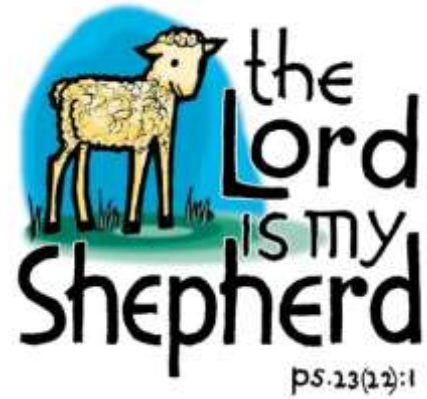


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* Hello * Kia Ora * Malo e Lelei * Namaste * Cead Mile Failte * Talofa Lava *
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From the principal....

Mālō e lelei!

During this Tongan Language Week / Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga our children who speak lea faka-Tonga become the experts in the classroom. We thank them and our Tongan families for sharing their expertise and experience of this rich culture that plays such an important part in New Zealand society. We look forward next week to celebrating two themes that are very close to our hearts: Māori Language Week / Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and Social Justice Week. Do discuss these important themes with your children and what they mean to us all as Catholics and New Zealanders.

Technology plays an important part in teaching and learning programmes at Good Shepherd School. Electronic tools have become an integral part of our daily lives both at home and at school and provide wonderful opportunities for accessing information, creating information and communicating learning. We all recognise the challenges technology also presents to us as both educators and parents and this week's newsletter contains some important tips about how to support our children in using technology safely. This focus has been prompted by some disturbing statistics that have come to light recently, including the startling figure of 74% of parents being in the dark about their children's online activities. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing some of the very useful advice given by Netsafe, the Online Safety for New Zealand website, in our newsletters. Please come and see me or talk to any of our teachers if you would like to discuss online safety further.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising another successful Good Shepherd event last Saturday. Everyone who was there would agree, I'm sure, that the Quiz Nite was truly a great fun and fundraiser!

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn



Parish/School Mass

Sunday 9 September

9.30am at Good Shepherd Church

Community is very important to us at Good Shepherd and part of building a strong Catholic community is celebrating the Eucharist together. This Sunday we celebrate our once a term Parish/School Mass. It is important for us, as a parish school, to attend Mass at our very own Good Shepherd Church on this occasion.

Details of the Mass:

- Children will wear their school uniform and will sit with their families.
- We will be welcoming children new to the school and their families during the Mass.
- Good Shepherd Parish has two collections during Mass. The first is to support Priests and the second is a contribution to the running of the parish.
- Please stay for morning tea after Mass

We look forward to our whole school and parish community coming together this Sunday.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Eva Barry** from Room 1 and **Otis Irvine** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Eva and Otis for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Welcome

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

Asher Dixon

Gemma Su

Good luck next week to:

- Our cross country team competing at the Catholic Schools Cross Country next Tuesday
- Elijah Betonio representing Good Shepherd at the Eden/Albert Schools Speech Competition on Wednesday
- Our gymnasts competing at the Champion of Champions Gymnastics Competition on Thursday

Good Shepherd School Community Discussion Thursday 20th September

5.30pm - 7.00pm in the Staff room

We invite our parents/caregivers to this meeting to discuss Good Shepherd's current health programmes. We would especially like to have good representation from all the ethnic groups that make up the Good Shepherd school community.

The programme for the evening will be:

5.30pm - pizza, fruit and juice will be provided

6.00pm - discussion about health programmes

7.00pm - finish

We will have childcare available if you are not able to organise babysitters.

We look forward to you joining us for this important community occasion.

Netsafe Tips for Parents

Online safety for parents is more important than ever. As young people begin to spend more time online, it's important that parents start to teach them how to stay safe. So, how do you get started?

SET EXPECTATIONS

Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you'd like them to adopt. For example, how long they should spend online, what apps and social media sites you'd like them to use and what is appropriate content to view. This will be different depending on the age of your child, and what you feel comfortable with. Technological options like parental controls can help, but it needs to be teamed with online safety education.

You can read more about how much time children should be spending online and how to use parental controls at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY DO ONLINE

Talk to your child about what they're using the internet for.

- What's involved?
- Who's in their network?
- What information do they share?
- Are they using the internet
 - to learn?
 - to communicate and create friendships with others?
 - to create music or videos?

Really listen to what they have to say – what might seem like 'just a game' to you, could in fact be a way for them to connect with people who have similar interests.

Showing an interest in the things they do helps to build your understanding of what their online world looks like and creates an environment that makes it easier to have more difficult conversations about in the future.

Fortnite Online Game

We have noticed a number of children making reference to this game in their play at school. Because this is an R12 game, we presume this could be because they see their older siblings playing the game at home. We are, however, concerned about some of the content of the game and have asked that children do not use this content in their play at school.

School Uniform

Students will change to wearing the summer uniform from the start of Term 4, 2018 and through to the end of Term 1, 2019. Summer uniform also includes a sunhat which must be worn for outdoor play.

The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30 to 9.00am. Alternatively you can place uniform orders anytime by phoning 620 4962 or emailing the school office, admin@goodshepherd.school.nz and we will send the items home with your child. Payment can be made online.

Sunhats \$12.00; girls day tops \$55.00; boys short sleeve polo shirts \$35.00, boys summer shorts \$27.00

Please note, the school office is not open during the school holidays.

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.

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

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 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!




School Attendance Dues

If you are paying by term, the instalment for term 3 was due last week (week 6). Thank you if you have been making regular payments. If you have any questions regarding your account or require a copy of your statement, please contact Kathryn in the school office or email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz

All accounts are required to be settled by 1st December 2018.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in

SEPTEMBER 2016:

Elijah Betonio		Nathaniel Kaufman
Maia Doran		Alfred Kautoke
Dean Fernandez		Amirah Makani
Celia Gatt		Pippa McHardy
Rose Gray		Daniel Peterson
Mia Growden		Elijah Puyat
Joshua Irving		Angeline Yee
Luke Kaho		

The Holey 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.

Daffodil Day

Thank you to the wider school community for supporting our Daffodil Day collection. \$137.70 was donated and will go to Cancer Research New Zealand.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Siena Woods** from Rocket Snails for being a consistent and engaged walker.



Community Award

Last week we were proud to be awarded the **Water Safety Community Award** by Drowning Prevention Auckland. Mr Davin Bray came and presented the school with our award last Friday at our assembly. The school will continue to work closely with the Drowning Prevention team to ensure that the students of Good Shepherd School receive quality teaching and learning of water competencies across the NZ Curriculum.



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

From the PTA

Quiz Night

We hope you all enjoyed the quiz night on Saturday, it was a fun night! There were some amazing costumes and table decorations! A massive thank you to Bridget and Anna for pulling together the night, the prizes & Silent Auction, there was great array of different items, I think the magnum of champagne had the most competition. Also thank you to Karen and Steve for manning the bar all night – it's a long time on your feet.

Check out the list of sponsors, without whom there wouldn't be the prizes and auction. Please support them if you can, many are local businesses, cafes and restaurants. Let them know you heard about them from the Good Shepherd Quiz Night!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Come and enjoy a cozy family night out with friends.

WHEN: 14 September at 5.30pm

WHERE: GSS hall

ENTERTAINMENT: Kids will be voting at school. I wonder which one they will choose?

DINNER: Pizza sorted. Choose different slices depending on different preferences of family members. Order and pay on Kindo by 11am on 14 September.

ENTRY: \$5 for one child family and \$10 for 2 or more children family. Both Options - pay on Kindo or door sales available.

INCLUDES: Entry includes popcorn.

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

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 Bugsy

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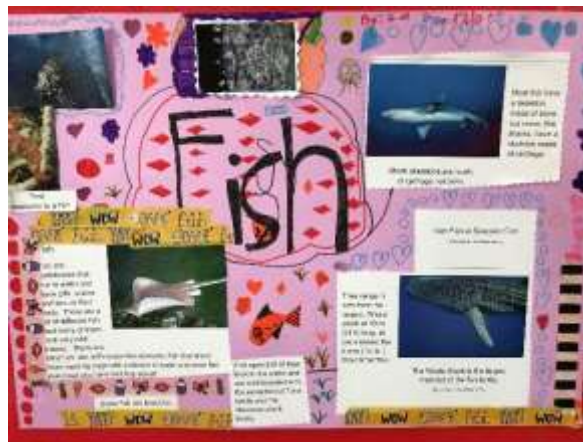
The Barry Family
Justine Clifford-Bowles
Mairead Woods



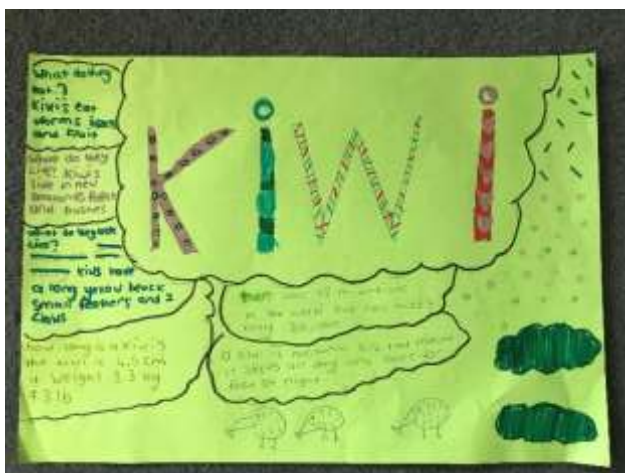
Learning in Room 7 & 8

For topic this term, Connolly are looking at New Zealand Birds. Here are some examples of our learning

We looked at the different classes of animals.



We came up with questions about the birds and did some research about them.





Winter Walkers

On Friday last week we had a visit from the Winter Walking Wizard and More FM! They came to reward the children who use the Walking School Bus during winter!

Thank you to all the parents who helped to promote our Walking School Bus and helped us to win this amazing prize!

If you would like to join a walking school bus, visit our school website.

