

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....

Thank you, Monsignor Bernard, for the beautiful commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day at Mass this week. What an important day for New Zealand and the world, as we pray for those who lost their lives, and for peace in our world today.

It is an interesting time in education with the issues of teacher recruitment and retention very much in the news. Every educator and parent would be concerned, I think, about this situation and the implications for the education of our young people. We are very lucky at Good Shepherd to have such a high quality team of teachers and support staff working together for our students, but we cannot guarantee that this shortage will not affect us in the future.

We are well underway in our plans for 2019 and one important aspect of this is organizing classes for the coming year. As you can imagine, this is a complex process that brings together a number of considerations before any decision is made. These include ensuring siblings and where possible cousins are in different classes, working for a balance of girls and boys, looking at friendship groups and deciding which particular teacher may suit your child at any given year level. Where possible, we give children the opportunity to experience being at the younger end of the age range as well as the older end of the age range through their time at Good Shepherd. Throughout this process you can be assured that we have the best interests of every child in our school at the forefront of our minds and we are determined that every child will have the best year possible, whatever their year level. We appreciate your trust in us and we are very confident that through working closely together throughout the year we will achieve this goal.

Our **Netsafe Tip for Parents** this week discusses online bullying, a very real problem in today's society. This is probably a good time to remind you that Good Shepherd has very strong bullying prevention and response procedures in place - see our website www.goodshepherd.school.nz for details.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2018

Saturday 17 November 9.30am-3.00pm

Rocket Park, Mt Albert

This is the major performance event for our Irish Dancing and Kapa Haka groups for this year. We would love you to come along to support our children, and also to enjoy performances by our neighbouring schools, the great food stalls and extra activities, and the on-site cafe. Our children are performing on the Outside Stage at the following times:

11.15am = Irish Dancing Group

1.05pm = Senior Kapa Haka Group

The Albert-Eden School Cultural Festival was recently the winner of the Outstanding Event Award at the NZ Recreation Awards so bring along the family and enjoy a vibrant multicultural event.



Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new student who started with us this week:

Hugo Madarasz

Swimming Pool Keys

A limited number of keys will be available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer, from **Monday 26th November**. Further details will be communicated in next week's update notice. In fairness to all families we do not accept reservations for keys or allocate keys prior to Monday 26th November.

Good Shepherd End-of-Year and Graduation Mass Wednesday 5 December at 5.30pm

Please make sure that this time is set aside for our last formal gathering as a community for the year, when we thank God for all the blessings of 2018, and farewell our senior students.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Baskets

Each classroom in the school has a 'Giving Basket' that will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year for Christmas. Rooms 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 are collecting unwrapped gifts, and Rooms 2, 4, 6, 8 are collecting non-perishable food items. All gifts and food items are greatly appreciated at this happy time of the year when we can give back to our local community.

School Account Statements

Statements will be emailed out again this week to all families who have a balance still owing on their school account. Please look out for the statement in your email inbox. If you are paying your school account in term instalments the term 4 instalment is due next week (week 6).

All accounts need to be settled by 1 December 2018. If you have any queries regarding the school account please email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz

Room 6 Assembly

Please join us as Room 6 shares their learning at assembly at 2.15pm on Friday.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Florence Twose** from Room 7 and **Joseph Lelava** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Florence and Joseph for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



LIBRARY BOOKS-

Overdue Books & Annual Stocktake

Please return **all overdue** books as soon as possible. Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

In preparation for our annual stocktake we would like all books to be returned by **Friday 30 November**. Our annual stocktake will take place at the end of term and we would like all books back on the shelf.

Any concerns or questions please see Marguerite Butcher.

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 **021634300**.

Room 5 Mufti Day

Last week Room 5 children enjoyed coming to school in mufti, thanks to Liam Bowles' family who put in the winning bid for a class mufti day at the Quiz Nite. Thank you to Liam and his family for your generosity in purchasing this prize for the class.



GSS Yearbook

2018 edition

We have limited numbers this year of our 2018 GSS Yearbook available for purchase. It is important that you get in quick.

The school will not reserve yearbooks.

\$20.00 cash or cheque only

There are no online payments

On sale outside the school office

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (Week 6)

8:30-8:45am and 3:00-3:15pm

If you have any queries regarding the yearbook please contact Miss Gleeson

Netsafe Tips for Parents

Online bullying

- One in five young people in New Zealand have been the target of online bullying.
- Teach your child what to do if they're targeted online, so they have the tools to deal with it if it happens.
- Ask them what advice they'd give a friend who was experiencing online bullying. (This is a good way to understand how they would deal with these kinds of situations if they were to experiencing it themselves).
- Make sure you also talk to them about how you expect them to behave towards others online.
 - Let them know that if it's not acceptable offline, it's not acceptable online
 - Ask your kids to think about the person on the "other side" of the screen
 - Lead by example – think about how you're behaving toward others online

Find out more about [how to deal with online bullying](#).

Kids for Kids Concert

Congratulations to the choir who did such a wonderful job in the Kids for Kids Concert on Tuesday night. You were all amazing! Well-done for Miracle and Eva who were selected as the soloists and demonstrated excellence in the concert, for Jiwoo who played with the ukulele group and Faith who danced with the team on stage. Congratulations!



Travelwise

On Friday last week our Travelwise leaders attended a Travelwise Celebration at the Cloud where Good Shepherd received a 'Silver' award for their efforts and their contributions to the Travelwise program.



A big Thank you to all the Walking School Bus team for supporting us and helping us to be a Travelwise school!

Good Shepherd School Athletics

What a great day we had yesterday at the Good Shepherd Athletics at Three Kings Reserve. Well done to all our competitors and special congratulations to all those who were placed in their events. We also saw many examples of good sportsmanship happening and these children made us proud with the effort they put into their events.

We had a great team of parent helpers on the day, ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Thank you, Miss Gleeson, for your organization of this event.

Certificates for those children placed in their events at our athletics day will be presented at our Sports Assembly on Friday 30 November.

Good luck to the athletes representing Good Shepherd at the interschool athletics next week.

The organisers of this year's Eden/Albert Zone Athletics advise that the event will be held at Margaret Griffin Park on Thursday 22nd November.

