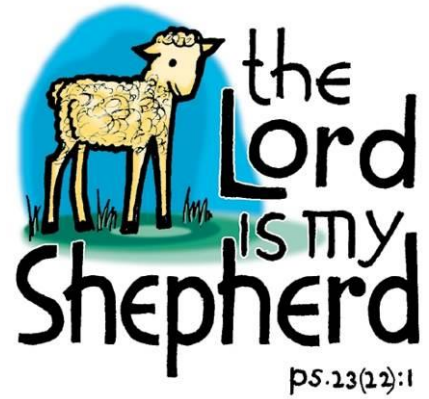


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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 2, 14 February 2019

From the principal....

In the last newsletter I quoted that lovely saying from St Mary MacKillop - **Wherever we are we are called to create community** - and talked about the importance of this concept of 'community' in our school and parish. This week I would like to urge everyone to think about how they can contribute to making this community even stronger, one in which our children have the best opportunities to learn and to grow. Our PTA has already begun planning the biennial **School Fair**, to take place in November this year. The fair has certainly contributed to Good Shepherd being such a well-resourced school in terms of digital technologies and outdoor play areas. Just as important, however, is the community-building aspect of the fair. Many of those very generous families who have been involved for years in the school fair are coming to the end of their close association with Good Shepherd and we need some of our newer families to put their hands up. Please look out for the requests for help for the fair from the PTA, as well as the usual requests for Room Reps, Caring Committee members, Sushi helpers, sports team supporters - there is something to suit everyone and getting involved is a great way to get to know others in the community!

For some people the thought of contributing by becoming a trustee on the Good Shepherd Board of Trustees is appealing. Please consider this option too as we have the **board elections** coming up in June and again, some of the trustees who have made a major contribution to our school in this role, will be moving on at this time.

Thank you so much for contributing in any way you can to making Good Shepherd the best school for our children.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

Good Shepherd Awards



Our Good Shepherd Awards are presented weekly to two children who have been observed showing our school values of **care, respect** and **honesty**. This may be a one-off incident, such as helping someone in the playground or classroom, or it may be because the child consistently and quietly displays these values. All staff members have input into the allocation of the award. The beautiful awards themselves were donated by a couple from Good Shepherd parish in memory of their son.

Good Shepherd Home-School Partnership

This year we began our Home-School Partnership meetings with an 'open classrooms' afternoon this week. In the past we have had an information, or 'meet the teachers', evening but we found this was not well attended by our families. On Tuesday a number of parents/whānau took the opportunity to have a look in their child's and other classrooms, talk to the teachers and ask those 'burning questions'. Don't forget, we do have an 'open door' approach at Good Shepherd School, meaning we welcome our parents into the school and classrooms. Teachers are usually in their classrooms before and after school for a quick catch-up, although you are asked to make an appointment if you think a meeting might take longer.

Attached is a short piece about *Growth Mindset and Digital Technology at Good Shepherd School* that was handed out to parents during our open afternoon.

Board of Trustee Meeting

There will be a board meeting on Tuesday 19 February at 7pm in the meeting room. You are welcome to attend.

Marcellin College Visit

Yesterday our Year 5 and 6 students were visited by Marcellin College. We enjoyed a performance from one of their cultural groups and a chat with the head girl and teachers. We were impressed by the polite and friendly students (and teachers) and all the options that are available for Marcellin students. Something for everyone. If you are interested in quality co-education (enrolling brothers and sister together could be an advantage) Marcellin in Royal Oak would love you to visit. Brochures available from Ms Dyer.

Calling All Fathers of Good Shepherd

We need you this Saturday 16 February at 2pm to spread wood chips around the up top playground. The Holy Fathers would love an hour or two of your time for a quick working bee at the school. Bring a barrow if you have one + shovel + rake.

Chess Lessons at Good Shepherd School

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren starts tomorrow Friday 15 February at lunchtime.
Marguerite Bucher
Chess Club Co-ordinator

Safety at the school gate

The school gate by the office is usually open as the children arrive and leave school. If you are visiting school during school hours, could you please make sure you shut the gate behind you.

School Account

School account statements have been emailed out and hard copies sent home via the children. **Please commence payments as soon as possible.** Payments can be spread out over the year but must be paid by 1 December. If you are paying in term instalments, the first instalment is due by week 6.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Kathryn in the school office or email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz

**The school dues bank account is:
12-3067-0208272-02**

Auckland Diocese Preference Forms

At this time of the year many of our families are asking for our Parish Priest to sign Preference forms for Catholic secondary schools. Msgr Bernard will be available to sign Preference forms after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

Sacramental Programme

Thank you to all the families who attended the Sacramental Meeting. If you are still interested in enrolling your child/ren into the Sacramental Programme, please fill out an application form from the Good Shepherd School office. **Enrolments close 22nd February 2019.**

For further enquiries please contact Sandra Cultrera scultrera@goodshepherd.school.nz

Caritas 2019



This year, Good Shepherd School are supporting Caritas in their need for donations to South Sudan. Donations go towards shelter, food, water, tools and healthcare. The children will be engaging in Caritas resources surrounding Peace, Hope & Life. Each class will have a Caritas donation box. For further information go to www.caritas.org.nz

Sports Events for Term 1

Connolly swimming carnival - Wednesday 20 February

We still require one parent who is able to get into the pool and assist us for this event.

Eden/Albert swimming zones - Tuesday 26 February

We require one parent who is able to supervise the team in the stands and one parent who is able to assist with timekeeping on a lane.

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

Netball 2019

Netball notices have been sent home with the children this week. If you are interested in your child playing netball, if you are able to coach or manage a team, or run the afterschool programme for Year 1 and 2s, please complete the form and return to the school office by 7 March. **Anya Katongo (ph 021 189 7721)** is kindly co-ordinating the GSS netball this season and we thank her for managing this.



Come & play football

Have fun, make friends, develop new skills

Football for every age, at every level!
Register before February 28th to be in to win a FREE season's sub or one of 10 TKU shirts

www.threekings.org.nz



Saturday 30 March
Girls fun day
Saturday 6th April
Open day for all

Netsafe Tips for Parents:

Understand what they do online

Talk to your child about what they're using the internet for.

- What's involved?
- Who's in their network?
- What information do they share?
- Are they using the internet
 - to learn?
 - to communicate and create friendships with others?
 - to create music or videos?

Really listen to what they have to say – what might seem like 'just a game' to you, could in fact be a way for them to connect with people who have similar interests.

Showing an interest in the things they do helps to build your understanding of what their online world looks like and creates an environment that makes it easier to have more difficult conversations about in the future.

Fortnite Game

We are seeing signs around the school that children are playing this game at home, and bringing some behaviours associated with the game into their play and relationships at school. The recommended age for playing the game is 12+ years and there is some very good advice and guidance for parents on the website below. Cybersafety was identified in our Health Review last year as an area of concern for our parents and one in which we all want to work together. If your child is playing the game at home, please talk to them, as we will, about not bringing any talk or behaviour about it into school

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

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING will be held on Thursday 7 March, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium.

Enrolments for Year 7, 2020 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 15 March, 2019. A limited number of place in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 15 March, 2019.

Back to School Campaign

Our first morning back on the road with our Travelwise team and what a fantastic morning we had!

Our new team went out on Dominion Rd this morning to remind drivers to slow down around our school, look out for our children and remind them that school is back in action!

We had great support from drivers this morning. We had almost all drivers tooting and waving and acknowledging our signs!

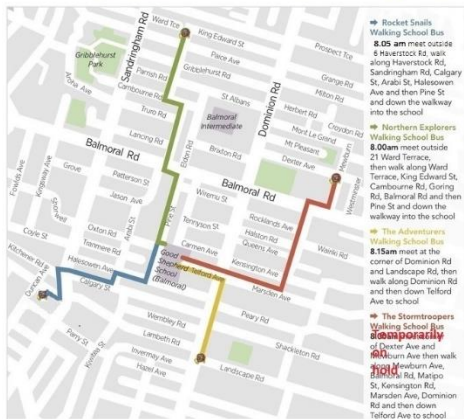
Thank you to all the drivers who remember to slow down around schools!



Good Shepherd Walking School Bus



Good Shepherd School Walking School Bus routes



Less Fuss with a Walking School Bus!

- AT (Auckland Transport) endorsed scheme
- Safe and supervised walk to school
- Parents walk one day, child walks five
- Operates all year round
- Make friends
- Reduce pollution and traffic
- Term incentives for our registered children

There are a number of buses already in place and we need families to participate to keep this valuable resource running. To join an existing bus, or handy hints to start a new one, contact Rachael rrrclement@xtra.co.nz

Student Leadership at Good Shepherd School

Last Friday leadership badges were presented to our new school leaders. Our goal is to give every Year 6 child the opportunity to develop the skills and attributes of leadership in an area that they are interested in, or in an area of need in the school. Over the year we will be providing opportunities for our school leaders to show development in their abilities to work collaboratively and to show service to others. We have levels within Leadership and Service with the expectation that at the end of the year all our leaders will have achieved Level 3 in service and leadership. Our leaders will be role models at all times displaying our school values of respect, care and honesty.

We congratulate the following school leaders who were acknowledged at the Leadership Assembly last week:

School Council

Class representatives: Abigail Wright, Liam Tuala Soon, William Woods, Ayrestyn-Skye Leger, Sio Sundin, Aoibheann O'Sullivan Blanch, Mia Merrick, Justin Yee, Maggie Shaw, Aidan Howard, Genevieve Vogels, Adam Lobo, Kalo Sundin, Vincent Gatt, John Paul Kaufman, Sophia Corales

Chairperson: Otis Irvine

Vice Chairperson: Peter Arcilla

Secretary: Sarah Forbes

House Captains

Blake: Xavier Prentice, Lucy Lord

Hillary: Xavier Raumati-Greenhalgh, Hannah Saunders

Cowley: Caleb Soon, Mia Growden

Sheppard: Riley Dwyer, Emelia Fergus

Librarians

Ruby Gray, Xavier Taito, Ella Tuibenau, Remy Kastelan, Jiwoo Jang, Shai Baker-Leger, Celia Gatt, Sophie Gray, Filomena Kautoke, Liua Lemana, Amirah Makini, Elyssa Matafi

Head Librarians: Liam Turner-Padgett, Maximus Butler

Special Character

Annika DeLacey, Soeun Park, Matila Fa'apopo, Luka Hale, Aiden Pool, Alana Jackson

Physical Education/Physical Activity

Liam Bowles, Po'oi Kaho, Kayano Vogels, Vincent Power

ICT Angels

Matthew Blanch, Harrison Maddox, Liam McKinnel, Sanjay Beeramathy

Journalists

Jemima Lipscombe, Seihara Andrews, Henry Russell

Cultural Leaders

Vaiola Kautoke, Alessandra Haydon, Miriam Kaufman

Environmental Leaders

Eil Turner-Padgett, Rosa Fuli

TravelWise Leaders

Otis Irvine, Lucy Lord, Hannah Saunders, Genevieve Olliver, Jack Barry, Mia Growden



Growth Mindset and Digital Technology at Good Shepherd School

Growth Mindset

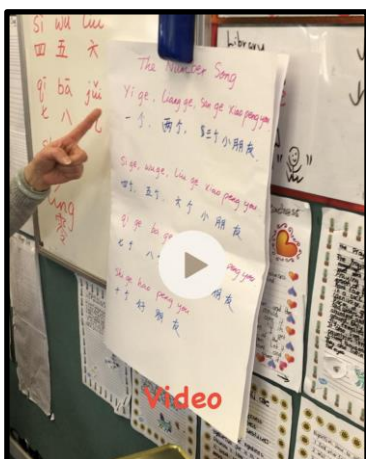
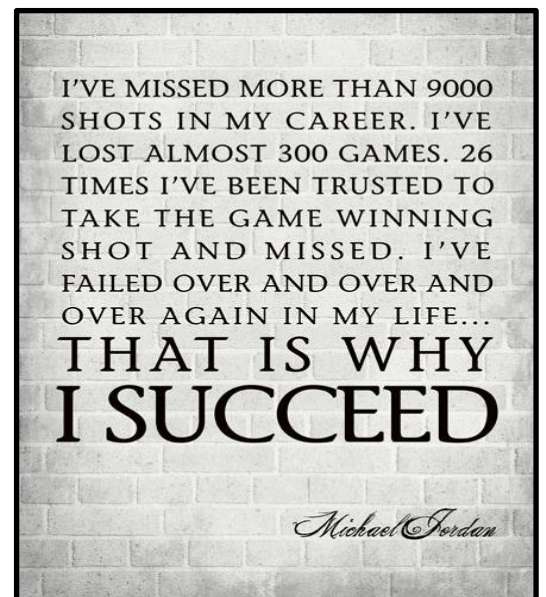
Growth Mindset comes from the research of Carol Dweck. She says that learners with Fixed Mindsets believe they cannot increase their intelligence, so when learning becomes difficult, they may give up. However, those with Growth Mindset believe they can improve their intelligence through putting extra effort into learning, even when it gets difficult. Growth Mindset is also linked to developing resilience and perseverance.

Dweck suggests we can encourage Growth Mindset in children. Schools around the world have developed learning programmes for this. Even early childhood teachers are using books which show Growth Mindset.

There are some interesting ideas around parenting and Growth Mindset. Growth Mindset is not easily passed on from parents, it needs to be taught. Also, 'helicopter' parenting (also known as 'snow ploughing') where parents swoop in to rescue children from difficulty or disappointment, may not help children to gain Growth Mindset.

While we all agree on the value of hard work, some people question whether we can really increase intelligence. Others agree that teaching Growth Mindset doesn't work by 'magic', but suggest there are times when they can trigger major change, especially in students who have doubts about their intelligence and ability.

After investigating all of this, Good Shepherd teachers decided that teaching about Growth Mindset is a good idea for 2019. This will be a strong focus in all learning areas, and will be revisited throughout the year. Please do discuss this exciting topic with your child as the year progresses.



Digital Technology: Flipped Learning

Digital technology is used a lot in our school and our children are well used to using digital devices within their learning. Recently some teachers have been exploring using digital technology to 'flip our classrooms' and help independent learning. A simple example of this was in Room 3 and 4 last year, when we videoed some of Ms Li's Mandarin lessons, and children watched them again in classroom 'breakout' rooms and at home. Children learnt at their own pace, and each time Ms Li came in they were ready to begin the next part of learning because the revision was already done. Watch this space for further digital developments!

See Ms Dyer for further information about any of the above.