

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....

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, the season of the Church year during which we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We are all looking forward to sharing with you the special occasions, both in school and parish, that this special time brings. In the busyness of this time of year, let us not forget the real reason behind Christmas.

This week we had the final board and PTA meetings for the year. We are very fortunate to have these two groups of people who give so much to the benefit of every child at Good Shepherd School. The board of trustees is responsible for the governance of the school, ensuring that everything that needs to be done gets done, legally, in line with our Catholic special character, and in the best interests of our children. Many of our board members have children who are either finishing at Good Shepherd or are nearing the end of their time here, leaving room for new people to come on board in the elections next year. I'm sure that every person who has taken on this role would tell you what rewarding work it is and what insight it gives you into the workings of school life.

The PTA has a different, but also very important role in the school. There was a great turnout to the last meeting of the year this week and we had a lot of fun, while also having some serious discussions about current and future projects around the school. One of these was next year's school fair, a major community and fundraising event that we all look forward to every second year. I also very much enjoy sharing with the PTA the background to some of the decisions and happenings at school and to give them the opportunity to ask questions. If you haven't already done so, please consider getting involved in whatever way suits you and your family next year. The personal and collective rewards are well worth the commitment.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

Sacramental Programme 2019

Good Shepherd School and Parish have enrolment forms available for the Sacramental Programme in 2019. All children who have been baptised and are 8 years old and above are eligible. A copy of their baptism certificate is required. Enrolment forms are available at the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office from Monday 26th November. The first Sacramental Parents meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th February at 6.30pm at Good Shepherd School Staffroom**. **Closing date for enrolment will be the 22nd February 2019.**

For further inquiries contact Sandra Cultrera (Director of Religious Studies) scultrera@goodshepherd.school.nz

Attendance Dues

Just a reminder that Attendance Dues are required to be paid by **1st December 2018** please. We appreciate your support in paying your school account by then. If you wish to discuss your account or ability to pay please email Jane Hahn at principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate

Aoibheann O'Sullivan Blanch from Room 3 and **Asher Sutton** from Room 7 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Aoibheann and Asher for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Good Shepherd Christmas Concert

Good Shepherd children and teachers would like to invite all families to a Christmas concert. This will be an interactive event where you can come and sing some carols with the school. All classes will be performing a class Christmas item. Parents will be provided with a carol sheet to join in the singing while classes are in transition from one performance to another.

If your child's room number is even we ask that they bring a non-perishable item of food for their class Christmas box. If your child's room number is odd we ask that they bring an unwrapped unisex gift for their class Christmas box. The boxes are being decorated by the classes and will line the stage on the night. All donations will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than us. Bring your own food and drinks and sausages will be provided by the PTA. Once the concert is finished all children will be under their parents' supervision. The event will finish at 8.00pm.

Event: *Good Shepherd School Christmas Concert*

Date: *Thursday 13 December*

Time: *6.00p.m. children to report to teacher; performances begin 6.30p.m.*

Place: *School field*

So come on and book in the event, bring your picnic rugs and join with us to celebrate this special time of year with the children of Good Shepherd!

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

This is a very special event as we come together as a whole school community to celebrate the year and to pray for God's blessings on those students moving on to intermediate school from Good Shepherd. All students are to meet their teachers outside Room 9, on the turf in full school uniform, at 5.15pm.

Please note there will be a plate collection at Mass for the Parish.

We look forward to the whole school community being present on this occasion.

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.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property. At the end of term, all unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Swimming Pool Keys

There are still a small number of swimming pool keys available for hire for the summer. Please contact the school office.

Dates for End of Year Events

Please note the following important dates in your diary:

30 November	Sports Assembly 2.15pm Uniform shop close Library books returned
2 December	Photolife free delivery closes
5 December	Weetbix Tryathlon End of Year Mass, 5.30pm
10 December	Reports go home
12 December	PTA Pie Day orders close 11.00am
13 December	PTA Pie Day Christmas Concert, 6.00pm
14 December	Leadership Assembly, 9.00am End of Term 4, 2.00pm

Term Dates 2019

Term 1:	29 January to 12 April
Term 2:	29 April to 5 July
Term 3:	22 July to 27 September
Term 4:	14 October to 13 December

Netsafe Tips for Parents:

What if something does happen?

- Let your child know the options that are available to them – talking to a trusted adult, their school or Netsafe. **0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723) – queries@netsafe.org.nz**
- They have a team of friendly people offering free and confidential advice for everyone in New Zealand.
- They can help young people with online bullying, abuse, harassment and other challenges they might face online.
- If they come to you for help, count to ten before you react.
- If you overreact or take away the technology, then you're less likely to be the first port of call next time something happens. Focus on fixing the issue, not on punishing or confiscating their devices.

Eden/Albert Zone Athletics Results

Congratulations to all the athletes who represented Good Shepherd at the interschool athletics competition last week. The competition was tough and our school performed extremely well overall.



JUST FOUR DAYS LEFT TO SWAP READING WHEELS FOR FREE PIZZA

The HELL Reading Challenge programme is drawing to a close for 2018, and any children who have read the seven books required to complete their wheels need to take them down to their closest HELL outlet before the end of 3 December to get their free pizza.

LIBRARY BOOKS - Annual Stocktake

Please return all school library books by tomorrow **Friday 30 November**. Your child will bring home a notice if they have any overdue books.

Our annual stocktake will take place next week and we would like all books back on the shelf.

Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost. Many thanks.

Any concerns or questions please see Marguerite Butcher.

Look out for our **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** starting in Week 9.

From the PTA

PTA PIE DAY - Thursday 13th December

We will be having our last PTA PIE LUNCH FUNDRAISER for the year on **Thursday 13th December**. There will be NO SUSHI on Friday 14th December.

What you need to know:

- The pies are supplied by Jesters and are \$5.30 each. They can be ordered online only via Kindo <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/>
- Cut off for orders is **11am Wednesday 12th December**
- The pies will be delivered to each child's class on Thursday
- The pies will be made freshly on Thursday morning by Jesters.

The online system (Kindo) is the same one we use for online sushi ordering - it's really easy and hopefully many of you are familiar with it. If you haven't already, please register and then place your order.

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/>

The following pie choices will be available:

- Mince
- Mince & Cheese
- Bacon Egg & Cheese
- Steak
- Steak & Cheese
- Smoked Salmon
- Butter Chicken
- Spinach, Mushroom & Feta
- Apple & Custard
- Gluten-free mince, steak or butter chicken
- Small sausage roll (\$2.80)

If you have any problems ordering your pies you can contact:

Kindo Help Desk (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm) 09 869 5200
or your **PTA representative Emma Chan**
emma@virtualltag.co 027 7745 941

Kia Kaha

Room 7 & 8



“Kia Kaha, Kia Toa, Kia Manawanui”

Rooms 7 & 8 worked on their class Wakas. The Wakas represent our classes standing strong together against bullying. We recognised our own and others’ unique qualities and strengths and how together these can make us a stronger team.

We also created shields to celebrate our differences and highlight our similarities

