

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, 30 August 2018

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Mackenzie Taito** from Room 4 and **Luka Hale** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Mackenzie and Luka for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Daffodil Day



From Monday 27th August to Friday 31st August (Daffodil Day), our Special Character leaders 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.

Grandparents Mass Celebration

It was wonderful to have so many grandparents join us to celebrate at our annual Grandparents Mass last Friday and to have the opportunity to view performances by our children. Special thanks to Nikki Flexman and the PTA team for organising and selling the refreshments on the day and for all the support from the wider community.



School Council Mini BB Fair

The School Council Mini BB Fair today raised **\$745.50** towards the painting of a mural on the power box located outside the admin building. Thank you to everyone for supporting this School Council event by both providing books and baking and enabling the children to purchase goodies. A special thank you to the parent helpers.



School Attendance Dues

If you are paying by term, the instalment for term 3 is due this week (week 6). **All accounts are required to be settled by 1st December 2018.** If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Kathryn in the school office.

Cans for Christmas 2018

It is almost that time of year again! In support of St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice, Good Shepherd School will be collecting canned items for the annual Cans for Christmas drive. Please send in a can of food with your child to school over the next two weeks and all of the cans collected will be picked up on Friday September 14th. Last year we collected just over 300 cans, let's see if we can beat that number this year!



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.

Chickenpox

We have had a high number of children away from school with chickenpox recently. Often the children initially present as being unwell with a sore stomach and headache. Please be aware if your child seems unwell.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY AUG 24

Thank you to all the children who entered our Library Poetry Competition to celebrate National Poetry Day.

The overall winners were: **Henry Russell** with his poem 'Get out of bed' and **Maggie Shaw** with 'The Little Baboon.'

Poems by Maia Doran and Aisling Byrne were highly commended. Please visit the library to read all the poems displayed on the wall.

*Get out of bed
Turn on the shower
Gobble up Breakfast
And out in an hour.*

*Through the gates
Into school.
Forgot my lunch box
Oh what a fool.*

*Sit on the mat
Wonder what's in store.
Reading writing math RE
And more.*

*The bell rings
End the day.
No more school
Hip Hip hooray.*

By Henry Russell

*The Little Baboon
In the corner of my room there sits a little baboon
Braiding her hair all day and night
I tell my parents and they put up a fight
They think I'm lying
I explain,
She's covered in freckles!
She hogs one half of my room
"That's not true
You don't own a baboon!"
I keep explaining!
They keep complaining!
I say come have a look
She's reading a book!
They come in
"See" I say to them
That's your sister!
'Oh oops!'*

By Maggie Shaw

The Holy Fathers Annual Pool Competition

Date: Fri 21 Sep 2018
Time: 7:30pm sharp
Place: Ponsonby Pool Hall, 106 Ponsonby Road
(under the Food Hall)
Format: Doubles teams and comp run by the Pool Hall
Prize: Widespread adulation and a trophy
Prize: Best Dressed Pool Shark
Cost: \$15 per player
Kindly RSVP to Eddie at holeyfathers@gmail.com so that we have an idea of numbers

From the PTA

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.

Quiz Night

A reminder to get your orders in for woodfired Pizza from Stumpy's today! Last orders need to be in this afternoon – so if you haven't already, order as soon as you read this!
There are a few spaces left, so if you haven't booked a table yet get in quick!

Grandparents Mass

Thank you to all involved in the Grandparents Mass on Friday, in particular Maria, Hannah and Nikki for organising the day, the parents who gave up their time to look after the stalls and also all those parents who were able to provide baking!

P.T.A. Samosa Fundraiser

Thank you to Paul Maddox for organising this, it was a great success. We voted on Tuesday last week at the PTA Meeting that we would use the proceeds of this fundraiser to replace the hand on the statue of Jesus outside room 8.

Family Movie Night

Come and enjoy a family movie night on 14 September at 5.30pm in the School Hall!
Pre-order yummy pizza slices on Kindo. You have the option to select different pizza slices depending on the preference of each family member.

While you are at it, pre-pay the entry fee on Kindo as well!

There you go - dinner and entertainment sorted!

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

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

Brazilian - cfala@goodshepherd.school.nz

Filipino - hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Korean - pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz

Spanish - kvergis@goodshepherd.school.nz

German - joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz

Japanese - fli@goodshepherd.school.nz

French - ldrummond@goodshepherd.school.nz

Indian - mdown@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

PRAISE THE STEVE DAVIS...
IT'S BACK!!!



THE 2018
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
HOLEY FATHERS
POOL COMP

\$15.00

FRI 21 SEP 2018

PONSONBY POOL HALL - 7.30PM SHARP

COME JOIN THE MOST 'INTERESTING' POOL PLAYERS IN TOWN

Davis, who retired from snooker at the start of the 2016 event, won six world titles between 1981 and 1989. His quiet, focused approach and relaxed demeanour resulted in the writers of puppet-based satire show Spitting Image giving him the nickname "Interesting". Even when he swayed away from the traditional snooker player's attire - white shirt and black waistcoat - he plumped for a sedate combination of brown and beige. Interesting? Anything but



PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED POOL PLAYER

FRI 21 SEP 2018 - PONSONBY POOL HALL - 7.30 SHARP - \$15.00