

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....

Kia ora te whānau

We cannot ignore the tragedy that took place in Christchurch on 15 March, and its impact on every single one of us. At school our priority has been to support our children, staff and families in whatever way they need to make sense of this event. We followed the advice of the Ministry of Education, which was to acknowledge the event in an age appropriate way, to encourage the children to talk to an adult if they are worried, and to emphasise the good actions that have followed. Our School Council initiated a mufti day on Friday, with the proceeds donated to those most affected by the tragedy, and they also wrote to two Christchurch Catholic schools who would have been involved in the lockdown. We finished the week with the whole school joining hands at 1.40pm in two minutes silence. We were very proud of the children who showed great love and respect for those hurt by this tragedy during this commemoration. I have attached to this newsletter a letter from Bishop Patrick Dunn, giving some advice from the New Zealand Police in the wake of this tragic event.

The consultation period for the Tomorrow's Schools review report is about to draw to a close, with online submissions finishing on 31 March and consultations closing on 7 April. If you have any thoughts at all on the recommendations of this review, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to give feedback on a document that has major implications on the direction of schooling in New Zealand.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like to discuss either of the above further. If you would like an informal catch up why don't you come along to the Parents' Morning Tea organised for 9am on Thursday 4 April? It's a great opportunity to talk about anything to do with your children's schooling.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn



Health and Safety over the next few weeks

Next week construction will begin on the new fitness trail (the focus for the fundraising for the last school fair). To ensure the safety of the children, staff and families, the school field will be split in two to exclude everyone except for the construction vehicles and contractors. This exclusion will be in place until after the completion of the project which is expected by the end of the term. In effect this will mean that Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4, the library and the OSCA programme will use the side gate next to the swimming pool, and the administration area, Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and the turf and playground will be accessed through the normal gate.

You will notice that the area next to the block wall, including the pathway to the Volcanic Street walkway, is now partially fenced off due to health and safety concerns. Please be safe around both these exclusion areas until the fencing comes down.

Thank you!

Thank you for your support in raising money to help those affected by the Christchurch tragedy on 15 March. The PTA raffle raised an amazing \$398.50 and the mufti day a further \$437.90. Another practical demonstration of our school values of care and respect from our community.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Liam Tuala-Soon** from Room 1 and **Liam McKinnel** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Liam and Liam for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Swimming Pool Hire Keys

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key for the season, the keys need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 5th April 2019**. Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00 which is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned by this date, you will lose your bond.

School Jackets

Order forms for jackets have gone home with the children and have been emailed out. Jackets are available to try on at the office until the end of this term on these days and times:

Monday 8.30am – 8.45am and 3.00 – 3.30pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 8.45am and 3.00 – 3.30pm
Friday 8.30am – 8.45am

Deadline for payment is Thursday 11 April 2019

School Uniform

Just a reminder that the children change to winter uniform for terms 2 and 3. The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 9.00am during term time. Arrangements for purchasing uniform items outside of these hours can be made by phoning or emailing the school office. Please note the school does not sell black socks or school shoes but we do have a number of second hand shoes on hand. The school office is not open during the school holidays.

Netball Coach Needed

Years 5 & 6 need a netball coach for Wednesday afternoon game time and to run the practice at a time that is suitable for you.

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Holy Week at Good Shepherd

In the last week of term one, Good Shepherd School will be gathering together for prayers each morning at 9.00am to celebrate Holy Week, organised by the Special Character team. Holy Week in our liturgical year begins on the 14th April with Palm Sunday, followed by the Last Supper and Stations of the Cross. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sacramental Programme: Reconciliation Rite II

On Tuesday 9th April at 6.30pm, those who have taken part in the Sacramental Programme will be making their first Reconciliation at Good Shepherd Parish. All are welcome to participate in this Liturgy, especially during the season of Lent.

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

We will be entering one boys team and one girls team. We require parent help to manage and referee the girls team. We can't enter the girls team until we have parent help.

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

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.

Good Shepherd School Aquatics Programme

As the swimming season draws to a close, we would welcome your feedback on any aspect of our aquatics programme. This included:

- Year 3 & 4 swimming lessons at Dean Greenwood Swim School
- Connolly Swimming Carnival
- Sheridan Swimming Display
- The water competence programme

Please email principal@goodshepherd.school.nz with your thoughts.

From the PTA

Cake Raffle for Christchurch

We had an amazing response to the cake raffle this week to raise money for the families affected by the terrorist attack in Christchurch. We raised \$398.50 which is to be combined with the money raised by the school council during the mufti day on Friday.

Sushi

Remember to get your orders in for sushi tomorrow. A reminder that if your child likes Teriyaki Chicken on Rice, we ask that you send a fork with your child to school as we are no longer getting plastic forks in the interests of environmental sustainability.

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



The poster for the HELL Reading Challenge features a cartoon illustration of a man in a blue coat and hat sitting on a log by a river, with children nearby. The text on the poster includes 'BOOK AWARDS', 'Hey Kids! the HELL Reading Challenge is back for 2019!', 'Read 7 books and get a FREE 333 kids pizza!', and the website 'www.nzbookawards.nz/hell-reading-challenge/'.

The HELL Reading Challenge is back. Children receive a stamp on their pizza wheel for each book they read, and once seven books have been read they can redeem their pizza wheel for a free 333 kids' pizza at HELL. Wheels can be picked up and stamped at the school library.

PTA Morning Tea for Parents

Thursday 4 April at 9am

Please stay after dropping off your children for a catch-up with other Good Shepherd parents. It's a great chance to get to know other members of our community and we love to have pre-schoolers join us.

Hot House Challenge - Postponed

Due to construction starting with for the Resilience Course behind Rooms 5-9, a number of safety fences are going to be put up which will block parts of the course. Therefore the Holy Fathers are postponing the Hot House Challenge. As it is getting cooler, it is going to be run in Term 4 instead – 30th November. Further details will come closer to the time!

Fair

We are still 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.

Pie for lunch

Hi Everyone

We will be having another PTA PIE LUNCH FUNDRAISER for the children on Friday, 12th April. This will replace our usual sushi lunch fundraiser for that day.

What you need to know:

- The pies are supplied by Jesters and are \$5.30 each
- They can be ordered online only by clicking [here](#)
- Cut off for orders is 11am Thursday 11th April
- The pies will be delivered to each child's class on Friday
- Pies are made freshly on Friday morning by Jesters.
- The online system (Kindo) is the same one we use for online sushi ordering - it's really easy and hopefully many of you are familiar with it. If you haven't already, please register [here](#) then place your order.

The following choices will be available:

Mince

- Mince & Cheese
- Bacon Egg & Cheese

- Steak
- Steak & Cheese
- Smoked Salmon
- Butter Chicken
- Spinach, Mushroom & Feta
- Apple & Custard
- Gluten-free mince, steak

If you have any problems ordering your pies you can contact: Kindo Help Desk (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm) 09 869 5200 or your PTA representative Emma Chan emma@virtualtag.co 027 7745 941.

Thanks
PTA



On Tuesday the 26th of March Seihara Andrews (School Journalist) and Alessandra Haydon (Cultural Leader) went on a trip to experience Muslim culture at Al Zayed College for girls. There were speeches and performances that showed off the culture of their school. This was a cool celebration in honour of the culture. Alessandra and Seihara enjoyed having this cultural experience at a different school.

-Jemima and Sarah



Teach them the basics

1. Strong passwords

A strong password helps protect the information in your online profiles or accounts.

Teach your child how to choose strong passwords, by [reading how to choose a good password](#).

2. Information to protect online

- Login details and passwords
- Bank account details
- Home address
- Phone numbers
- Birthdate
- Personal information that could be used to guess security questions for online accounts

You should also talk about personal details they could share online, such as where they are and the school they attend. This includes sharing their location – some apps allow you to share your current location with friends, or publicly.

3. Not everything is as it seems

It can seem like common knowledge to adults, but sometimes kids don't understand that people are not always who they say they are online. Talk to them about friending or communicating with people they don't know offline. For young children especially, they shouldn't friend someone online who they don't know personally offline.

4. Digital footprint

Teach your child that they need to think about what they post online, and that what they post online leaves a "digital footprint" about them. [Find out more about digital footprints](#).

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is –**Siena Woods** from the Northern Explorers for demonstrating good judgement and leadership to the younger walkers.



"AT WSB Walking Month. On the last week of the AT Walking Month our walkers travelled the globe on the way to school. Did you know a Rocket Snail walker travels 1.3k to school? Over a school year, that's the same as walking to Hamilton and back! Join a WSB! You might not get to Hamilton, but you will get to school. Contact Rachael for more information rrrclement@xtra.co.nz

