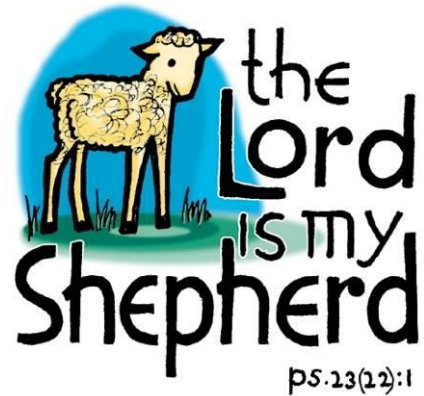


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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 7, 2 May 2019



From the principal....

Kia ora te whānau

It was lovely to hear the excitement as everyone returned to school this week. I hope you all had a blessed Holy Week and a wonderful break with your children. Easter Sunday was tinged with great sadness at the news of the terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka. Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Sri Lanka, and especially to the families in our community who have been personally hurt by this tragedy.

The beginning of another busy term is a good time to acknowledge and thank the teachers and staff of Good Shepherd who have used this 'non-contact' time to replenish their energies and prepare for the next ten weeks. They are a hard-working, talented team who are fully committed to your children and their learning. Please do not hesitate to talk to them if you have any concerns about your children.

You may not know that there is only one Good Shepherd School in New Zealand! Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, is at the core of our school charism and Catholic identity and what better model could our community have of someone who cares for others and puts their needs before his own? As we practise the values of *respect, care and honesty*, the entire community works together to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. On **Sunday 12 May** we celebrate our special Feast of the Good Shepherd and it would be lovely to see as many of our families as possible joining the parish community for Mass at 9.30am that morning. This is not an official Parish/School Mass (which is scheduled for later in the term) but celebrating Mass together is a wonderful way to build and strengthen our Good Shepherd community, especially on an occasion such as our feast day!

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

Parent Election Notice

Good Shepherd School Board of Trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 24th May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7th June 2019.

Signed Surekha Patel
Returning Officer



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Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh** from Room 7 and **Maggie Shaw** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Monet and Maggie for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Staff Update

Everyone in the Good Shepherd community knows Irene Petau in our office and it is with sadness that I let you know that Irene is finishing in this role shortly. We have also had the pleasure of having Irene as a parent of the school and now that her children have moved on to college, Irene is looking for employment closer to her home. She will be missed by everyone but we wish her every blessing as she moves on to new challenges. Irene's last day is Friday 10 May.

We welcome Lisa Underwood to our busy school office as Irene's replacement.

Next PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7 May** at **7.00pm** in the staff room. Please come along and enjoy the company of other parents/whānau of Good Shepherd School.

Uniforms

The children should now be wearing their winter school uniforms. The new school jackets have been very popular and we will be putting in another order soon (please contact the school office if you would like to order one for your child). The uniform shop is open on Thursday morning between 8.30 and 9.00am. For parents/caregivers unable to visit the uniform shop at this time, orders can be placed by phone or email to the school office and items will be sent home with the children once payment has been confirmed. Please name all uniform items.

Welcome



We extend a very warm welcome to the following new students and their families who have started with us recently:

Coco Rowe

Renzo Rowe

OSCA

The GSS OSCA programme continues to be in high demand. Please notify the school office by phone or email with any changes to permanent bookings due to winter sports programmes, as soon as possible.

Property Update

We are all very excited about the fitness trail soon to be completed behind Rooms 5 - 8. This is the **Resilience Project** which was the focus of the 2017 school fair and it is wonderful to see the results of all the hard work that went into that fair. The fitness trail will bring huge benefits in the building of fitness and physical resilience for all our students and we are very grateful to our PTA for making it happen.

Running Group

We are looking to start a running group at GSS this term. If there is enough interest we will do one morning session 8am at school, day to be confirmed. We might also do occasional weekend runs at interschool cross country event locations. Please email Mairead if your child is interested, and include days that they are available. bmwoods1@outlook.com.

Whole school prayer

Our school week begins with the whole school gathering for prayer, prepared by different groups and taking place either in the hall or under the canopy. For the first week our Special Character leaders led us in a beautiful celebration of Easter. We love having our families/whānau join us at this special time if you are able. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Monday 6 May	Room 7
Monday 13 May	Room 9
Monday 20 May	Room 3/4
Monday 27 May	Room 6
Tuesday 4 June	Room 8
Monday 10 June	Room 7
Monday 17 June	Room 1
Monday 24 June	Room 5
Monday 1 July	Room 3/4

Digital Learning

This term we take our digital learning to a new level. We have prepared more 'flipped learning' that children can access independently, especially in conjunction with our *Water* focus. Although we have ordered headphones for each class to allow individuals to view videos at their own pace, these are always in hot demand. If your child has named headphones that they could use at school, this would be wonderful, as would donations of old usable headphones. Wired are fine - in fact they can be easier. (Please remember we cannot be responsible for damage or loss, as always precious items should be left at home). Megan Dyer.

Rewards Needed

We love to reward effort at Good Shepherd School, and winning a prize from the Deputy Principal's prize box is always exciting. However they don't appear magically and we do try to be moderate in our use of the 'Two Dollar Shop'. Suitable prize donations are always gratefully received. They need to be in 'as new' condition and small enough to store easily - around the size of McDonalds-type toys. Items such as yoyos, special pens, pencils or erasers and collectibles are very popular. Please see Ms Dyer with your contributions. Thank you.

Anzac Day Commemoration

Thank you to the families who offered to present the wreath on behalf of Good Shepherd School at the Mt Eden ceremony on Anzac Day (thank you also to Eli Turner-Padgett and his family for making the beautiful wreath). Unfortunately, this event was cancelled but a number of our families attended the dawn service, Mass at Good Shepherd church or other services to pray for those who sacrificed themselves so that we can live in a peaceful society. *Lest we forget.*



ANZAC DAY

God of love and liberty,
We bring our thanks today for the peace
and security we enjoy,
We remember those who
in time of war faithfully serve their country.
We pray for their families, and for ourselves
whose freedom was won at such a cost.
Make us a people zealous for peace,
and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword
against nation neither learn war any more.
Amen.

Easter at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd begun the term with the celebration of Easter: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! Thank you to our Special Character team and Room 6 who organised an Easter Liturgical Dance.



Resurrection Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new.

Thank you for the victory and power in your Name.

Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to have new life with you.

Thank you that you had plan, that you made a way.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again.

We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and lives, for the days ahead.

We pray for your refreshing over us.

Sacramental Meeting: Confirmation

On Wednesday 15th May at 6.30pm there will be Sacramental meeting for parents with children in the Sacramental Programme at Good Shepherd School.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in May 2019:

Miguel Biado

Jamie Dixon-Mclver

Ida Greenhough

George Hanrahan

Benjamin Maddox

William Moulder

Maggie Shaw

Josephine Spencer

Meredith D'Cruz

Riley Dwyer

Faith Gribble

Allessandra Haydon

Liam Millar

Coco Rowe

Caleb Soon

Xavier Taito



CHESS CLUB NEWS

Upcoming Chess Tournaments in Term 2

Monday 13 May Central
Auckland Primary-Ponsonby Primary

Tuesday 28 May
Chess Power Cluster-Maungawhau School

Friday 28 June
Auckland Girls Chess Championships Mt Albert

These competitions are open to students in Years 4-6. If you are interested in competing please complete the entry forms that are sent out a few weeks before each event. Any questions to Mrs Butcher.

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The first set of 10 chess lessons finishes Friday 17 May. Students will sit their test on 10 May. Please note there will be no chess lesson this Friday 3 May.

The second set of lessons will start on Friday 24 May. These will not be suitable for beginners as they build on the first set of lessons.

These will be suitable for students that have passed the Level One test or have had at least one set of lessons with Mr McLaren. Look out for the information being sent home in Week 3.

Week 4 - Eden/Albert Football Zones

Tuesday 21 May

Save day - Wednesday 29 May

We are entering one boys team and one girls team. We require parents to manage and referee each team.

Week 5 - Eden/Albert Basketball Zones

Tuesday 28 May

Week 6 - Good Shepherd School Cross Country

Thursday 6 June

Week 8 - Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

Thursday 20 June

Week 9 - Gymnastics Festival at Tri-Star

Boys - Tuesday 25 June

Girls - Wednesday 26 June

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 football zones. We will need parents who are able to referee football games.

Sports Events in Term 2:

Week 1 - Football Sports Taster Day Year 0-4

Tuesday 30 April

On Tuesday morning children in Years 0-4 participated in a football coaching programme. It was beautiful weather and the children had a lot of fun learning some football skills. Notices went home regarding a lunchtime skills programme that will start on Monday 27 May and run for 5 weeks.



Reminder to all parents save this date. Saturday 15th June.

It's the bi-annual big kids (adults only) school dance fundraiser for the PTA.

The official Invites will be coming out very soon so keep a look out. Numbers will be limited.

There is a Band, food and bar. Plus a complimentary bubbles on arrival! Also surprise entertainment!

Be there or be square!



This year Road Safety Week asks everyone to #SpeakUp for road safety, focusing on leadership and how we can all #SpeakUp for safer roads. It's also a UN Global Road Safety Week.

On Friday 10th May we are going to run a Bright Day for "Brake" the road safety charity.

Come to school dressed in your most brightest colours and bring a gold coin donation.

All our funds will go towards Brake, who run our road safety campaigns and education programmes and support families bereaved and injured by road crashes.



Good Shepherd School

- 5 weekly sessions
- Starts Monday 27th May
- Time: Lunchtime
- Venue: School Field
- Cost: \$59 per child,
\$29 per sibling

(Discount code on 1st child's confirmation email)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Welcome to ISSUE 3 of Scholastic Book Club! This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Lucky Book Club. Issue 3 will be 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/>

GSS Netball

Y0/1 netball commences Wednesday 8th May from 3.00-4.00pm. If you are booked in OSCA please inform the office.



footykids.m-sports.org

Concerns and complaints

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. We know that if a problem does occur, early intervention often reaps the best results, so take your concern to the appropriate person at the earliest possible convenient time. It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

If you are worried by something in your child's classroom here is what to do:

