

# 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 March 2019



## Welcome

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

Analise Turner-Padgett  
Lyanna Lemalu

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Elizabeth Harkison-Merrick** from Room 7 and **Sebastian Hannay** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you, Elizabeth and Sebastian, for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in March:

Sabine Andrews	Matthew Clement
Samantha Corrales	Carlo Eclarino
William Erickson	Matila Fa'apopo
Luka Hale	William Harris
Levi Harris	Alana Jackson
Matthew Jansen	Po'oi Kaho
Filomena Kautoko	Adam Lobo
Darcy McGivern	Eli Millar
Genevieve Olliver	Xavier Prentice
Asher Sutton	Melody Tuala Soon



## 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. **Tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March children are invited to wear 'orange' with 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!

## Parent Supervision of Children after 3pm

This is just a reminder that children are under the care of their parents or caregivers after 3pm, unless they have been booked into our Out of School Care programme. They are, of course, supervised on the Church steps until approximately 3.15pm, by which time parents will have picked them up. Last week there were a number of children running around the school unsupervised while waiting for a music lesson with our St Peter's Junior Music Programme. Please arrange for your children to be supervised until their lesson.

## 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 now (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](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz).

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

Sports Assembly tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.15pm. All Welcome.

## Welcome to the Good Shepherd Community Sunday 24 March at 9.30am

This year we are welcoming our new families to the Good Shepherd community at Sunday Mass. These families will receive a personal invitation to this Mass and we would love as many of our school families as possible to attend as well to show their support.

## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019

This is one of those special times for children, parents and teachers when we get together to focus on individual children's learning. Schools in the 21st century focus on enabling students to learn how to learn and so become life-long learners. Children are encouraged to take control of their own learning so it is very important that your child comes with you to these three-way conferences. The teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress, achievement levels and next learning steps with you and your child.

**Remember:** school closes at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00 p.m. closing on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March).

**Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will open at 12 noon on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.** Instructions for booking the appointments online will follow shortly.

## Toys at School

There are a number of children bringing toys and sports equipment to school at the moment. There is always a risk that these can be broken or lost and we would like to remind our parents to keep this in mind when allowing their children to bring toys into school. If it becomes a problem, we will request that toys not be brought into school.

## 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 the end of today, Thursday 7 March. **Anya Katongo (ph 021 189 7721)** is kindly co-ordinating the GSS netball this season and we thank her for managing this.

## Farewell and Welcome

This week we farewell Kathryn Twort from Good Shepherd School. Thank you, Kathryn for everything you have done for the children and our community over the last six years. We also welcome Rita Bull to our administration team. Rita comes with a wealth of experience in this area and we look forward to working with her.

## Parish/School Mass Last Saturday

Thank you for your attendance at our inaugural Parish/School Mass last Saturday - it was a great way to celebrate the start of the new school year. These occasions are very important in further building our faith community, and the full church was witness to the commitment of our families to our Catholic special character. We were very blessed with a beautiful evening for our picnic afterwards and those of you who were able to stay would agree that it was a lovely way to celebrate together. We did have some communications from families who had booked prior important occasions and we hope to minimise these clashes by keeping our calendar up to date on the website. The school app will be very useful to parents in keeping important school events in mind when making plans

## Sports Events for Term 1:

### Eden/Albert cricket zones - Tuesday 19 March (save day 22 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 referee both teams.

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 anyway this term please contact Heather McLeod on [hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto: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

Room 1 - 12-12.45pm

Room 3 & 4 - 2-2.45pm

## Year 5 Netball trials

Trials for the Year 5s is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at lunch time on the tennis courts. Please remind your child to bring sport shoes, sport clothes and a water bottle.

## Lent at Good Shepherd

This week marks the special change in the Liturgical calendar-Lent! Good Shepherd School celebrated by burning the Palms on Shrove Tuesday and attended Mass to receive blessed Ashes on our foreheads to mark the beginning on our journey towards Easter-trying to be the best people we can. Thank you to Monsignor Bernard, teachers and families who participated in Lenten celebrations this week.



Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday. The festivities started with the burning of the ashes on the turf. This was a new and exciting experience that not many of us had seen before. As we saw the flames flare out of the dish we all were on the edge of our seats. We sang some songs and said some prayers before returning to our classes.

Later on during Religious Education we learnt about how before Lent, people used to get rid of all their luxury items such as flour, sugar, butter, eggs and milk by making pancakes. Some classes were even able to enjoy some pancakes of their own.

We all thought that this was a great start to the season of Lent. We got lots of time to think about what deed or challenge we would take on throughout Lent. So after a great day we were all prepared for the season to come!

***Jemima Lipscombe***

On Shrove Tuesday we watched as Father Bernard burned the ashes. The juniors were SO AMAZED to see actual fire inside school! We also had pancakes with jam and whipped cream!

Today was Ash Wednesday. We went to church and sang some hymns, got the ashes on our foreheads, sang happy birthday to a little girl starting school on her birthday! We then went up and got a blessing.

We did make an attempt to keep our ashes on our foreheads, but that was a fail due to swimming and itching it off. We had a good day and hope everyone else did to.

***Seihara Andrews***

On Wednesday the school attended Ash Wednesday mass. When my class entered the church it was almost dead silent (which is unusual for the school because we are usually so loud). Everything in mass was covered in purple to represent that Lent has started. The first hymn the school sang together was Ashes. Father asked the volunteers (including my dad) to spread ashes on to everybody's foreheads. It was a wonderful mass thank you Father for leading it.

***Henry Russell***



## From the PTA

### Room Reps

Please get in touch if this is something you are considering. 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, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Justine and Ronan are well underway with fair preparations. The fair is set to run on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:digitalbugsy@gmail.com)

Or join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSSPTA/>

Thanks!

**Kirsty-Anne, Kelly, Mairead and Bugsy**

## Walking School Bus



Week One of AT's WSB Walking Month - the Rocket Snails sparked their way to school on Monday with their Fancy Feet to the Front. Look out for our WSB Super Heroes next week.

Like to be involved? Join a WSB! We are always keen to have walkers join our existing routes or even think about setting up one yourself. For more info email Rachael at [rrrclement@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rrrclement@xtra.co.nz).

*Resilience is the ability to bounce back from a setback.*

### Why is emotional resilience important?

Children need to cope with everyday feelings, both positive and negative, such as excitement, anticipation, frustration, and disappointment. All children experience stressful times in their lives, like preparing for tests or competitions. Some children have very upsetting things happen to them, such as parents separating, or death in the family. It is important for children to learn how to deal with such experiences.

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

11 New Street, Auckland  
[www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz)

**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.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz)



**CLOSING DATE FOR 2020  
 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS**  
 Thursday 21 March 2019

*Join our Mercy family*  
 21st Century Woman of Mercy




St Peter's College  
**FAIR**

**Sunday  
 24 March  
 11am-3pm**

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

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

## Floral Carpet Event - Saturday 9 March, 1-4pm at the Sandringham Reserve

SPICE invite you to Sandringham Reserve (in the Sandringham Village shops) Saturday 9 March to create a colourful community floral carpet. If you've been growing marigolds (or any flowers) bring some flowers down to the Sandringham Reserve to add your colour to the carpet. We will also have buckets of beautiful marigold flower heads for everyone to use.

There will be free ice cream, a dance performance by Tapasya School of Classical Dance, and a chance for you to talk with Urban Beekeepers on the day.

Help create Auckland's only annual floral carpet and celebrate the colourful blooms of summer before they go!

## 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.