

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, 26 May 2016



Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Soleil Canovas** from Room 3 and **Gina Smoldon** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Soleil and Gina are great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Grandparents' Mass

Thursday 2 June

We are looking forward to welcoming all our grandparents and older members of our community to Grandparents' Mass and Celebrations at 11am on Thursday 2 June.

Grandparents' Day Programme

11.00am

Mass and blessing – please note that a collection will be taken during this Mass. Welcome candles will be presented to new students and staff. A blessing of our grandparents and older members of our community will take place and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available after the Mass for those who would like this special blessing.

12.15-1.15pm

Lunch – please note that the PTA will be selling a sausage sizzle and other food at this time to raise funds for the many projects that support the learning of all our children (please contact Nikki Flexman if you are able to help with baking or selling goods nikkiflexman@gmail.com)

1.15pm

Performance by the school Kapa Haka and Irish Dancing groups.

12.15pm onwards

Classrooms will be open for students and guests to visit during the celebration.

Please join us for this very special celebration of our grandparents and the older members of our community. We are hoping that the weather is going to be fine and we will be outside for lunch and performances so we invite our guests to wrap up warmly!

Welcome

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

Julian Lund CJ Solis

School Assembly Friday 27th May

Room 9 will be presenting assembly tomorrow. You are all very welcome to attend. Assembly starts at 2.15pm.

Board of Trustees 2016 Election Results

Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected to our school's Board of Trustees:

Aaron Delacey Marieke Zieleman
Nikki Flexman Graeme Twose

Vector Future of Energy Competition

Vector ran a competition from August to September last year in which schools and other organisations could be nominated and voted for to win solar panels and battery systems. Thanks to the amazing support of our school community we won some solar panels and these are due to be installed on **Friday 3 June**. This is a 'Teacher Only Day' so there will be no children at school but please also advise your children not to play in the school grounds so that the installation can take place safely.

Bullying Free Week

Good Shepherd School is committed to a whole-school approach to bullying prevention and to the creation of a safe and positive learning environment. Over the past week we have been involved in Bullying-free NZ Week, the theme of which is 'Together we can prevent bullying in Aotearoa'. In classrooms children have been involved in activities that promote awareness about how they can (individually and collectively) contribute to creating a positive school culture that discourages bullying.

Some of the key messages that have emerged from this week:

- Bullying prevention is closely aligned to the New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies of ***Managing Self, Relating to others and Participating and contributing***
- Everyone has a role to play in preventing and responding to bullying situations
- All members of the school community must have a shared understanding of what bullying is:

Bullying is when someone hurts or upsets someone else on purpose, usually more than once. Bullying can happen face-to-face, online or on mobile phones. It can be done in front of other people or when no one else is around. Bullying involves a power imbalance based on things like physical size, age, gender or social status.

Bullying can be:

physical – e.g. hitting or taking / damaging someone's property
verbal – saying, writing or posting nasty things, name calling, threats
social – spreading rumours, excluding someone from a group.

Please encourage your children to talk to their teacher or other adult at school if they are experiencing a situation, or witnessing a situation, that they cannot resolve themselves.

Samoa Language Week 5

It's a time to celebrate the rich texture of the Samoan language, Gagana Samoa, and culture through events and celebrations happening throughout the country. This year Samoa Language Week runs from the 29th May – 4 June. The theme for 2016 is

“E felelei manu ae ma’au i o latou ofaga - Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive”.

Samoa is the third most spoken language in New Zealand, and the second most spoken language in Auckland. Even speaking a word or two of another language is a good opportunity to expand our horizons. Learning other languages gives us insight into the people, the culture and traditions of other countries and helps us to understand our own language and culture. We hope that everyone will draw on the skills and expertise of those who speak Pacific languages, and have a go at speaking Samoan!

As part of this celebration we invite the children to wear any clothes that reflect the Samoan culture on **Wednesday, 1st June**. All children not wearing clothes that reflect the Samoan culture are to wear their full school uniform please.

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.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed next Thursday 2nd June

Whole school prayer

Room 7 will be leading our whole school prayer on Monday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Monday 30 May	Room 7
Tuesday 7 June	Room 2
Monday 13 June	Room 5
Monday 20 June	Room 8
Monday 27 June	Room 4
Monday 4 July	Room 3



School is closed for a
Teacher Only Day
on Friday 3rd June 2016

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The second set of 10 lessons for 2016 will begin tomorrow Friday 27 May. 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 recently finished, so are not suitable for children new to chess. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

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 that went home last week or see Mrs Butcher if you are interested in entering these competitions.

Road Safety Week

What a fantastic week we had last week, celebrating Catholic Schools Day, Science Week and Road Safety Week! Tino Pai to those children who put in time and effort to create posters and create outfits to highlight the importance of Road Safety Week!

Check out the posters in the library!



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH



**ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 10 - 15 YEARS OLD
DOES FOOD, FUN AND FAITH INTEREST YOU**

COME TO MARY MCKILLOP HALL

MAY 28 : 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm

PTA CORNER

When my family joined Good Shepherd last year, our first big school event was Grandparent's Mass and we didn't know much about it, so I thought I'd share my new found knowledge.....

What is Grandparent's Mass?

It's a day where we, as a school, celebrate the special role Grandparents take in our lives.

The day is celebrated on 2 June with a Mass in Church at 11am. New children to the school will also be welcomed at this Mass.

After Mass everyone is welcome to enjoy morning tea/lunch on the school grounds in a really pleasant and relaxed environment. You can buy some of the amazing baking, club sandwiches, sausages, muffins etc being sold at stalls outside the library for \$1, \$2 or \$3. Tea and coffee are free.

Chairs are set up on the grass – in case of rain the hall is the backup space.

Good Shepherd parents are asked to donate home baking, which then goes on the tables to be sold. The sales are a PTA fundraiser with all funds going back in to the school. Baking can be dropped off at the office on **Thursday 2 June by 9am**, labeled if possible and would be very much appreciated.

Parents can help by baking, setting up, making sandwiches, making cups of tea, helping to sell and cleaning up.

It really is a lovely day. Email Nikki if you can help to make the day run smoothly and enjoyably – nikkiflexman@gmail.com

Entertainment Books

Not long until you get to use those entertainment book vouchers! This handy book goes live at the start of June (next week) so pop into the office to purchase one if you are interested and make the most of those specials.

Books are \$65 with \$13 going to Good Shepherd School.

Contact Alanah on 021 348 327 or alanahdando@hotmail.com if you want more information.

We are on Facebook!

Simply search Good Shepherd School PTA and request to join. It is a closed group, full of reminders of up and coming events.

Have a great week everyone, thanks for your support

Carla, and the PTA team Leonie, Helen and Sarah.