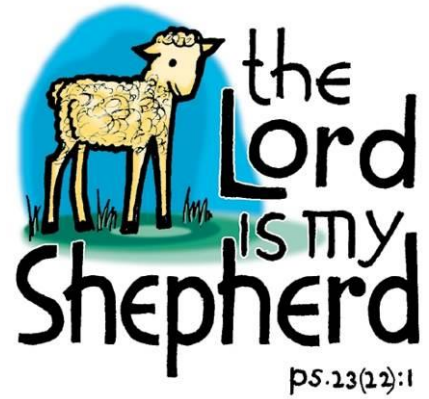


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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 12, 26 July 2018

From the principal...

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou
Greetings to you all!

In learning languages, students learn to communicate in an additional language, develop their capacity to learn further languages, and explore different world views in relation to their own.

The New Zealand Curriculum (2007)

Our *New Zealand Curriculum* covers eight learning area (Catholic schools have nine with the addition of the *Religious Education* learning area) and one of these is **learning languages**. There is much research confirming the learning, cultural, social and economic benefits for children from learning a language. It not only promotes better understanding and appreciation of other cultures, increases eventual employability and helps with understanding our own identity, but learning benefits also include a direct effect on the development of cognitive skills and the boosting of brain power.

Over the last few years at Good Shepherd School we have focused on strengthening our teaching and learning in Te Reo Māori, which holds a special place as an official language in Aotearoa New Zealand. This term we will be introducing Mandarin into all our classes as an additional language, taught by our very own Ms Li, with Miss Gleeson teaching in Room 9 on a Friday morning to enable her to do this. Chinese is the number one most spoken language in the world and we are very lucky to have a native speaker and experienced teacher of Mandarin on our teaching team.

Our rigorous Te Reo Māori programme will not be compromised by the introduction of this new language into our learning languages programme and, as always, we will be monitoring the impact of this initiative on the school and our children's learning. Your feedback is always welcome.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Staff Update

We welcome Mrs Nory Grattan to our teacher aide team this term. Mr Liam O'Reilly is on leave for term 3.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new students who have started with us recently:

Leo Burnett	Harper Sujaritwatanasak
Asher Dizon	Gretta Tuibenau
Jasmine Dove	

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Angeline Yee** from Room 3 and **Henry Olliver** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Angeline and Henry for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



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)

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Wednesday 1st August &

Thursday 2nd August 2018

We are very much looking forward to talking to you about your child's learning at the Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences next week. The on-line booking system is open. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and type **bba7a** for the Event Code, click GO and follow the prompts. If you require any assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office. **Please note that school will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 1st August and at the usual time of 3pm on Thursday 2nd August.**

Parish/School Mass

Sunday 9 September

9.30am at Good Shepherd Church

We look forward to our whole school and parish community coming together to celebrate the Eucharist this term. Please ensure that you put this time aside in your calendar.

Wanted - Grandparents to help with the Garden Club

Our grandparents are an important part of our school community and we were wondering if there were any out there who could spare an hour a week to help out with our Garden Club? Miss O'Neill and the children meet after lunch eating (about 1pm) on a Tuesday and we would love to have you join us if you can. Please email Miss O'Neill at joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz

Good Shepherd School Speech Competition Finals Tuesday 21 August 2018

All children are expected to give a speech in the first few weeks of Term 3.

Year 0-1 will give a simple talk, a little like Show and Tell. All other year groups will present a speech including the key features they have learnt in class. No props or grand gestures are acceptable. Children are encouraged to have cue cards (the size of the palm of their hand) and practise their speech for homework.

Some points to remember:

Year 0-1	One minute
Year 2	Two minutes
Year 3-6	Three minutes maximum. A bell will go at two minutes thirty seconds.

Judging Criteria:

Research, content, expression, volume, eye contact, pace.

Finalists will be chosen from **each year group** and will present speeches on Tuesday 21 August 2018 in the school hall in front of the whole school.

Catholic Caring Mass

Good Shepherd School attended the annual Catholic Caring Foundation Caring Mass at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph this week. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn who is patron of the Catholic Caring Foundation, which does so much good work with those in need in the Auckland Diocese. The leaders of the Good Shepherd School Council, Frankie, Ciaran and Tupou, represented all the students of the school who show their care for others in their words and actions.



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.

SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's, Auckland

We have received some vouchers from SEA LIFE Kelly Tarlton's, Auckland which are valid only for tickets purchased onsite. Free child general admission ticket when adult general admission ticket is purchased. Voucher valid for four people until 31 December 2018. Vouchers are available to collect from the school office on a first come first serve basis.

FOSTER HOPE PYJAMA DRIVE

Thank you to all the families who kindly donated new pyjamas for children in foster care. Your support was most appreciated.



School Attendance Dues

A reminder that every family has a responsibility to do their very best to pay their Attendance Dues. Thank you to those families who have paid their 2018 account in full or who are making regular payments. We are very grateful if you are also able to contribute the voluntary donations. If you have not made any payment for term two please take some immediate action, either by paying some or all of term 2's fees, or coming to see me to make some arrangement. Statements will be emailed out next week to all families with a balance still remaining on their account.

Jane Hahn

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/ (go to Catholic Schools in Auckland / Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions).

Kids Safe with Dogs

On the last day of last term Years 1-3 had an exciting visit from Nick and Fergie (the sausage dog) who spoke to the students about being safe around dogs they don't know. Nick and Fergie showed the students the right way to approach a dog and how to pat it. It was wonderful to have Fergie to practise on.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

This term we are offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Scholastic Book Club.

Issue 5 will be sent home with your child next week. The next opportunity will be at the beginning of Term 4.

If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP.

We will not accept payments directly to the school. Any orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school. We will trial this for the remainder of the year.

Any queries can be directed to **Marguerite Butcher** on mbutcher@goodshepherd.school.nz.

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SCHOLASTIC Book Club

EVERY ORDER EARNS 20% BACK IN REWARDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Book titles featured include: *The Little Yellow Dog Goes to School*, *Minecraft: Down to Drain*, *The 104-Story Treehouse*, *My Old Man*, *Alpacas and Maracas*, *Tricks and Trades*, *Giftopia*, *The Ultimate Slime*, *The Little Yellow Dog Goes to School*, *Down to Drain*, *Giftopia*, *My Old Man*, *Alpacas and Maracas*, *Tricks and Trades*, *Giftopia*, *The Ultimate Slime*, *The Little Yellow Dog Goes to School*, *Down to Drain*, *Giftopia*, *My Old Man*, *Alpacas and Maracas*, *Tricks and Trades*, *Giftopia*, *The Ultimate Slime*.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **William Woods** from the Northern Explorers for “Always listening and carrying his own bag all the way to school”.



School Council Fundraiser 2018: The Mini BB Fair

The School Council has decided that on **Thursday the 30th of August** we will be having a small fair. It will be called the **Mini BB Fair**. We will be selling books and baking. Remember to bring some money for the day.

MOUNT ALBERT GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOUNDATION ART SHOW WEEKEND

A visual feast of more than 1000 paintings, prints, glass, ceramics, sculptures and photographs in the historic FW Gamble Hall.

Saturday 18 August 10am to 6pm
Sunday 19 August 10am to 3pm
FW Gamble Hall, Mount Albert Grammar School
Alberton Ave, Mount Albert
Free admission all weekend
Music and dance performances throughout the weekend and a pop-up café onsite

www.magsartshow.co.nz



We are grateful for the sponsorship support from



From the PTA

Sushi and Pie Days

We are looking for helpers for the following dates

Sushi: 27th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st August,
7th, 14th, 21st September

Pie Day: 24th August, 28th September

If you can help please email Emma Chan
emma@virtualtag.co or mobile 027 7745 941.

The Yummy Fruit Company

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear we get, so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

A Yummy sticker collection sheet is included in this newsletter or you can pick up a copy from the school office. Hand in completed sheets to the office.

Thanks for your support.

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 of 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 you help!

Please email Nikki Flexman on nikkiflexman@gmail.com if you can volunteer to help on the day or for part of the day.

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 Bussy

??? Quiz Nite ???

The PTA Quiz Nite is coming...



What: Much like your local pub quiz, teams get together and answer questions on *sports, movies, flags of the world you get the idea*

PLUS: Bar, games, prizes & dancing!

Why: We need to resurface those tennis courts!

When: Saturday 1st September 7pm

What to do now:

- Book the baby sitter
- Find 8 people - friends/family/workmates (yes you may have a table of 10 if you squeeze)
- Choose a theme – costumes for you & dress the table (no 'live' props this year please!)
- Look out for further details!



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:

