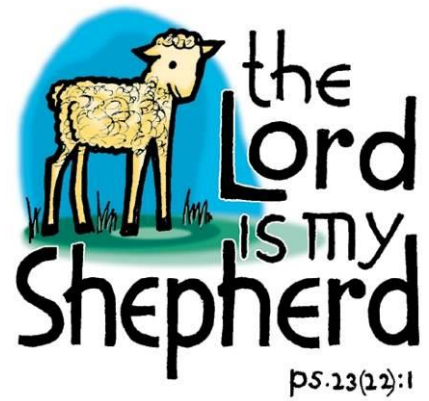


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



\* 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 8, 19 May 2016

From the principal....  
Kia ora te whānau

## TOGETHER WE LEARN AND CARE

Every now and then I re-visit our school motto with you because it is not only a great descriptor, but also a great motivator, for the building of our community. The 'together' indicates the importance of our partnerships. We are blessed with a very strong PTA at Good Shepherd, a group of people who work tirelessly to provide important resources that support our children's learning, and who offer practical help to our families who may be experiencing hardship. Thank you all for coming to the PTA AGM on Tuesday night. It is also election time for our Board of Trustees, the body that is responsible for the governance of our school. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to those parents who so generously put their names forward for this crucial role and who give so much for the benefit of all our children. Monday's visit from the St Peter's College Kapa Haka group was another example of the partnerships we form that build our wider Catholic community.

Good Shepherd School is a learning community where we are all committed to attaining excellence and to lifelong learning. Members of our staff (eight teachers and one teaching assistant) are great role models as they complete an NZQA level paper 'Introduction to Catholicism' which has involved a number of lectures and the submission of assignments. We were very pleased, too, to recently receive feedback on our students' performance in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2015/2016 study. The information provided is very affirming of our student achievement in reading and is in line with our own assessments of reading at Good Shepherd School.

We have had a busy week with Catholic Schools Day on Monday, and Science Week and Road Safety Week all happening. You may also have heard in the media that it is 'Bullying Free Week' although we are assigning this to next week. Along with schools around New Zealand we will be celebrating Bullying Free Week with a range of bullying awareness-raising and prevention activities.

Let's continue to look to our motto to build a community that is learning-focused and that works together to care for all its members.

Te Atua ki a koe  
God bless  
*Jane Hahn*



## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **James Arcilla** from Room 8 and **Siena Woods** from Room 1 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. James and Siena are great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: [www.catholicschools.org.nz](http://www.catholicschools.org.nz) (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2016 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2016**.

## Board of Trustee Elections 2016

This is a reminder that nominations for Parent Representatives to the Board of Trustees close on **Friday, 20 May 2016 at 12 noon**.

If you require a nomination form, this can be collected from the school office during school hours.

Please return all completed Nomination Forms by the above date to:

Janelle Pool  
Returning Officer  
30 Telford Avenue  
Balmoral  
Auckland 1041

## GSS Choir 2016

Once again we have an amazing group of students who have formed a choir with the help of Miss Gleeson. The choir will be organised differently this year compared to last year.

In 2015 we participated in the 'Kids for Kids' Choir. However, as this is done on a two year cycle programme, we will not be participating in it this year. In 2016 the choir's focus will be on performing more of our own choice of songs and performing more for an audience.

This term we have around 25 students participating and at the performance assembly on the last day of term these voices will sing out loud for you all.

This year another change is that it is not a full year's commitment as it was in 2015. In term 3 children can either opt out or into the choir, as we will be starting with new songs each term.

## Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who inform the school office of upcoming enrolments of siblings at the school. As you know our roll is quite full and it is very helpful to us in our forward planning to have this information. If you know of any families who are interested in enrolling their child or children at Good Shepherd please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

### GSS Drama Club 2016

A new initiative in 2016 is our Drama Club. This is a lunchtime activity every Thursday for any students from Year 3-6. We have already started this term and we have a group of just over 50 students working with Miss Gleeson and Mrs Drummond.

We will be working through drama skills and building up confidence in the students. It is important that the students feel like they are working towards something, so there will be a mini production put together for the performance assembly at the end of this term.

As with the choir this is not a full year's commitment and in term 3 children can either opt out or into the drama club, as we will be starting with a new production each term.

### Entertainment Books 2016

These fabulous books can be bought now - either place an order into the physical box in the school office or follow the link <http://www.entbook.co.nz/9x5376> to order your copy online. Books can be bought as a digital membership or physical book for \$65. For each book sold, \$13 is donated back to Good Shepherd. Order yours now and enjoy fantastic discounts and offers for all your favourite and new favourite eateries and experiences in Auckland. For any questions, contact Alanah on 021 348 327 or [alanahdando@hotmail.com](mailto:alanahdando@hotmail.com)

### Grandparent Celebration

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 we will be celebrating Grandparents with our annual Grandparent's Mass and as part of this celebration we will be having a photo display in the office foyer. We invite you to email a photo of your child's grandparents, either with or without the Good Shepherd student. Please email Sarah Gleeson on [sgleeson@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:sgleeson@goodshepherd.school.nz) with your photo by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

### Good Shepherd Cross-Country Friday 13 May

During last Friday's cross country event we witnessed wonderful examples of physical fitness, natural ability, determination and perseverance. Congratulations to all the children for giving their best on the day. A special congratulations to the following children who were placed in their age groups:

Age	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5 year old boys	Ryansun Kanthi	Ronan Kilkenny	Vincenzo Donohoe
5 year old girls	Siena Woods	Maia Doran	Kalo Sundin
6 year old boys	Jack Barry	Dean Fernandez	Justin Yee
6 year old girls	Miranda Flexman	Remy Kastelan	Genevieve Olliver
7 year old boys	Liam Parker-Bowles	Nathan Mlinda	Luka Hale
7 year old girls	Lucy Lord	Jemima Lipscombe	Soeun Park
8 year old boys	Max Morgan	David Bews	Otis Twose
8 year old girls	Molly France	Francesca Booy	Willow Irving
9 year old boys	Elliott Humphrey	Lachlan McHardy	Aston Growden
9 year old girls	Ashley Edwards	Ava Murphy	Emily Pool
10/11 year old boys	Joshua Wadams	Logan Butcher	Lucas D'Rose
10/11 year old girls	Jessica Lord	Amanda Hoogeboom	Maggie Flexman

Certificates for these place getters will be presented at assembly on **Friday 27 May**.

## CHESS CLUB NEWS

### Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The second set of 10 lessons for 2016 will begin tomorrow 20 May or next week Friday depending on level of interest. Limited places still available. Enrolment forms available from the office or Mrs Butcher. The cost is \$30. These lessons build on the beginners course that has just finished, so are not suitable for complete beginners. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

#### New Zealand Junior Chess Badges

Congratulations to the following children who recently gained a badge.

Luke McKinnel	Level One
Ethan Sharma	Level One
Maxine Barry	Level One

#### Chess Competitions in Term 2

- Auckland Girls' Chess Championship-Wednesday 22 June (Week 8)
- Chess Power Interschool Chess-Balmoral Cluster-Monday 27 June (Week 9)

Look out for information and entry forms going home this week or see Mrs Butcher if you are interested in entering these competitions.



#### Eden/Albert Interschool Cross Country

Congratulations to those children who represented Good Shepherd at the interschool cross country today. The competition is fierce at this event and our runners all did well with a number of them coming in the top 20 places. Congratulations to the following children for their outstanding performances:

<b>Elliott Humphrey</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 9 year old boys
<b>Ashley Edwards</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 year old girls
<b>Max Morgan</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> 8 year old boys
<b>Lachie McHardy</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> 9 year old boys

## PTA CORNER

#### PTA AGM Meeting

The **PTA AGM** was held on Tuesday, thank you to all who attended. We said good bye to Francesca Lipscombe (Secretary) and Rachel Loe (Chair), thank you ladies for your service over the last two years. In their place we have two new office holders, Carla Butcher as the new Chairperson and Helen Twose as Secretary, thank you ladies for offering your services to the GSS PTA.

#### **PTA office holders are now:**

Carla Butcher - Chair
Leonie Lewthwaite - Vice Chair
Sarah McHardy - Treasurer
Helen Twose - Secretary

#### Grandparents Mass

Grandparents Mass to be held on 02 June 2016 - we still need bakers and volunteers to make this a successful event - this is a great day so if you want to help contact: [nikkiflexman@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiflexman@gmail.com)

#### NZ Health and Safety

NZ Health and Safety laws have recently changed and this affects the PTA - we are setting up a **subcommittee** to write up guidelines for any PTA events - if you are interested in joining this group please let Carla Butcher know:  
[carla@audienceconnection.com](mailto:carla@audienceconnection.com)

#### Sushi



**Sushi on Friday** - please remind your child to put their order in and make sure the following is written on the envelope: Child's Name  
Room number  
Order



On offer are:

Teriyaki Chicken on Rice, Tuna Sushi, Vegetarian Sushi.



**Learning Strand – CHURCH – Community of Disciples –  
TE WHANAU A TE KARAITI  
Family Whanau**

Room One		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: Belonging</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">We belong to and participate and celebrate in communities such as our family-<i>whānau</i>, our school and our parish. The Church is a community of Christ's followers or disciples called together by the Holy Spirit to carry on Christ's mission in life today.</p>
Room Two	Year One	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Talk about</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how proud you are of your children</li> <li>- how belonging to your family-<i>whānau</i> is important because you care for – <i>manaaki</i> and show <i>aroha</i> for each other</li> <li>- what are the good things about belonging to a family, the school and parish you belong to</li> <li>- how the people in the Church today carry on the ways Jesus lived, eg caring for the sick, helping others, spending time with people</li> </ul> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Plan to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- take your children to Mass on Sunday</li> <li>- invite your parish priest around for coffee or a meal so you can get to know him</li> <li>- attend a parish function as a family</li> <li>- draw children's attention to other people who belong to your parish</li> <li>- do something for someone who is sick, include your children and explain why you are doing this</li> </ul> <p>- put your name on the parish roster to take part in a parish activity and include your children</p> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
Room Three		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: Gathering, Celebrating, Living God's Presence</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our local parish as it gathers, celebrates, lives and prays as a community, is a part of the Church which Jesus founded and is a sign which brings about God's presence and love in the world. Belonging to a parish is both a privilege and a responsibility.</p>
Room Four	Year Two	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Plan to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have a family meeting and review the privileges and responsibilities of being part of your family</li> <li>- allocate simple family responsibilities to each family member and plan a way to check on these</li> <li>- attend Sunday Eucharist together and celebrate God's presence in your lives</li> </ul> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Take time to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- think about some questions about your parish</li> <li>- identify the people who live nearby who belong to your parish and introduce your children to them</li> <li>- offer to help someone in need in your parish and tell your children about it, involve them in the activity and explain how this is the way people share in the responsibility of being part of the parish</li> <li>- praise each other for responsible behaviour</li> </ul> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

Room Seven	Year Three	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: Called to be like Jesus</b></p> <p>The Scriptures record how Jesus called his disciples and apostles to follow him. Those who have been initiated into the Catholic Church through the <i>Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist</i> are also called to carry on the mission of Jesus. They do this by worshipping God and serving and loving others and always acting with <i>tika</i> and <i>pono</i>.</p>
Room Eight		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p><b>Talk together about</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– people who could be seen as modern day <i>messiahs</i> in the political sense, Nelson Mandela, Dame Whina Cooper, the Dalai Lama</li> <li>– how people are initiated into the Catholic Church – by the <i>Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist</i></li> <li>– what having <i>faith</i> means – the <i>faith</i> in which we believe, ie the Catholic <i>faith</i> and the <i>faith</i> by which we believe, ie the gift from God to each person to respond to in their own unique way.</li> <li>– different ways people become members of a group, team etc – initiation</li> <li>– discuss the ways the Church carries on the mission of Jesus in the world today – caring, loving, helping, being with people in their times of need, showing respect for everyone especially those whose <i>tapu</i> has been violated or hurt</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p><b>At family prayer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– read John 1:29-30, 35-39 and talk about who it is that says “Come and see” to people today</li> <li>– pray the Creed, page 53 and talk about what Catholics believe</li> </ul> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
Room Five	Year Five	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: The Church Celebrates</b></p> <p>Central to the life of the Church is worship of God through prayer, proclamation of the Word and celebration of <i>sacraments</i>. Central to this worship is the weekly celebration of the <i>Eucharist</i> on the Lord's Day.</p>
Room Six		<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p><b>Bring to children's attention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– that one of the most important things that the Church does is worship God, ie pray, give thanks and glory to God</li> <li>– that worship can happen in many ways but the celebration of the <i>Sacraments</i>, the proclamation of the Word are central to the life of the Church</li> <li>– different ways people put into practice the Gospel by loving and caring for others – showing <i>manaakitanga</i>, which is also a way of worshipping God because by their actions they are proclaiming the Word of God – <i>Te Kupu a Te Ariki</i></li> <li>– how Jesus saved people from suffering and hardship when he was on earth and how this saving work is carried on today through celebrating the <i>Liturgy</i>, because Christ is present there bringing healing and strength – <i>Hohou Rongo</i> and <i>mana</i>, to all people who are present</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
Room Nine		<p><b>Take time to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– buy and place a copy of the <i>Liturgical Year Calendar</i> in a prominent place at home and talk about the seasons and what they mean</li> <li>– go to <i>Eucharist</i> as a family</li> </ul>



## Room 4 Makes Fairy Bread

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May Room 4 made fairy bread. We have been practising procedural writing. We recorded all the steps to make it.



## 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:

