

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

Update Notice, 5 July 2018



Thank you, Good Shepherd Community

Last week we spoke about 'building community' in the fortnightly newsletter. Since then two events have happened that need to be especially acknowledged. The first is the Holy Fathers working bee - these are always special events when our dads in particular get jobs done to improve our school environment, and get to know each other better in the process. In this case they spent two Saturdays in a row building the retaining wall that will keep all the mud off our all-weather turf...and it was hard work! Thank you on behalf of the children and the rest of the community for the great job you have done!

Secondly, our children making their First Holy Communion has once again brought our whole Good Shepherd family together. Your attendance at the 2pm Mass on Sunday was a great support to them and their families, and to the families new to Good Shepherd School who were welcomed at the Mass. The families of children who went through the Sacramental programme last year did a wonderful job of providing and serving afternoon tea for the whole community. Thank you all for your generosity and loyalty to the Good Shepherd school and parish community.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

1st & 2nd August 2018

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are now open.

Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code **bba7a** and follow instructions.

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

GSS OSCA

All permanent OSCA bookings will be rolled over to term 3. Please email admin@goodshepherd.school.nz if you have any changes.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Levi Harris** from Room 5 and **Filomena Kautoke** from Room 8 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Levi and Filomena for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Chickenpox

We are currently experiencing an outbreak of chickenpox at the school. Information can be found on the Kids Health website <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/chickenpox>, including the following key points:

- chickenpox is a common childhood illness caused by a virus
- it is very easy to catch
- most cases of chickenpox are mild and children get better completely
- your child needs to see a doctor if they have a very high fever or are very ill, particularly if they become very drowsy, or are breathing fast or vomiting a lot
- children with chickenpox need to stay home from school and daycare
- chickenpox can sometimes cause serious complications
- children can now have free chickenpox immunisation

Sir Peter Blake Award

During Monday morning prayers this week we gave out many merit awards for students displaying the GSS values and a positive attitude towards their learning, but we also had a special award presented to Setaita Likiliki to recognise her leadership qualities with a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award.

These awards acknowledge young people whose outstanding leadership uplifts the school community, and who display the qualities of inclusiveness, positivity, humility, humour and a team approach which were all shown by Sir Peter Blake himself.

Setaita displays leadership around Good Shepherd in many ways; she quietly always puts others before herself, supports younger students through their sport and anyone in need and is consistently responsible and trustworthy.

Setaita was presented with her medal by representatives of Westpac on behalf of the Sir Peter Blake Trust.



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

Aisling Byrne

Ruby Gray

Miriam Kaufman

Jemima Lipscombe

Viela Mahina

Vincent Power

Nathaniel Taufa

Aoibheann O'Sullivan Blanch



Lei'ataua Fotofili

Sophie Gray

Elia Landon-Paniora

Lucy Lord

Sienna McLeod

Heather Rewcastle

APPA Music Festival 3 Day Instrument Course

This is for accomplished instrument players in Years 4-8 who wish to develop their musicianship skills in orchestral and band performance and perform at the Auckland Town Hall as part of the wider APPA festival in November.

Registrations close on Friday 31 August.

For more details visit the APPA website:

<http://www.appa.org.nz/appa-music-festival-3-day-course-open/>

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.

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.

Open Day at Marcellin College

August 15. School tours at 9am and 11am. Marcellin College is now enrolling for 2019. A co-educational school founded by the Marist Brothers in Royal Oak. We are a high achieving school. We make a difference. For an enrolment pack or individual tour during the school day, phone our enrolments officer Peyton 6256509 ext 701.

"Brothers and Sisters achieving together."

**The Toy Shop on Zip Zap Avenue
Good Shepherd School Production
DVD orders will be sent home with the
children tomorrow.**

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

PLASTIC FREE JULY

It's PLASTIC FREE JULY and the Environment team are supporting the school with a fundraiser from EarthMama.nz and encouraging you all to think about how we can make a difference/change habits around plastic usage.

Over the holidays have a good look at the EarthMama website, and think about some pledges you and your families might make. For instance

1. Only use re-useable shopping bags from now on
2. Stop using plastic straws
3. Keep cups for coffee and re-usable drink bottles for water
4. Replace cling film with food wraps or food covers

To help the kids understand the impact of plastic take a trip to the beach, tidy up any plastic rubbish, bring it home and keep it in a bin to observe what happens and how it weathers, do some searching on plastic impacts (e.g. The Story of Stuff has some great short videos) or watch Blue Planet by David Attenborough.



Some interesting facts from Miracle and Frankie (our Eco-Crusaders) as food for thought:

1. It takes 450 years for plastic to break down
2. If we carry on using and discarding plastic at our current rate by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish
3. When plastic breaks down it only breaks up into tinier and tinier particles, which the fish eat and then ultimately we may eat as part of the food chain – ugh!

There are posters all around the school and the fundraiser is posted on GSS PTA Facebook. Please post any handy tips there for us all to share.

GSS Environment Team



Chess Club News

On Tuesday Mrs Pool took 5 girls to the 2018 New Zealand Girls Interschool Chess Championships which was held at St Cuthbert's College. It was a great opportunity for our students to put their chess lessons into practise. The highlight of the day was a pizza lunch!



Wig Wednesday

Thank you to all those who supported the Child Cancer Foundation by participating in Wig Wednesday yesterday. \$139.80 was raised.



Come away to be refreshed, renewed & restored – Dove Retreat 27-29 July.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women National team is delighted to invite all women to a retreat weekend with special guest speakers Wilma Conroy and Anne Claessens.

Theme: "Harvest" Come and enjoy your personal harvest

Venue: Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland

To Register online (or download a Registration Form) visit www.dove.org.nz.

For further information contact Shona Williams 07 543 0101 or email shonawilliams58@gmail.com

From the PTA

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 if you can volunteer to help on the day or for part of the day.



Quiz Night

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

Sheridan/Connolly Focus for Term 3:

Term 3 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** = Life is ever changing **SCIENCE CURRICULUM Living world**
Year 0-3 - A focus on dinosaurs, looking at adaptation, evolution and extinction
(There will be a trip to Butterfly Creek linking to this inquiry later in the term)
Year 4-6- A focus on NZ birds, looking at extinction, evolution, survival and sustainability
- Writing** = Speeches & Information Reports (linked to our inquiry)
- Maths** = Number Knowledge, Proportions & Ratios, Statistics (Probability),
Measurement (Time & Money)
- PE** = Team sports, large balls,
- The Arts** (Visual Art) = **Developing Practical Knowledge**
Year 0-3 - Explore a variety of materials and tools and discover elements and selected principles.
- Māori** = Kai (learning the Māori language of food and traditions and protocols involving food in the Māori culture)
- Mandarin** = Learning basic greetings/phrases and songs
- R.E.** = Charism (Respect), Prayer (imaginative), Sacrament, Assumption, God, Social Justice, Mary MacKillop Feast Day, Me, Myself & Others (refer to school website for details on the strands in the different year levels).