

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....

Public consultation on the Tomorrow's Schools Review report,

Our Schooling Futures, Stronger Together | Whiria Ngā Kura Tūātinini

You will be aware that the government last year conducted a review of Tomorrow's Schools and released a report in December 2018 on this review, identifying the key issues facing our education system and making draft recommendations. The Taskforce is seeking feedback on these recommendations from the education and wider communities during a consultation period that will end in early April. There is much concern in the education sector at the moment over the short time frame for the consultation, especially given the scale of the recommendations made in the report, which have implications for the direction of schooling in New Zealand over the immediate and long-term future.

A summary of the eight key issues identified by the Taskforce can be found on <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Report-Summary-of-8-Key-Issues.pdf> These issues include inconsistencies in the way boards of trustees work across the country, unhealthy competition amongst schools, school leadership, the quality of teaching, and provision of learning support. On reading the report, nobody would deny that our current system is facing challenges but the recommendations need rigorous debate and I would encourage everyone who has an interest in education - and that would include all of us - to read the report or the summary, and to think about and discuss the implications for schooling in New Zealand. There are a number of ways you can respond to the report, see <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

Good Shepherd School is discussing the Tomorrow's Schools Review report and its recommendations at the board, leadership and teaching staff levels and I welcome your thoughts as parents and whānau of the school as well.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn



Parish School Mass Saturday 2nd March, 6pm.

On Saturday 2nd March Good Shepherd School will be participating in our Parish School Mass at 6.00pm. All families are expected to attend with their child/ren to celebrate the beginning of a new school year with the Parish community. With weather permitting we hope to have a barbeque picnic after Mass.



Welcome

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

Elijah Kim

Ash Wednesday March 6th- Lent

Next Wednesday begins the Liturgical season of Lent- a time of preparation for the Risen Lord (Easter). This involves looking deep within ourselves and making promises to God in the hope of becoming better people who make better choices, like the Good Shepherd. Jesus loved the world so much he sacrificed himself so that we too could reach eternal life with Him in Heaven. Good Shepherd School will attend 9.00am Mass.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Annika DeLacey** from Room 5 and **Uiti Lemana** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you, Annika and Uiti, for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES 'Together we Learn and Care'

30 Telford Avenue, Balmoral, Auckland 1041
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Good Shepherd School BOT Elections 2019

Vacancy: Returning Officer for Good Shepherd School

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

As part of preparing for the School Trustee Elections this year, the GSS board is looking to appoint a **returning officer** to oversee the election process for our school.

This role is critical to a smooth-running electoral process and includes preparing the electoral roll(s), calling for and accepting nominations, running the elections (when one is required), counting the votes and declaring the results. We are looking for someone who has an eye for detail, ability to follow instructions, has good communication and can work effectively under time constraints.

If this sounds like you we are very keen to hear from you. More information including the remuneration details can be found on the New Zealand School Trustees' website:

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/returning-officers/>

Please get in contact with either me through the school or with Mrs Jane Hahn to express your interest by **11 March 2019**.

Nga mihi
Katherine McGillivray
Chairperson

Light it Orange for Shine!

March 4-8th Good Shepherd School will be fundraising for the Light it Orange Foundation to raise funds for victims of domestic violence in New Zealand. **On Friday March 8th children are invited to wear 'orange' and to bring a gold coin donation.** The Special Character team will be collecting donations before and after school the whole week. Last year Good Shepherd school raised \$256.60, let's try beat it this year!

Attendance Dues

Approximately half of our families have yet to commence payment of their school account and we respectfully request that immediate action is taken to address this. School account statements were emailed and sent home in hard copy. If you are paying in term instalments, the Term 1 payment is due next week (Week 6).

Thank you to the families who have paid the school account in full or have started making regular payments. 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

NETSCAPE TIPS FOR PARENTS

If you don't understand it, try it

You need to understand the technology to better understand the challenges that young people face online.

- Explore the websites and apps your child uses to improve your knowledge, and take the time to read terms and conditions.
- You could ask them to show you how it works, as a way to start conversation around online safety.

For more information: [guide to Snapchat for parents](#).

GSS Sports

Eden/Albert cricket zones - Tuesday 19 March (save day 26 March)

We will be entering one boys team in the B grade and one girls team. We require a parent to manage and umpire the girls team.

Eden/Albert touch zones - Tuesday 9 April (save day 11 April)

We will be entering one boys team and one girls team. We require two parents to manage and umpire the girls team.

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

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 sent home earlier this month 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.

Eden/Albert swimming

On Tuesday, a team of 8 Year 5/6 swimmers attended the Eden/Albert swimming zones at Diocesan school. We had a brilliant day, competing against some fabulous swimmers from other schools. Congratulations to Remy, Dean and Soeun for making it to the finals in their events. Thank you very much to the parent help and supporters!



From the PTA

GSS PTA Meeting and AGM

The AGM coming up on the 5th of March. The current executive committee will be standing again for their positions, if you are interested in putting your hand up for any of the four (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) please let me know, and I'll forward the position descriptions.

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

Cake Raffle

A massive thank you to Angelique's grandma for baking the cake and cupcakes, and the Room 3 and 4 parents who helped to sell the raffle tickets. Congratulations to George and Teddy who won this week!

Room Reps

We sent home a letter last week regarding taking up the position of Room Rep for your child's room. Please get in touch if this is something you are considering. If you haven't received it, and it's not buried at the bottom of your child's school bag, let me know and I'll send you a copy.

Once we have our room reps we will be sending home a form to get contact details for parents in each room. This will ask for your email address so that the reps can get in contact if needed.

School Fair, 9th November 2019

Justine and Ronan are well underway with fair preparations. The fair is set to run on the 9th of November this year. We are on the hunt for a few key things:

- 1) A volunteer to run the raffle.
- 2) Silent Auction, and raffle prizes – we are looking for major prizes in particular at this stage.
- 3) Volunteers in general – if you have an idea for a stall or just want to help please get in touch.

Please contact Justine on email justineandronan@gmail.com if you are able to assist.

The Village Press Olive Oil Fundraiser

Please encourage your family, friends and colleagues to support our school PTA fundraiser. You can order your olive oil gift packs through Kindo. We get \$5 from every pack sold.

There are two flavour ranges and they cost \$25 each. **Orders close on the 20th of March** for delivery before the end of the term. If you have any questions please contact **Nicola 021 562 682**.

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 Bugsy



ST MARY'S COLLEGE
OPEN DAY
Thursday 7 March 2019
Commencing 2.30pm & 6.30pm
in the Paul Keane Gymnasium

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2020

Enrolments are open for Year 7 students and a small number of places for girls in other levels.

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions.

For more information see our website www.stmarys.school.nz

CLOSING DATE FOR 2020 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
Thursday 21 March 2019

Join our Merry family
21st Century Women of Mercy



OPEN DAY

St Paul's College, 183 Richmond Road, Ponsonby

Thursday 7th March 2019. Sessions - 9.30am & 1.45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by tour

Enrolments for Years 7, 8 and 9

Building Men of Courage since 1955



St Peter's College

Sunday 24 March
11am-3pm

FAIR

Food Stalls • Books • Raffles
Pre-Loved Goods • Silent Auctions
Amusements • Music • Plants

St Peter's College grounds, 23 Mountain Road, Upper

Gardening Club 2019

Kia ora whanau,

At Good Shepherd School we are lucky enough to have a beautiful orchard with many different fruit trees!

I would like to ask if there are any parents or grandparents who know anything about gardening to contact Miss Vergis at kvergis@goodshepherd.school.nz

I'd love to know what we can do to keep these trees healthy and help them to produce a lot more fruit for our children.

So if you know anyone who can help give some advice about how to keep these fruit trees happy please get in touch ☺

A big THANK YOU to the Holey Fathers who spent a Saturday afternoon helping to clear away the dried branches.

Thank you



Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Levi Harris** from Rocket Snails for a well-behaved and happy start to 2019 walking.



BARADENE COLLEGE

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 7 March 2019, 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.