

# 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....*

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou

Greetings to you all!

At the PTA meeting this week I reported to those present about two important developments in education that have impacted on Good Shepherd School recently - the teachers' strike on 15 August and the Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning). Thank you for your support during the strike last week - we know it was inconvenient for you to make provision for your children but your messages of support show that you understand the crisis facing our schools in terms of teacher supply at the moment.

As you know, I have been appointed to the dual leadership role of our Catholic community of learning, involving eight primary and four secondary Catholic schools situated in the central Auckland area. This is a very powerful opportunity for us to work together for the benefit of all our students and I am very much looking forward to building on the good work that has been done over the last two years.

The PTA is often looked on as a fundraising group but it is, in fact, far more than that. It is an important vehicle for building a strong Good Shepherd community, providing friendship and fun and a way of getting to know each other better. PTA meetings also give us an opportunity to talk about school happenings in an informal way and are, therefore, a valuable means of communication between home and school. There is plenty of research that shows that the more parents are involved in their children's education, the better their children perform at school, and belonging to the PTA is a great way to get involved.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/kids-do-well-when-parents-are-involved>

[https://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/39\\_Parent\\_Involvement\\_In\\_Schools-1.pdf](https://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/39_Parent_Involvement_In_Schools-1.pdf)

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

## **Grandparents Mass Celebration Friday 24 August, 11.00am**

Tomorrow we will be celebrating grandparents with our annual Grandparent's Mass. Mass will be at 11am.

Lunch will be around 12:15pm and families can purchase some yummy goodies for lunch provided by our PTA.

At 1.00pm there will be performances from some of our students. At 1.40pm children will be returning back to class, however, grandparents are most welcome to go and see their grandchildren in action in their class for the afternoon.

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Xavier Prentice** from Room 5 and **Phoebe Carlsen** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Xavier and Phoebe for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Daffodil Day



From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August (Daffodil Day), our Special Characters will be selling Daffodil pins in the mornings and straight after school. Every gold coin donation for every pin purchased will go to Cancer Research New Zealand.

## 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.

## Good Shepherd School Speech Competition

Over the last few weeks we have been treated to a feast of speeches on many different topics, prepared and delivered by children from Year 1 to Year 6. This rich learning experience provided opportunities for students to develop all five key competencies - **thinking, using language, symbols and texts, managing self, relating to others, and participating and contributing**. We acknowledge the effort of all our children and especially congratulate the following on being placed in the finals held this week:

Year	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Sio Sundin	Rose Gray	Angeline Yee
2	Genevieve Vogels	Benjamin Maddox	Maddie McLeod
3	Lucis Katongo	Kalo Sundin	Cicely Warman
4	Elia Landon-Paniora	Maggie Shaw	Xavier Fala
5	Jemima Lipscombe	Soeun Park	Kayano Vogels
6	Elijah Betonio	Nathaniel Taufu	Eva Fala



Overall Winner and GSS representative at the 2018 Zone Speech Competition: **Elijah Betonio**

A big thank you to our judges, Mr Neil Laursen and Mr Dominic Bowden.

## 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.

### **Before and After School Safety Procedures**

Good Shepherd has procedures in place to ensure that our students travel to and from school safely and we ask our parents to abide by these procedures for the safety of all children.

- The chain at the Telford Avenue entrance is up from 8.00 - 9.00am and 2.30 - 3.30pm. This means that no cars may drive into this area to drop off or pick up children during these times.
- All children must wait on the Church steps to be picked up after school where they are supervised by a staff member. There is no supervision at the Volcanic Street entrance and children are under the care of their parents or caregivers once they move to this area.
- The chains at both the Telford Ave and the Volcanic St entrances are up over the lunch break from 1.00 - 1.50pm as children are moving through the car park areas during this time.
- We have four wonderful Walking School Buses to support our children walking to school safely. Visit our school website for more information.

### **Absence from school during term time**

At this time of year we have a number of families taking children out of school during term time for holidays/family times overseas. Please note the following guidelines around these absences:

- Good Shepherd School strongly encourages students to be at school every day possible
- The Ministry of Education considers holidays during term time an unjustifiable absence and requires schools to record them as such
- While holidays overseas may provide valuable learning experiences, they can cause gaps in students' learning that are not easily detected or filled
- If you are considering taking your child out of school during term time, notification needs to be sent in writing to the principal
- Extended absences during term time add to teachers' workload as they try to make up lost learning time in core subject areas
- Teachers are not able to provide individualised learning programmes for students who are absent during term time on overseas holidays

### **Good Shepherd Cultural Celebration Week 17 - 21 September**

With so many cultures making up our Good Shepherd School community we want to celebrate as many as we can over the year and so this year we have decided to have a full week of celebration.

During our Cultural Celebration week our cultural leaders will be organising different activities and performances but we also have the whole school mixing up and choosing a culture that they would like to learn more about. Just like our Pumanawa programme in the past, each teacher will be working with students on a particular culture each afternoon in Week 9 to learn dances, songs, phrases and traditions. On Friday 21 September each group will perform something at our cultural celebration assembly.

If you are available to support our teachers with the different cultures please contact them. If you have some time to come in and work with them or even just emailing or popping in to share some resources or ideas would be greatly appreciated. Below is the list of cultures and the teachers you can contact.

Italian - [scultrera@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:scultrera@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Brazilian - [cfala@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:cfala@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Filipino - [hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Korean - [pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Spanish - [kvergis@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:kvergis@goodshepherd.school.nz)

German - [joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Japanese - [fli@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:fli@goodshepherd.school.nz)

French - [ldrummond@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:ldrummond@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Indian - [mddown@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:mddown@goodshepherd.school.nz)

### **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](mailto:joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Gymnastics

Last week we had a group of students from Yr 4-6 represent GSS at the Eden/Albert Gymnastics Zone competition. All our students did extremely well and worked hard against some very tough competition.

Results: Liam Bowles 1st in Year 5 boys  
Xavier Prentice 3rd Year 4 boys  
Liam Bowles, Xavier Prentice, Otis Irvine & Xavier Raumati-Greenhalgh - 1st in Year 4 boys team



## CHESS CLUB NEWS

### New Zealand Junior Chess Badges

Congratulations to the following children who recently gained a badge.

Mia Merrick	Level One
Otis Twose	Level One
Maggie Shaw	Level One

### The Auckland Catholic Inter-School Chess Championships

Wednesday 19 September 2018

We have been invited to compete in 'The Auckland Catholic Inter-Schools Chess Championships' on Wednesday 19 September at St Paul's Primary School. A notice was sent out to students in Years 4-6. If you would like to compete in this tournament please return the form to the office or Mrs Butcher. Forms need to be returned by 31 August.

## GSS Netball

On Thursday 9th August we had our year 5 & 6 netball teams represent GSS at the Eden/Albert Netball Zone competition. All our students played extremely well and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Results: Year 5 Thunderbirds won the Year 5 competition.



## From the PTA

### Grandparent's Mass

A reminder that Grandparent's Mass is today **Friday 24 August 2018**. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

It's a great day for parents to help out and get involved. We need at least 20 volunteers to set up or make sandwiches or sell food or clean up. Please email Nikki Flexman at [nikkiflexman@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiflexman@gmail.com) if you can help.

AND we need all parents to send in baking to school on Friday 24 August - to be dropped to the office before school.

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.

### Cake Raffle

Congratulations to the Merrick family for winning the Room 3 & 4's cake raffle last week which raised \$155.

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



### P.T.A. Samosa Fundraiser

**Last day for orders is today.**  
Delivery is scheduled for Wednesday 29 August.

Place your order now via Kindo ([www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz))  
If you have any queries, please contact Paul Maddox on 0278075531.

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars for a fun family movie night!

**Friday 14 September at 5.30pm**  
in the school hall.

Come in your PJs and onesies if you like, cosy up and enjoy with your friends.

Family Entry includes a bag(s) of popcorn:  
\$5 (one child)  
\$10 (two or more children)

#### Please Note:

This is **NOT** a drop off event so children must be supervised by parents/ caregivers.

**TICKET SALES NOW OPEN!**

PARENTS & FRIENDS of  
**GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL**

# QuizNite

## FUNDRAISER

### SATURDAY

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

#### HOW TO BUY:

- Ticket sales & pizza orders for Quiz Nite are available via the Kindo system
- Link on on the GSS website - 'Sushi Ordering'
- Log in to your account as usual-or set up a new account
- Choose 'Quiz Nite' from the services list
- Then select the number of Quiz Nite tickets you require
- Add your name, and your team/table name
- Select your delicious Stumpy's pizza - \$15 each
- Pay as usual from Kindo account.

*Tickets & food can also be purchased with cash the school office; look out for the order form next week.*

7PM in the SCHOOL HALL  
\$25 PER PERSON / TABLES OF 8



### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

At Good Shepherd School we are always trying to be more environmentally friendly.

This term we've decided to focus on how we can improve our sushi rubbish.

We have decided to use buckets to rinse out our sushi containers and then put them into the recycling bin to reduce the waste we put into the landfill.

Next we decided to get rid of the soya sauce packets, we now have soya sauce stations where the Wastewise team stand at tables and pour soya sauce out of bottles for the children who would like it.

This has been going very well. We are reducing the waste we are sending into the landfill and keeping our environment sustainable.





**Saturdays @ 6**

**James Tibbles**

Cathedral of  
St Patrick & St Joseph's  
Organ Series 2018



**6 pm Saturday 25 August**

**Entry FREE**  
**43 Wyndham Street**  
**Auckland**

Parking is available at the Wilson car parks  
Hobson St \$4 & Durham Lane car park \$2.  
Please bring your ticket with you to validate  
in the Cathedral.

