicken, tuna or vegetarian sushi = \$7.00

8 pack chicken, tuna or vegetarian sushi = \$8.00

Chicken teriyaki on rice = \$7.00

## Cake Raffle

The last cake raffle raised \$78.20 which is great! I'm sure the cake was well enjoyed!

As always, 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 Buggy**

## New books for the library - PTA donation

Here are just half of the fabulous new books/pukapuka aimed at Year 5 and 6 readers purchased recently for the library with PTA funds. We have been able to fill a gap in the collection to keep senior students reading by buying new, quality and popular titles including some full series, e.g. Friday Barnes Girl Detective, the Percy Jackson



series, non-fiction titles like the beautiful, visual history of 'Aotearoa' by Gavin Bishop and 'Gobi' the true story of the desert marathon dog. Ms Butcher and Mr O'Reilly are working hard to process them into the collection ready to be issued, read and to take home soon.

Reading for pleasure is vital and is consistently shown to increase children's ability in writing, maths and contribute to the leading of a full life.

Many thanks to the PTA for funding these books – taonga - for the Good Shepherd library with a generous donation of \$1000 which bought us 60 titles.

# Book Week at Good Shepherd

## Monday 18-Friday 22 June

“The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss, I can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Book Week is a great opportunity for everyone who cares about and loves reading to ‘fire up’ children to read and talk about books. Books need as much buzz around them as TV and electronic games.

To celebrate Good Shepherd’s love of reading, our children will be involved in a range of literary experiences during Book Week including a visit from children’s performance poet and writer Tamsin Flynn and NZ author Chris Gurney. Highlights of the week will include a literary treasure hunt and the popular Book Character Parade, both on Friday 22 June.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open every day before and after school. Books may be bought for personal use or donated to the school library.

Book Fair Sellers: **Parent help needed please ...**

8.30am-9.00am and/or 3.00pm-3.30pm on

- Monday 18th June
- Tuesday 19th June
- Wednesday 20th June
- Thursday 21st June
- Friday 22nd June

Please email Marguerite Butcher: [mbutcher@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:mbutcher@goodshepherd.school.nz) if you are able to help.

### **NEW BOOKS FOR LIBRARY**

We have recently been able to purchase new books for our school library thanks to a generous donation from our PTA. These books are a welcome addition to our Senior Fiction collection. CHECK THEM OUT!

In week 5 we were pleased to have two performance groups come in and share their talent and messages with us.

First up we had the 'Royal Jelly' group come in and perform a play about bees. The message that they were sharing with us was to look after our bees as they are needed to help our environment grow.

As this week we are celebrating Samoan Language week we had lots of things happening in our classes and also a performance from the Samoan group from Wesley College. They showed us some of the dances from Samoa and they were really good at them.

**By James A (Student Journalist)**





# Learning in Rooms 7 & 8

Last week was Science Week and rooms 7 & 8 made butter! You may be asking yourself "What does making butter have to do with science?!"

Well, let us tell you!



"Milk is made up of fats and proteins which are suspended in a liquid. Scientifically, this is known as a colloid or an emulsion. If the milk is allowed to sit for a while the tiny fat particles float to the top, creating a layer of cream which can be scraped off."



The fat particles or globules in the cream are held together by a skin. When the cream is shaken, the fat globules start to clump together, trapping tiny air bubbles in between them. This results in a light and air-filled mixture known as whipped cream.



If the mixture is shaken even more, these air bubbles burst and the skin around the fat globules burst, causing the fat particles to spill out. Continued shaking causes the newly freed fat particles to join together forming a solid fat mix. This is the butter which has been separated from the liquid in the cream. The liquid is known as buttermilk, and is great for making pancakes and breads more fluffy."

## Some of our local early childhood education providers



**Top Kids**  
A BestStart Education and Care Centre

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Phone: (09) 815 4090  
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bestStart for happy, confident learners



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