

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



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\* Kia Orana \* Zdravo \* Dzień Dobry \* Apa Kabar \* Guten Tag \* An Nyung Ha Se Yo \*  
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## *From the principal....*

Talofa Lava

### **Catholic Schools Day 2019 - *Extending Christ's call to love, to be, to do***

This week Good Shepherd School celebrates being part of the Catholic education system in Aotearoa New Zealand. Catholic schools throughout the country cater for 67,000 students, 8.3% of the student population, and have been integrated into the state system since the 1970s. We celebrate together our success in academic achievement, the core business of a school; we know that students at Good Shepherd School achieve highly in comparison with national achievement levels, especially in the areas of literacy and numeracy. We also celebrate the daily encounter with Christ that students, staff and whānau experience as part of our school community and the wider Catholic school network. This is what makes the Catholic school different from its state school neighbour.

*"School broadens not only your intellectual dimension but also the human one"*  
*Pope Francis*

Thank you for your messages of support for the teachers' strike yesterday. This is not an action taken lightly by professionals who only want the best for our children, but it is a signal of their commitment to the long-term wellbeing of our education system. We need to make the teaching profession one that is valued, respected and sustainable if we are going to provide the best education for our tamariki.

Samoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa is being held from Sunday 26 May – Saturday 1 June 2019. The theme for this year is 'Lalaga le si'osi'omaga mo se lumana'i manuia' - 'Weave an environment for a better future', which fits in beautifully with the Good Shepherd vision. Our week this year began with the Samoan community leading the liturgy at Sunday Mass and those of you who were there will agree that it was a very special way to begin this celebration of the third most commonly spoken language in New Zealand.

Finally, thank you to the candidates who have been nominated for the position of parent trustee on our board of trustees. We are very fortunate to have such a high calibre field of people willing to take on this special role that is pivotal to the successful governance of our school.

God bless  
Jane Hahn

## **General Parent Information**

School closed tomorrow, Friday 31st May. Teachers' only day, and Queen's Birthday Holiday, Monday 3 June.

## **Family Notices**

Many of our families have experienced big changes in their lives recently. Congratulations on the new babies and our thoughts and prayers are with those families who have lost loved ones recently.

## Important Dates

### Coming up Term 2

31 May	Teacher Only Day - school closed
3 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
6 June	Good Shepherd Cross Country
7 June	BOT Election Day Assembly: Room 9
9 June	Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday
10-14 June	Book Week
15 June	PTA Fall Ball
18 June	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting
19 June	Wig Wednesday
20 June	Eden/Albert Cross Country
21 June	Assembly: Room 3/4
24 June-5 July	Matariki
25 June	Artistic Gym Fun Fest (Boys) BOT Meeting (TBC)
26 June	Artistic Gym Fun Fest (Girls) Hearing and Vision in School
28 June	Auckland Girls Chess Championships
30 June	Parish/School Mass (TBC)
5 July	Mufti Mania Day Assembly: Room 7 Reports home End of Term 2

*Please note that some of these dates may change*

## Welcome

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

Luke Butcher 🙌😊

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Olivia D'Rose** from Room 8 – for demonstrating the Good Shepherd values by being patient, kind and supportive to your peers and **Eva Patterson** from Room 3 – for consistently demonstrating the Good Shepherd values in a quiet and gentle manner.



## Religious Education

### Pentecost Sunday

**On Sunday 9th June** our Sacramental candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Good Shepherd Parish at **6.30pm**. All are welcome to attend.

### Reconciliation at Good Shepherd Parish

If your child has made the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Monsignor Bernard Kiely and Father Larry Rustia at Good Shepherd Parish hold weekly confession on **Saturdays at 9.30am**. Children and their families are most welcome to attend in order to encourage them to keep this special Sacrament close to their hearts!

### Come Holy Spirit Prayer- Veni Sancte Spiritus

*Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*By water and the Holy Spirit*

*In baptism you freed your*

*Sons and daughters*

*From sin and gave us new life.*

*Send your Holy Spirit upon me to be*

*My helper and guide.*

*Give me the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**,*

*The spirit of **right judgement** and **courage**,*

*The spirit of **knowledge** and **reverence**.*

*Fill me with the spirit of **wonder** and **awe** in your presence.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## Library

### Book Week at Good Shepherd

Monday 10 - Friday 14 June

“ The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

-Dr. Seuss, I can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Book Week is a great opportunity for everyone who cares about and loves reading to ‘fire up’ children to read and talk about books. Books need as much buzz around them as TV and electronic games.

To celebrate Good Shepherd’s love of reading, our children will be involved in a range of literary experiences during Book Week including a visit from storyteller Stu Duval and NZ author James Russell. Highlights of the week will include a literary treasure hunt and the popular Book Character Parade, both on Friday 14 June.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open every day before and after school. Books may be bought for personal use or donated to the school library.

Book Fair Sellers:

Parent help needed please ...

8.30am-9.00am and/or 3.00pm-3.30pm on

- Monday 10th June
- Tuesday 11th June
- Wednesday 12th June
- Thursday 13th June
- Friday 14th June

Please email Marguerite Butcher:

[m butcher@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:m butcher@goodshepherd.school.nz) if you are able to help.

### Home-School Partnership Meeting – Mathematics

Thank you to those parents and whānau who were able to attend the session on Tuesday afternoon on the teaching and learning of mathematics at Good Shepherd School. The presentation from this session will be available on the school website on the **Our Learning - Student Achievement** page. We give a lot of thought to the scheduling of these information sessions and welcome any feedback from our families. The next meeting will be in term 3 on the topic of Cyber Safety and will most likely be an evening session.

## Walking School Bus Award

The winner is - Eva Barry from the Adventurer MuttonBirds for her enthusiasm every time she walks.



### 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.

### Netsafe Tips for Parents

#### Set Expectations

Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you’d like them to adopt. For example, how long they should spend online, what apps and social media sites you’d like them to use and what is appropriate content to view. This will be different depending on the age of your child, and what you feel comfortable with. Technological options like parental controls can help, but it needs to be teamed with online safety education.

To find out more about how much time children should be spending online and how to use parental controls visit the Netsafe website:

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

## Student Clubs

### Chess Club

On Tuesday 28 May 19 students represented GSS in the Chess Power Balmoral Cluster tournament held at Maungawhau School.

Congratulations to Jiwoo Jang who won 'Best Girl' for the tournament against four other schools. Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Mia Merrick, Harrison Maddox, Liam Turner-Padgett, Matthew Clement and Jiwoo Jang. Well done to all our players. Thank you so much to Mrs Pool for taking the teams, and to our parent helpers.



## Sports

Sports Events in Term 2:

### Week 6 - Good Shepherd School Cross Country Thursday 6 June

Races will begin at 9.30am with the Year 0/1 girls and then the Year 0/1 boys. The races will then run in the following order:

Year 2 girls  
Year 2 boys  
Year 3 girls  
Year 3 boys  
Break for morning tea.

Year 4 girls  
Year 4 boys  
Year 5 girls  
Year 5 boys  
Year 6 girls  
Year 6 boys

No start times can be given for these races.

**We still need more parent volunteers to be marshals around the course. Please email Heather McLeod on [hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)**

Save Day - Thursday 13 June (**Note: if we have to use the save day the timetable and start time will be different. The cross country will begin at 11.30am and run for the rest of the day**)

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](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.



Having a ball at the Eden Albert basketball Zones. Thanks to Clare Fala and Jason Raumati-Greenhalgh for giving up their time to coach and manage the team. The team showed great commitment and good sportsmanship throughout the day.

# PTA

## Cake Raffle

A massive thank you to Susanne Couch for the cake last week and the volunteers selling the raffle tickets.

Well done to Hugo Madarasz from Room 1 for winning the cake!



**IT'S A COMING!!!**

Dust off your old school uniform, it's The Good Shepherd, 'Back 2 School', 80's themed, PTA fundraiser dance on Sat 15 Jun 2019! 🕺 🎵 🎶 😊

We have the reformed live band, "Earth, Wind & Dwyer" consisting of The Dwyer 3, Bassman Sam Slam Irvine & Earl the Pearl On Drums WITH Special guest singer 'Kate Saunders and the All Star Percussionists' AND AND a super secret special guest from 'Memphis Tennessee!' 🔥

\$30 ticket - Cash & Eftpos Bar - Nibbles - From 7.30pm - R18.

Check the poster out for all details. We'd loooove to see you, come have some fun and support our local school, it'll be a blast!!