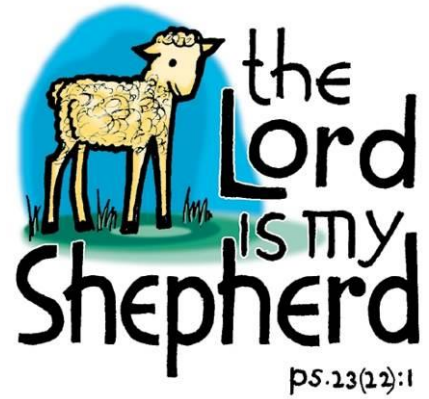


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



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\* Privet \* Kwaziwai \* Mabuhay Kayo \* Kon Nichi Wa \* Hola \* Ola \* Salaam \* Fakalofa Atu

Newsletter No 11, 28 June 2018

## *From the principal....*

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou

Greetings to you all!

*Wherever we are, we are called to create community*

These words are attributed to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, co-founder of the Josephite order who established Good Shepherd School over 100 years ago. We all recognise the importance of belonging to a community and the school as a community plays a particularly important part in the lives of families and whānau because it focuses on our children. A healthy community is built through shared experiences and the will to commit time and effort - it does not happen by chance but requires explicit attention.

We have certainly had many opportunities to build community over the last few weeks! The school production and Book Week could not have come together as they did without the input and commitment of every single staff member and the army of parents and whānau who helped prepare and supervise children. Similarly, the big sporting events earlier in the term, the inter school soccer tournament and the whole school cross country event. And what about the Holey Fathers and their working bees!

As a Catholic school we are part of the parish community and the Sacramental programme is a wonderful opportunity to come together to celebrate this fact. This Sunday 1 July our whole school community will gather for our once-a-term Parish/School Mass in support of the First Holy Communion children and their families.

We look forward to seeing you all there as we once again work together to create community.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Jane Hahn**

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Parish/School Mass**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2.00 p.m.**

The First Holy Communion Mass is at 2.00 pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This will also be our Parish/School Mass and we are expecting all our families to come to this celebration to support the children. All children, other than the first communicants and their siblings, are to come in their full school uniform and sit with their families. The First Holy Communion candidates are to meet in the hall no later than 1.40pm. There will be one collection during the Mass – thank you for supporting our Good Shepherd Parish. As is the custom at Good Shepherd School, families of children who participated in the Sacramental programme last year will help with the afternoon tea after Mass. All children are invited back to share in this celebration and it would be very helpful if the wider school community could contribute some finger food for this event too. Any contributions can be left at the hall before Mass. One further request – please wait for the food to be blessed before beginning the afternoon tea. We wish all our candidates well and keep them in our prayers as they make their final preparations for this important step in their faith journeys.

**If you are unable to attend this school Mass a written note or email with explanation must be sent to the Principal (principal@goodshepherd.school.nz).**

**Mrs McLeod** will be on sick leave for the rest of this term.

Mrs Chambers will be in Room 3 during this time. Please direct any classroom queries to Mrs Chambers at [mchambers@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:mchambers@goodshepherd.school.nz) and any other queries or communications to Mrs Hahn at [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz).

### Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

This is one of those special times for children, parents and teachers when we get together to focus on individual children's learning. The teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress, achievement levels and next learning steps with you and your child.

**Remember:** school closes at **2.00 p.m.** on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August** to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00 p.m. closing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August).

**Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/ Student conferences will open at 12 noon on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.** Full booking details were emailed yesterday.

Visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter code **bba7a** and follow instructions.

### Another Holey Fathers Working Bee! Saturday 30 June from 1pm

Thank you to all the Good Shepherd dads (and their supporters) who were able to come along last Saturday to the working bee. Despite all their hard work the job was unable to be completed and we are hoping that we can have a repeat this coming Saturday, 30 June. It will be great not to have the mud sliding onto our all-weather turf.

### School Gymsport Festival

This week a number of our children competed in this annual festival at Tri Star Gymnastics Club. They had trained for the event at weekly lessons held in the Good Shepherd hall and enjoyed the opportunity to experience competition at this level. Certificates will be presented at Monday morning's whole school prayers. The photos below show how proud they were of their achievements and we are certainly proud of them!



### Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Eli Turner-Padgett** from Room 5 and **Matthew Jansen** from Room 1 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Eli and Matthew for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



### Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. This is also a gentle reminder to do so, if you haven't already done this. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

### Children's Health

We currently have a few children away with chicken pox. Please be mindful of this if your child is showing any signs of ill health.

### Lost Property

Please remember to check the lost property table outside the admin building. All items not collected will be disposed of at the end of term. Please name all items belonging to your children including uniform, lunch boxes and swimming gear.

# From the PTA

We have a PTA meeting scheduled for next Tuesday the 3rd July at 7:30pm. We will be discussing a number of the upcoming events, the Movie night, the Quiz night and the Grandparents Mass.

If you are unable to make it, but have any items you would like to table (especially anyone you would like to thank and have recognised for efforts around the school) please let me know!

## Pie Day

A reminder that we will be having another Pie Day on the last day of term! Please get your orders in!

## Show Refreshments

The show was amazing! Thank you so much to everyone for putting this on! I'd also like to extend thanks to the volunteers who helped to run the refreshment stall and especially to Alex and his OSCA team who were invaluable in preparing each night.

## Grandparents Mass

Please mark your diaries for one of our happiest events of the year: Grandparents Mass. This year it will be held on Friday 24 August. For those you who are new to the school, it is a special mass for children, families and especially grandparents followed by lunch for grandparents, children and families on the school field. It all takes place in the usual school day.

The PTA will be selling sandwiches, baking and sausages for you all to purchase on the day. To make it the best day ever we need your help. We need all families to bake for the day. We love slices, biscuits, muffins or scones (no cakes please).

AND we need volunteers on the day, from 9am in the morning to help set up, then during lunchtime to sell all of the goodies and afterwards to clean up. It's a team effort and we need your help!

Please email Nikki Flexman on [nikkiflexman@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiflexman@gmail.com) if you can volunteer to help on the day or for part of the day.

## Quiz Night

The FAMOUS PTA **Quiz Nite ?** is back!!

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
A brilliant opportunity for us to have fun while we **fun-draise**.  
This year we're ridding the school of grazed knees by transforming the courts.



**WE NEED PRIZES for the SILENT AUCTION**  
Can you help???

Contact Bridget : [bridgetolliver@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:bridgetolliver@yahoo.co.nz) 02102306822

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



### Wig Wednesday's coming up on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We are excited to be taking part in 'Wig Wednesday' on the 4th of July and fundraising for Kiwi kids with cancer. It's easy to take part – just wear a wig on the day and bring a donation for the Child Cancer Foundation.



### Eden/Albert Zone Cross County

Eden/Albert Cross Country was on Tuesday 19 June at Fowlds Park and we had 24 children competing from year 3 to year 6 with all children competing well and finishing the entire course.

Great results:

**Jackson Edwards** (year 3 boys) finished 18<sup>th</sup>

**Jack Barry** (year 4 boys) finished 20<sup>th</sup>

**Molly France** (year 6 girls) finished 19<sup>th</sup>

## BOOK WEEK 2018

We had our annual celebration of books and literature last week. Thank you to everybody who contributed to making this a magical week that celebrated the joy of reading and the magic of books.

**Book Fair**-Thankyou to everyone who visited this year's Scholastic Book Fair. We earn commission on every book sale and will be purchasing new books for the library with this money. Many thanks to the parents who helped sell books before and after school. We couldn't do it without you.

**Donated Books**-We also received a wonderful variety of books that were donated to our library. They are being processed and will be available to everyone to check out after they have been issued to the child/family who donated the book.

**Activities**-Highlights of the week included a Literature Quiz for students in years 3-6. They had to answer questions about books and authors in teams of 4. We shared interactive poetry from poet Tamsin Flynn. NZ author Chris Gurney told us about her writer's journey with tips for aspiring writers.



## Book Week

During week 8 it was the librarians' favourite week, BOOK WEEK! The book fair was filled with books, pencils and erasers, and we had two authors come to speak to the students and finished with the annual book parade.

On Monday we kicked off the week with a Connolly literacy quiz. We had three rounds and on every round there were 10 questions all about books.

Over the following two days we had a poet, Tamsin Flynn and author Chris Gurney come and speak with the students about what they do and the processes that they follow. Chris Gurney even picked some volunteers to act out one of her books, 'Cindy and the Lost Jandel' (Kiwi version of Cinderella).

On Friday we had the scavenger hunt and the book parade. During the scavenger hunt we teamed up with two other people from our house. Mia's team came 1st and Setaita's team got a prize for showing the school values the most during the hunt. At 2:20pm there was the book parade. It's when we dress as our favourite book character and show everybody our costumes, even the teachers dressed up.

We had so much fun at Good Shepherd during book week. Thank you God for books!

### James Arcilla (Student Journalist)



## Our School Production

After many singing practices, rehearsals, dress rehearsals, delays and perfecting, it was finally time to perform our school production. We spent months making, *The Toy Shop On Zip Zap Avenue* and we were all nervous to perform.

Unfortunately, I didn't get to see all the performances as I was in one of the holding rooms with the other students when the production was happening. But I have interviewed some people, from the dancers, to the cast, to the adults in the audience.

Trisha, who played the character 'Woody' in the production, said - "I was full of adrenaline, but it felt good when I got used to it."

Mrs Drummond, who was the Assistant Director of the play, said "I had a lot of fun working with the actors. They are very talented and worked so hard to get their expressions and lines right. Miss Gleeson and I had fun, editing the script to work with the different toys that the classes chose".

I had an amazing time dancing in front of everyone on that stage over the 3 shows, and I am pretty sure that I speak for everybody else who acted and performed - '*The Toy Shop On Zip Zap Avenue*' was a fantastic success.

**Elijah Betonio (Student Journalist)**



## Year 5/6 Science Roadshow Trip



Last week our year five and six students had the opportunity to see science in action at the Science Roadshow.

There were lots of different exhibitions. The first thing was when we sat down to watch 'The Fire and Ice Show'. The show was my personal favourite as we learnt about temperatures and how the molecules warm up and cool down. We then did an experiment using a metal hoop and we put a pool ball through the hoop. We tested it a few times to make sure it fitted through and then the scientist put the hoop in some liquid nitrogen (that liquid nitrogen was  $-273$  degrees). We left it for a minute and then we tried to put the ball through the hoop again, but this time it didn't work. It didn't work because the molecules had frozen, therefore making the hoop smaller.

Next we were allowed to roam around the exhibitions. There were four flagged exhibitions that if you figured out the science behind it you would get a click on your card. Once you got two, three or four clicks you could enter it into the draw to see if you would win some cool 3D glasses and pictures. Once we had had some time we then sat back down for 'The Human Body Show'. We learnt all about how our body works.

The Science Roadshow was a great experience for all of us. We learnt a lot and it was great fun. I can't wait for our next science experience.

**Gina Smoldon (Student Journalist)**

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**The Toy Shop on Zip Zap Avenue  
Good Shepherd School Production  
DVD orders close tomorrow Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Term 2 finishes at 3pm next Friday, 6 July.  
Term 3 starts on at 8.50am on Monday, 23 July.**