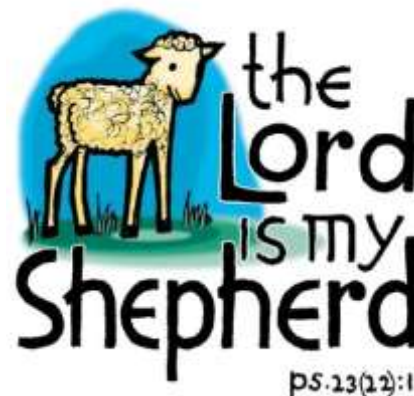


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



\* 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 12, 25th July 2019

## *From the principal....*

Kia ora te whānau

Welcome back once again to a new school term. We have an exciting ten weeks ahead of us, with our school wide focus on technology and digital technologies. The 'big idea' in this topic is that 'technology is a way for us to meet a need or opportunity' and the upcoming school fair provides a rich and authentic context to explore, design and build items to sell at this great community event.

Alongside this practical application of technology, children will also work with their teachers on the new digital technologies content of the New Zealand Curriculum. All schools are expected to be teaching this new content from 2020, with the goal of giving children the opportunity to become digitally capable individuals. It places a greater focus on students moving beyond solely being users of digital technologies to building skills to become innovative creators of digital solutions. Very exciting!

Thank you all for your kind thoughts and words on the recent death of my mother. I feel very privileged to be part of this Good Shepherd community.

Te Atua ki a koe  
God bless  
Jane Hahn

## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences July 31st & August 1st 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 31st July to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00 p.m. closing on Thursday 1st August). If you are unable to pick up your child at 2pm on Wednesday when school finishes, and need to book your child into OSCA during the Parent/Teacher/Student conference please ensure you book well in advance as spaces are limited.

Online appointment bookings for Parent/Teacher/Student conferences opened on Friday 19th July at 12 noon. Website: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Event Code: h5tvq.

## Important Dates

### Coming up Term 2

**Friday 26 July**-Fair Mufti Day - Lucky Dip Gold Coin  
**Saturday 27 July**-Irish Dance Performance  
**Sunday 28 July**-First Holy Communion Session 1  
**Wednesday 31 July**-Three Way Conferences  
**Thursday 1 August**-PTA Morning Tea  
**Thursday 1 August**-Back to School Campaign  
**Thursday 1 August**-Three Way Conferences  
**Friday 2 August**-Room 6 Assembly  
**Sunday 4 August**-First Holy Communion Session 2  
**5-9 August**-Cook Island Māori Language Week  
**Tuesday 6 August**-PTA Meeting  
**Thursday 8 August**-Feast of St Mary MacKillop  
**Thursday 8 August**-2019 New Zealand Girls Interschool Chess Championship  
**Saturday 10 August**-Ordination of Deacon Martin  
**Sunday 11 August**-First Holy Communion Session 3  
**12-16 August**-Maths Week  
**Thursday 15 August**-Feast of Assumption  
**Thursday 15 August**-Gymnastics Zones  
**Friday 16 August**-Room 8 Assembly  
**Friday 16 August**-PTA Movie Night  
**Sunday 18 August**-First Holy Communion 2pm  
**Tuesday 20 August**-Home-School Partnership Mtg  
**Friday 23 August**-Fair Mufti Day - Lucky Bottles  
**Sunday 25 August**-Presentation of Sacramental Programme Certificates  
**Monday 26 August**-Cans for Christmas Begins  
**Tuesday 27 August**-Netball Zones  
**Wednesday 28 August**-Visit to Marae  
**Thursday 29 August**-Netball Zones Save Day  
**Friday 30 August**-Daffodil Day  
**Friday 30 August**-Room 5 Assembly  
**Sunday 1 September**-Father's Day  
**2-6 September**-Tongan Language Week  
**Wednesday 4 September**-GSS Speech Finals  
**Friday 6 September**-Cans for Christmas Final Day  
**9-13 September**-Māori Language Week  
**Thursday 12 September**-Gymnastics Champ of Champs  
**Friday 13 September**-Grandparents Mass  
**Friday 13 September**-Moon Festival Potters Park  
**Friday 20 September**-Fair Mufti Day - Bar of Chocolate  
**Friday 27 September**-Room 9 Assembly  
**Friday 27 September**-Term 3 Ends

*Please note that some of these dates may change*

## Good Shepherd Awards



This week we congratulate **Sophia Corrales** from Room 9 : *You always demonstrate the Good Shepherd Values in all that you do and* **Siena Woods** from Room 8 : *Your responsible and helpful attitude always encourages you to help your peers.*

## Arriving at School

It is very important that children arrive at school on time. Our first bell rings at **8.30am**, signalling that cloak bays are open and children can start preparing for their school day. There is a hand bell at **8.45am** to call children to class and the school day begins at **8.50am**. We ask that you have your children at school at **8.45am** at the latest, as arriving after this time means that they do not have time to get ready for the day and this creates a disturbance in the classroom. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

## PTA Parents' Morning Tea

### Thursday 1 August

Please come along to spend some time with other Good Shepherd parents and enjoy some morning tea on Thursday next week. You don't have to stay too long and it's such a good way to get to know others in our community. Pre-schoolers love getting to know each other too! Jane Hahn will pop in and is happy to talk about anything to do with the school so bring those questions along if you have any. Thank you to Andrea Hannay for her organisation of this great community-building activity.

## Term Dates 2020

The following term dates have been approved by the board of trustees:

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 28 January	Friday 9 April
2	Tuesday 28 April	Friday 3 July
3	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September
4	Monday 12 October	Thursday 10 December

## Library

### Scholastic Book Club

Welcome to ISSUE 5 of Scholastic Book Club! This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Lucky Book Club. Issue 5 will be sent home with your child this week.

Last day for orders 31 August

If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP.

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

Any orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school.

Any queries can be directed to Marguerite Butcher.



## Fair Mufty Day

A reminder tomorrow Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July is our Fair Mufty Day – Please bring a gold coin.

## Board of Trustees News

The new Good Shepherd Board of Trustees met for the first time this week. Mr Steve Rewcastle was elected board chairperson.

Members of the board:

Steve Rewcastle - Chairperson - Proprietor's trustee  
Graeme Twose - Parent trustee  
Aaron Delacey - Parent trustee  
Mele Kautoke - Parent trustee  
Daniel Erickson - Parent trustee  
Nicola Maddox - Parent trustee  
Msgr Bernard Kiely - Proprietor's trustee  
Leonie Lewthwaite - Proprietor's trustee  
Bianca Prentice - Proprietor's trustee  
Heather McLeod - Staff trustee  
Jane Hahn - Principal

## Containers from Baking Bonanza to be collected

There are still quite a few containers remaining from the baking bonanza. Please check the box at Reception. Also if you provided meals to the Caring Committee, your containers, bags etc are at Reception to be collected.

## Environment

Our worm bins have been generating a lot of worm wees over the holidays so we now have heaps! Please feel free to pop over behind rooms 1 & 2 and collect a bottle of worm wee next to our Hungry Bins. They're great for the garden! Also- our Friday Markets will begin again at the end of week 2 after our assembly and every second week after that. Please come and support our Garden Club and purchase fresh fruits and veggies

## Fruit for Brain Break

Please bring any fruit you can spare to the office for children who have forgotten food for brain break.



## Sport

### Netball

E/A Netball Zones - Tuesday 27 August (wk 6)

Save Day - Thursday 29 August

### Other sports

Central/West Gymnastics Zones - Thursday 15 August (wk 4)

Gymnastics Champion of Champions - Thursday 12 September (wk 8)

If you are able to help out with any of these events please contact Heather McLeod on:

[hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Clubs and Activities

### APPA Music Festival 3 Day Instrument Course

This is for accomplished instrument players in years 4 – 8 who wish to develop their musicianship skills in orchestral and band performance, and perform at the Auckland Town Hall as part of the wider APPA festival in November.

The students need parental commitment so they can attend the 3 Day Course at the venues below, in the last week of term 3; plus there will also be a few Saturday or Sunday rehearsals, lots of practise at home and one rehearsal in the Town Hall which they also need to get their child to. The venue for the practices is below:

#### **FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA:**

Rehearsals at Cornwall Park School

#### **CONCERT BAND:**

Rehearsals at Avondale Intermediate School

#### **JAZZ BAND:**

Rehearsals at Parnell School

**Registrations close on Friday, 30 August 2019**

All the information can be found on the APPA website: <https://www.appa.org.nz/>

## Chess-Upcoming Tournaments

The 2019 New Zealand Girls Interschool Chess Championship will be held on THURSDAY 8th August, 2019 9.00am to 2.30pm Location: Mt Albert War Memorial Hall 7. If you are interested please return the permission slip sent home this week by tomorrow 26 July. Any queries to Mrs Butcher.

## Guitar, Piano and Theory Lessons

### At GSS School

Our school offers families the opportunity to learn to play the guitar and piano during school hours with New Zealand Modern of Music. The lessons will be with Michael Collier. Please fill out the attached enrolment form and return to the school office if you are interested in this offer.

## Yummy Stickers



Collect Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores.

All stickers must be collected by the end of Term 3 so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

A collection sheet is attached or you can get one from the office. For more information please see the yummy fruit website here <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

### School Gym Club Wednesdays, 7.30-8.30am

Gymnastics is a great way for your child to improve coordination, strength, balance and develop self confidence.

*Tri Star Gymnastics* is bringing their awesome, high energy gymnastics programme to your school in Term 3, 2019.

To register your interest, please contact Ashleigh:

**ashleigh.henry@tristar.org.nz**  
**09 625 4354**



# M A T A R I K I

At the end of last term we celebrated Matariki. We did a play around the story of 'Matariki and the Seven Kites' which represented the seven stars. We performed this at our assembly.



Room 7 also created Matariki circles that displayed the Seven Sisters in our sky. We learnt that Matariki is a time to spend with our families and to grow crops and share family stories. What a beautiful time to celebrate with our whanau.

