

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, 7 February 2019



Leadership Assembly

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

Staff Update

We are very sad to be losing Kathryn Twort from our administration team at Good Shepherd. Kathryn has been with us for six years and has made a major contribution to the school in this important role. We wish Kathryn every blessing for the future.

The position of Office Administrator will be advertised in the local papers over the next two weeks.

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.

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** in the 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

Positive Communication

At this early stage of the year the teachers and children are busy settling into their new classrooms and building quality, learning-focused relationships. We welcome your patience in giving your child time to settle into their new classroom environment and routine. Having close, respectful relationships between home and school is very much part of our Good Shepherd Way.

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/ whānau. 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.

Sports Events for Term 1

Connolly swimming carnival	Wednesday 20 February
Eden/Albert swimming zones	Tuesday 26 February
Eden/Albert cricket zones	Tuesday 19 March (save day 26 March)
Eden/Albert touch zones	Tuesday 9 April (save day 11 April)

With all of these events above we need parent help and support for them to go ahead. If you are able to help out in any way this term please contact Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz. You don't need to be an expert in a certain sport, help is always available. The amount of parent support does influence how many teams we are able to enter in the cricket and touch zones.

Sheridan swimming display - Thursday 14 March

The Good Shepherd School App



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.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in **FEBRUARY**:

Peter Balana Arcilla
Arabela Barredo
Angelique Custodio Wilson
Addison Davenport
Dana Fa'apopo
Sanuka Hewamanage
Uiti Lemana
Nigel Pena
Lennox Prentice
Kharsha Selvathas
Florence Twose

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 and 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 rrrrclement@xtra.co.nz.

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 was 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**.

Chess Lessons at Good Shepherd School

This year we will again be offering our students chess coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren. In Term 1, we are offering chess coaching at the **BEGINNER** level for Years **4-6**. The first set of 10 lessons for 2019 begins Friday 15 February at lunchtime. Please fill out an Enrolment Form sent home this week and return to the school office if you are interested in this offer. Lessons will run for 45 minutes. The cost is \$40. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

Marguerite Bucher
Chess Club Co-ordinator

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from a setback.

What is emotional resilience?

Emotional resilience refers to the ability to manage feelings and cope with day-to-day stresses as well as major life events. This includes being able to recognise, understand and accept feelings, and express them in appropriate ways that do not harm others. It also involves being able to face and resolve unpleasant situations and cope with very stressful or upsetting events. Children have different temperaments and some are more sensitive or emotionally expressive than others. However, it is important for all children to learn and manage emotions. Their ability to recognise, understand and deal with different emotions develops gradually.

From the PTA

Welcome back!

The new year is here, we hope you all had a wonderful summer break with all that sunshine! I've certainly enjoyed easing back into it with a few short weeks.

PTA Meeting

We have the first PTA meeting of the year coming up next **Tuesday (the 12th) at 7:30pm**. We will be getting an update on the fair planning and also looking at planning for other events and fundraising targets for the year.

We also have the AGM coming up on the **5th March**.

Reminder – as a parent you are automatically a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceeding – just come along!

As always, feel free to get in contact any time, digitalbugsy@gmail.com. Or join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSSPTA/>

Thanks!

Kirsty-Anne, Kelly, Mairead and Buggy

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 by 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 visit .

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/user_home.shtml?session=false&shop=Good%20Shepherd%20School

*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

**St Peter's College
Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13**

OPEN DAY

For Year 7 Enrolments in 2020

Tuesday 26th February 2019

9:30am or 1:00pm

www.st-peters.school.nz

MICHAEL JAMES COLLIER **MUSIC LESSONS**

Guitar & Ukulele - Group or Solo Lessons

Piano - Solo Lessons

Singing - Solo Lessons

Music lessons during school hours, or if preferred at my private home studio on Rosedale Ave.

Please use Email to organise lessons.

Solo \$28/30mins

Group \$15.50/30mins

Contact

0212557121 MikeJamesCollier@gmail.com

School Camp 2019

What a fabulous start to the year we had at Long Bay. The weather was perfect, the parents were amazing (thank you again parents), the food was delicious and we had challenging adventures galore, thanks to our dedicated instructors.

I was particularly impressed with the behavior of our Year Six students, towards the adults and each other. We are going to have a wonderful year at Good Shepherd this year with these students leading by example. Thank you Jemima Lipscombe for sharing some highlights with us below.

Last Monday 35 excited Year Six students packed into a few cars and drove off to Marine Education and Recreation Centre (MERC) at Long Bay. Over the week we were all pushed to our limits, but we loved every second of it!

We completed multiple water activities, like sailing, dinghy game and the fun favourite – kayaking. We also did the ‘Giant’s Ladder’, abseiling, orienteering, rock climbing (my favourite) and heaps more.

Sarah told me she liked abseiling. She was nervous at the start but was happy coming down. Because she is scared of heights we were all so proud! Harrison wasn’t scared of heights, so he liked ‘Stack em’. Even though he struggled a bit, Eli enjoyed making it to the top of the giant’s ladder with Matthew. Seihara enjoyed the abseiling and was so proud of herself at the end.

Overall we all enjoyed the experience, learnt a lot and we all agree we want to do it again!



Good Shepherd School Gym Club

Wednesdays 7.30 – 8.30am

Gymnastics is a great way for your child to improve coordination, strength, balance and develop self confidence.

Tri Star Gymnastics is bringing their awesome, high energy gymnastics programme to Good Shepherd School in Term 1, 2019.

To register your interest, please contact Ashleigh:

ashleigh.henry@tristar.org.nz

09 625 4354



Jump into it!

After School Art and Craft Lessons Term One

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 water colour, pencils, charcoal and clay.

Option of 6 or 8 classes for the term.

Contact Olesya for more information, and to advise preference for day of the week for classes.

olesianz@yahoo.co.nz

