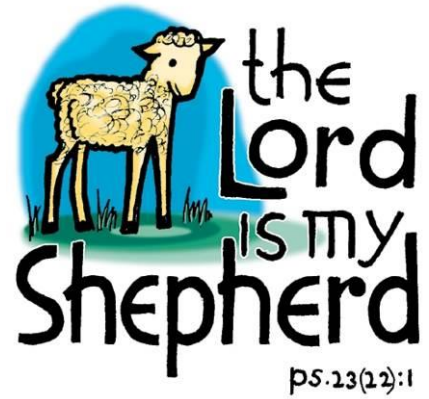


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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....

Together We Learn and Care

The purpose of a school motto is to bring a community together and to encapsulate the important values and principles that have become an integral part of that community over many decades. I wonder what story lies behind our school motto? Whatever it is, I am grateful for its simplicity and the relevance it has for everyone in our community. Great learning can only come with genuine care and respect - between and among students, teachers, support staff and families. Care is particularly needed in times when life becomes difficult or when important life events take place. It was great to see the number of Good Shepherd School families at the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons of Martin Wu at the end of last term, and we were very proud of Willow Irving who did the first reading on this very special occasion.

Our Caring Committee, a sub-group of the Good Shepherd PTA, does some wonderful work too in providing support when families are going through difficult times in their lives. Thank you to this generous group of Good Shepherd families who are truly committed to the 'care' mentioned in our motto. ***To enable this good work to continue, please come to see me first with any request for support for families in need.***

Please remember in your prayers our school families who have lost loved ones recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. We also offer our prayers for all those in our community who are currently suffering illness.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

Welcome

The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome **Mr Steve Rewcastle** who has been appointed by Bishop Patrick Dunn as our new Proprietor's Trustee. He joins me, Monsignor Bernard and Leonie Lewthwaite in the Proprietor's trustee role. Steve is married to Karen and they have a daughter in Year 2 and a younger daughter who will follow in the next couple of years. We look forward to working with him as a member of our team.

Katherine McGillivray
BOT Chairperson

Parents' Morning Tea

Friday 9 November at 9am

Come and join other Good Shepherd parents/caregivers in the staff room for a cup of tea/coffee and some home baking - a great way to get to know others in our community. Pre-schoolers are welcome.

Parent Help on Athletics Day

To ensure a smooth running of our athletics day on Wednesday 14th November (save day Friday 16th November) we require parent assistance to help with marshalling for both races and field sports.

If you are available to help, please contact Sarah Gleeson as soon as possible on

sgleeson@goodshepherd.school.nz

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in October 2018:



Mishael Bacus	Evangeline Barry
Jack Barry	Sanjay Beeramathy
Maverick Capao	Phoebe Carlsen
Siena Carter	Annika DeLacey
Xavier Fala	Nimilote Fotofili
Elyssa Ioane Matafi	Luca Kennedy-Woods
Alec MacGilvray	Liam McKinnel
Xavier McKinnel	Joey Mirfin
Imogen Prentice	Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh
Benjamin Wright	

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)

October-The month of Mary and the Rosary

In Religious Education to begin Term 4, children will be engaging in Traditional and Devotional Prayers, including in their classroom prayers. This is a wonderful opportunity to revisit The Rosary, especially in the month of October. There can seem to be a lot of prayers to remember for the Rosary! The free app called 'Laudate' is a fantastic resource for parents and even has interactive Rosary beads within it.

Sandra Cultrera
Director of Religious Studies

Reminders

There have been quite a few notices come home this week giving families information and asking for interest in a wide range of events that are occurring this term. Please ensure that you read all of these notices carefully and return any slips to the teachers in charge as soon as possible.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **William Woods** from Room 1 and **Liam Turner-Padgett** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you William and Liam for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Netsafe Tips for Parents

Teach them the basics

1. Strong passwords

A strong password helps protect the information in your online profiles or accounts.

Teach your child how to choose strong passwords, by [reading how to choose a good password](#).

2. Information to protect online

- Login details and passwords
- Bank account details
- Home address
- Phone numbers
- Birthdate
- Personal information that could be used to guess security questions for online accounts

You should also talk about personal details they could share online, such as where they are and the school they attend. This includes sharing their location – some apps allow you to share your current location with friends, or publicly.

3. Not everything is as it seems

It can seem like common knowledge to adults, but sometimes kids don't understand that people are not always who they say they are online. Talk to them about friending or communicating with people they don't know offline. For young children especially, they shouldn't friend someone online that they don't know personally offline.

4. Digital footprint

Teach your child that they need to think about what they post online, and that what they post online leaves a "digital footprint" about them.

[Find out more about digital footprints](#).

It's Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon time again!!

Manukau event: Wednesday 5th December 2018 at Mountfort Park in Manurewa.

Central West event: Sunday 9th December 2018 at Keith Hay Park in Mt Roskill.

These events are open to all children who are 7 years old or older on the day of the event. If you are interested in entering your children and participating in this fun event, please contact the school co-ordinator, **Eddie Sella** at eddie.sella@xtra.co.nz or on **021 634 300**.

After School Art Classes Term Four at Good Shepherd

Let your child discover and explore their artistic passion. Teaching the foundations of colour, shading, composition and problem solving. Build up creative thinking, knowledge and skills through the use of various mediums such as watercolour, pencils and charcoal. **Contact Olesya for more information.** olesianz@yahoo.co.nz

Concerns and Complaints

As we do every term, we have included in this newsletter our procedure if you have any concern or complaint. It is far better to address any issues as soon as possible and much better for everyone to do this face-to-face, rather than through a long email. If you are worried about anything to do with your child, our teachers are very approachable and keen to work closely with you, either through a quick catch-up before or after school, or by making an appointment if the discussion is going to take longer than a couple of minutes.

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

Flippaball/Mini Polo 2018

Registrations are now open for the Term 4 Flippaball and Mini Polo competitions and a flyer regarding this was sent home with children in Years 3 – 6 yesterday. If your child is interested in playing please complete the form and return to the office by 22nd October 2018.

We are also on the lookout for someone to take over the GSS Flippaball Co-ordinator role from next year onwards. Justin Soon has been doing an outstanding job over the past few years, however his son will be in his last year at GSS next year. Now is a good opportunity for someone to shadow Justin to make the transition of co-ordinator responsibility as smooth as possible. Ideally this would be someone with a Year 3 child. Can you help? Please contact **Justin** on **021 434 706** or leave your name at the school office.

Term 4 has begun and the **2018 HELL Reading Challenge** is in its final months. Thank you for your ongoing support of HELL Reading Challenge. We still have pizza wheels in stock. Pop into the library and pick one up today. Remember that all completed pizza wheels must be redeemed by 3 December 2018. Any questions or to get your pizza wheel stamped please see Marguerite Butcher.



From the PTA

Calendar Orders:

Have your child's artwork turned into calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats or sketch pads! These make great Christmas presents and can be mailed to friends and family easily. **Be sure to get your order in by Monday 29th October.** Samples of the different products can be viewed at the school office along with your child's art work. Orders are taken online via Kindo but if you have any issues with Kindo you can bring cash and the completed order form to the school office. If you are paying by Kindo you do not need to return the order form. **Contact Emma Chan** emma@virtualtag.co if you need any help.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

This term we are offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Scholastic Book Club. Issue 7 has been sent home with your child this week.

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

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

Any orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school.

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

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SCHOLASTIC Book Club

ORDERS DUE BACK BY: _____

GET A FREE BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS!
See back page for details

NEW! 001. Kia Ora You Can Be a Kiwi Too!
Kia ora! Join Heidi with us and explore this country we call Aotearoa.
32 pp • CD. AGES 3+
Retail Club Price \$15.00
SAVE \$4.00

NEW! 002. What Monster?
A scary monster has escaped in Tom's part-of-normal world, in it real?
242 pp. AGES 8+
Retail Club Price \$15.00

NEW! 003. Super Science Slam
Olivia and her friends enter the school Science Fair.
34 pp. AGES 8+
\$8.00

NEW! 004. The Top Secret Undercover Notes of Buttons McGinty
Buttons McGinty needs to use his morse code skills to find his missing parents.
102 pp. AGES 8+
Retail Club Price \$10.00
SAVE \$7.00

NEW! 005. We've Got a Boat
Join Team Kai and sail away on a boat, guided by ancient waka, woven with flax sails, powered by a tararua and bound for victory.
32 pp • CD. AGES 3+
Retail Club Price \$17.00
SAVE \$4.00

NEW! 006. A Kiwi Day Before Christmas
Team Kai does before Christmas what, when at the beach, Santa was taking out your more kiwi which.
32 pp. AGES 3+
Retail Club Price \$15.00

NEW! 007. DYE Drome
Build and fly your own drone. 8 pp with color books of components.
Requires Adult Supervision.
\$99.00
Club Price \$89.00
SAVE \$10.00

NEW! 008. Cute Colouring
Heaps of cute animals to colour!
64 pp. AGES 3+
\$10.00

NEW! 009. Oh Boy!
A Storybook of Epic NZ Men!
Packed full of stories about brilliant Kiwi men who followed their dreams and made the world a better place.
256 pp. Hardcover. AGES 8+
Retail Club Price \$39.00
SAVE \$6.00

NEW! 010. Superbad
It's time for the Bad Guys to join the International League of Horrors!
162 pp. AGES 7+
\$10.00
SAVE \$5.00

NEW! 011. There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Star!
The old lady is swallowing all sorts of Christmas things!
28 pp. Hardcover 20 cm x 16.2 cm. AGES 3+
\$2.00

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

Term Dates for 2019

Term dates for 2019 are as follows:

- Term 1 29th January – 12th April
- Term 2 29th April – 5th July
- Term 3 22nd July - 27th September
- Term 4 14th October – 13th December

PTA - The next meeting of the PTA is Wednesday 24th October at 7.30pm in the staff room. All welcome.

Board of Trustees - The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 7pm in the meeting room. All welcome.

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:

