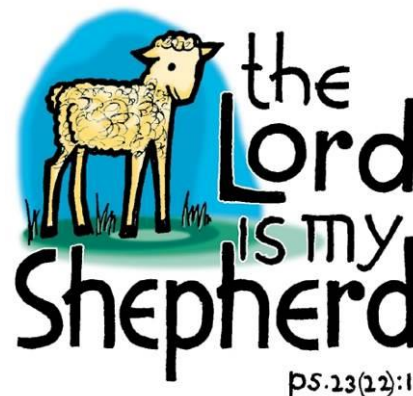


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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

Newsletter No 1, 31 January 2019



From the principal....

Wherever we are, we are called to create community

What beautiful words coming from St Mary MacKillop, the co-founder of the Josephite Sisters who established Good Shepherd over one hundred years ago. 'Community' is created when people come together for a common purpose, and is made strong when they get involved with doing things together, when there is trust amongst all members. At Good Shepherd we nurture a deep sense of community, built around our children's learning within a strong Catholic environment.

On Tuesday night families of our Year 6 leaders joined their children at camp in Long Bay to celebrate the Eucharist and share a meal - two wonderful ways to build community! We look forward to having our seniors back next week after this great start to their final year at Good Shepherd.

At the beginning of term we are thinking about our leavers who are moving onto intermediate school this year and wish them and their families every blessing. They will always be part of the Good Shepherd community.

Teachers are very excited about their new classes and are working hard on building community in the classroom. Part of this process is the Introductory Letter your child will be bringing home, telling you a little about their classroom teacher and the expectations of their particular class and year level. We also ask you to fill in the 'Tell me about your child' form, so that information is going in both directions and you can share some of your insights into your children. We include our 'Concerns and Complaints' procedures in this newsletter, as we find that problems can be dealt with very quickly if addressed early on. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

A strong community strengthens resilience in all its members, so let's continue to build the Good Shepherd community together - for our children, our families, our school staff and our parish.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

Parish/School Mass for Term 1 Saturday 2nd March 6.00 p.m.

Please put this date in your diaries now as it is our first Parish School Mass of 2019. We are hoping for a beautiful night so that we can enjoy a picnic together after Mass.

Good Shepherd School Staff 2019

Jane Hahn	Principal
Megan Dyer (formerly Chambers)	Deputy Principal, Leader Connolly Team
Heather McLeod	Teacher Years 1/2, Room 3 and 4, Leader Sheridan Team
Sandra Cultrera	Teacher Years 0/1, Room 1, Director of Religious Studies
Marguerite Butcher	Reading Recovery, Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO)
Peyton Evans	Teacher Years 1/2, Room 3 and 4
Louise Drummond	Teacher Years 5/6, Room 5
Melissa Down	Teacher Years 5/6, Room 6, Community of Schools Across School Teacher
Kezia Vergis	Teacher Years 3/4, Room 7
Jade O'Neill	Teacher Years 3/4, Room 8
Fengmei Li	Teacher Years 4/5, Room 9
Rachel Suggate	Teacher Room 6 (Teacher release 2 days per week)
Janet Scanlan	Teacher Room 1 (Teacher release 1 day per week) and Teacher Room 3 (Teacher release 1 day per week)
Clare Fala,	Teacher release
Kathryn Twort	Office Administrator
Irene Petau	Office Assistant
Sharyn Hodge	School Caretaker
Zdenka Krivokuca	Teacher Aide
Janelle Pool	Teacher Aide
Olesya Merrick	Teacher Aide
Alex Vergis	OSCA Supervisor
Vanessa Vergis	OSCA Assistant
Anusta Arulsebastiyan	OSCA Assistant

As you can see, our classes have two year levels in one room. This organisation is known to be effective for all children and all children will be working at their appropriate levels.



Welcome

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

Arabela Barredo	Reece Eclarino
Sophia Corrales	Levi Foskin
Samantha Corrales	Morena Fuli
Yasmine Couch	

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in JANUARY:

Jessica Arceo	Hao Nguyen
Thomas Erickson	Ashton Noel Pereira
Levi Foskin	Soeun Park
Morena Fuli	Eva Patterson
John Paul Kaufman	Aiden Pool
Jodeci Lagofaatasi	Mackenzie Taito
Harrison Maddox	Victor Telequido
Madison McLeod	Ella Tuibenau

Leadership Assembly

On Friday 8 February at 9.00am, the Good Shepherd School leadership badges will be awarded. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend this assembly.

Home/School Partnership Meeting Term 1 Tuesday 12 February

3pm - 4pm open classrooms

The focus of our first Home-School Partnership meeting this year is opening our classrooms to all family/ whanau. You are very welcome to visit any of the classrooms between 3pm and 4pm, to talk to the teachers about their classroom programmes and perhaps to ask those burning questions that have been on your mind.

Waitangi Day

Wednesday 6 February 2019

Waitangi Day is widely recognized as New Zealand's national day and is an occasion for reflecting on the Treaty of Waitangi and its place in Aotearoa today. School will be closed next Wednesday for Waitangi Day.

Year 6 Camp Mass

Thank you to all the families who attended the Year 6 Mass at Long Bay. We pray that the children's preparations for their year of leadership are filled with success and the values of The Good Shepherd.



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.

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

The Good Shepherd School App



Good Shepherd School now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and Search Good Shepherd School to download the App to your phone or tablet.

Good Shepherd has an app to provide another way to communicate between school and home. This app enables easy access to: newsletters, informing the school of absences, receiving up-to-date notifications about events, class blogs, useful links to help your children in their learning, the school calendar and more.

All you need to do is go to the Apps Store and search 'Good Shepherd School' and download the app to your smart-phone. We highly recommend you download this app to get the most up-to-date information concerning Good Shepherd School.

If you have the downloaded the app from last year and your child has changed classes, you will need to change the class you want to receive notifications from.

Go to the drop down menu icon, located in the top left corner, select **Alert Subscriptions, Classrooms**, and then Select the classroom/s.

Netscape Tips for Parents

Set expectations

Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you'd like them to adopt.

- how long they should spend online ([tips on timing](#))
- what apps and social media sites you'd like them to use
- 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.

St Peter's College Primary

Music Programme Demo

Thursday 7 February at 3pm

St Peter's College is proposing an after school Primary Music Programme in 2019, in which children from Good Shepherd will learn to play a musical instrument and play in a musical group. You are all welcome to attend a demonstration of the programme in the Good Shepherd school hall, at 3pm on Thursday next week. Please email the co-ordinators, Mr Poljanich or Miss Teh at stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com for more information.

Time and again, research shows us that learning music helps children to achieve better academically and socially. Learning a musical instrument takes that learning up a notch.

<https://www.schoolnews.co.nz/2017/11/the-benefits-of-music-lessons-in-schools/>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Welcome to another year of books with Scholastic Book Club! This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Lucky Book Club. Issue 1 will be 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**.



Good Shepherd School Walking School Bus

Have you considered joining a Walking School Bus? Being part of a Walking School Bus is a great way for your children to make friends while reducing pollution and traffic congestion while safely getting to school. Our school has a number of active walking school bus routes in place – have a look at the website for more information, or email Rachael at rrrclement@xtra.co.nz.

From the PTA

PTA - Sushi on Fridays

Sushi is available for lunch on Fridays as a PTA fundraiser. The sushi is supplied by the local Cafe Sushi and the system is run parent volunteers. Current sushi prices are as follows:

- Chicken teriyaki on rice \$7.00
- 4 pack chicken, tuna or vegetarian \$6.00
- 6 pack chicken, tuna or vegetarian \$7.00
- 8 pack chicken, tuna or vegetarian \$8.00

Orders are taken online via Kindo. You must create a Kindo account to be able to place an order. Please see the separate guide Sushi Lunches Online for more information.

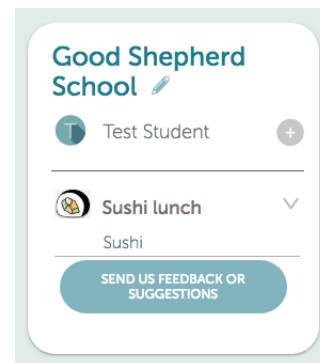
We are still looking for parent volunteers to collect and distribute the sushi on **Friday 29th March and Friday 29th April**. Please email Emma Chan emma@virtualtag.co if you can help with either of these dates.

Emma Chan - GSS PTA

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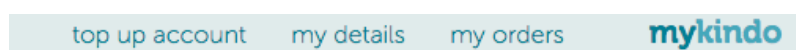
Ordering and payment is done online. You can order in advance with a cut off of 8.45am on Friday morning for delivery that day. You will need to create an account on Kindo to order sushi.

[Click here](#) for the login in page for our Kindo online school shop.

Click on [Create an account](#) and complete the online form by entering in your contact details, and your child/ren's name/s.

Payment

There are a number of ways you can choose to top-up your account, and this can be done at the checkout, or by selecting the 'top up account' icon.



Bank Transfer No fees. Allow 2 days for processing.

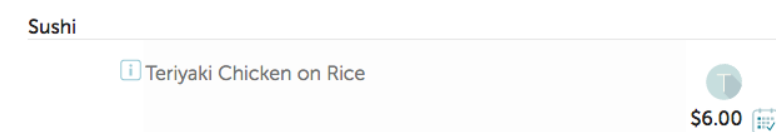
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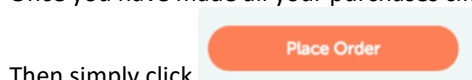
Credit/Debit Card 50 cent charge + 2.5% fee. Instant transfer.
Visa / MasterCard / American Express and China UnionPay available.

Shopping

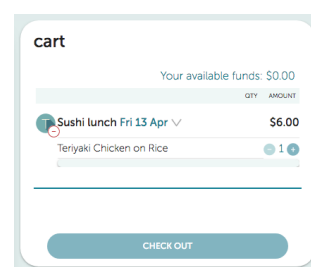
Items can be added to your shopping cart, by clicking on your child's initial next to an item.



Once you have made all your purchases click on to complete your transaction. [CHECK OUT](#)



Then simply click [Place Order](#) at the checkout and you're done!



If you have insufficient funds you will be required to top-up first to complete your transaction. Your order will automatically go through to the school, and you will receive an email receipt confirming your payment or top-up!

Need assistance? Call the Kindo helpdesk on free phone 0508 4 KINDO (0508 454 636). Or contact PTA representative Emma Chan - emma@virtualtag.co 027 7745 941

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:

