

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 9, 2 June 2016

From the principal....

Talofa lava

Part of our vision for Good Shepherd students as they leave our school is that they are *motivated, active seekers, users and creators of knowledge; critical and creative thinkers; and informed decision makers*. That each of our children reaches his or her potential is implicit in this goal. We constantly examine what we are doing in order to celebrate and affirm our successes but also to identify areas for improvement and last year we looked closely at our provision for gifted and talented students to ensure we were meeting the needs of all children at Good Shepherd. Our review did indeed affirm many of the actions we take within classroom programmes and beyond the classroom to extend children in their learning. One of the recommendations from our review was that we develop a clear definition of giftedness and talent that includes culture-specific qualities and abilities that are valued by the wider school community, and we believe the statement below captures these qualities:

Gifted and talented students at Good Shepherd School are those who demonstrate exceptional performance and flair in relation to their peers of the same age, or who have potential outstanding ability in one or more of the following areas:

- *General or specific academic aptitude*
- *Creative ability*
- *Leadership ability/social skills*
- *Visual or performing arts, including cultural arts*
- *Physical ability*
- *Technological ability*

As a multicultural Catholic school, we acknowledge the special abilities that our children may have within the cultural and spiritual domains.

As always, we welcome your thoughts on this work and look forward to discussing our provision for gifted and talented students with you further.

Enjoy Samoan Language Week – it was great to see Samoan traditional dress worn so proudly on Wednesday.

Ia faamanuia e le Atua

Jane Hahn

The Good Shepherd School Council

In the school council we have been meeting regularly and we have been talking about how we make a team and how we work as a team. We have made a poster describing the purpose of the school council which is “The Good Shepherd Council works together to build a strong team where we learn from each other and make changes to improve the school and make it a better place. We also work to support people outside our school community who need our help”.

So to use our purpose we have been given a few suggestions for projects but we have decided to give our support to the ‘help keep little hearts beating’ charity. We can tell you more about this over the next few weeks.

Lucy De Young, Vice-chairperson of the School Council

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Genevieve Olliver** from Room 4 and **Luke McKinnel** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Genevieve and Luke are great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



School is closed for a
Teacher Only Day
on Friday 3rd June 2016
and for a public holiday
on Monday 6th June 2016.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in June 2016:

Harry Atkinson	Francesca Booy
Ashley Edwards	Siena Hannay
Benjamin Howard	Anija Irvine
Vaiola Kautoke	Rosa Lewthwaite
Natalie Saunders	Felicia Tibbles
Kayano Vogels	Justin Yee

FIELD CLOSED

Please note the field is closed when the big orange cone is in the middle of the field. Please use the footpath to get to classes and do not cut through the grass.



LARGE BOXES NEEDED!!
We urgently require 5 large fridge size boxes
for the GSS drama club production. Please
leave at the school office.

Farewell

It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Heathorn from Good Shepherd. We thank Mrs Heathorn for her contribution to our school and wish her and her family well for the future. Mrs Chambers and Miss Gleeson are now classroom teachers for Room 5.

2016 Sacramental Programme

Enrolment forms and preparation details for the 2016 Sacramental programme are available from the school office from today.

Life Education Classroom

Parent Session Thursday 2 June at 12.30 p.m.

We are very lucky to have the Life Education Classroom in the school this week. Classes are scheduled to visit the caravan and its occupants, educator Misty Bettridge and her friend, Harold the Giraffe, over the week to learn more about body parts, resilience and coping (depending on year group). There will also be a session for parents interested in seeing the classroom first hand, and in learning more about Life Education programmes on **Thursday 2 June at 12.30 p.m.** Please come along and enjoy this opportunity to visit the classroom then.

School Uniform

Winter seems to have finally arrived with lots of rain and cold. Some important reminders for this time of year about our school uniform:

- Please go to our school website for details about winter school uniform
- Children need to bring a change of clothes if they want to play on the field during break times
- All items of clothing must be named
- A watch and ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with school uniform
- Nail polish is not permitted on either fingers or toes
- Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be either navy blue or black

Term Dates 2017

The following dates have been approved by the board of trustees for 2017:

	Start	Finish
Term 1	Tuesday 31 January	Thursday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 1 May	Friday 7 July
Term 3	Monday 24 July	Friday 29 September
Term 4	Monday 16 October	Friday 15 December

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who inform the school office of upcoming enrolments of siblings at the school. As you know our roll is quite full and it is very helpful to us in our forward planning to have this information. If you know of any families who are interested in enrolling their child or children at Good Shepherd please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

Whole school prayer

Room 7 will be leading our whole school prayer next Tuesday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Tuesday 7 June	Room 2
Monday 13 June	Room 5
Monday 20 June	Room 8
Monday 27 June	Room 4
Monday 4 July	Room 3

Book Week at Good Shepherd

Monday 20-Friday 24 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 including visits by storyteller Stu Duval and poet Paula Green. Highlights of the week will include a literary treasure hunt and the popular Book Character Parade, both on Friday.

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 3.00-3.30pm

Please email or let Marguerite Butcher know if you are able to help. m butcher@goodshepherd.school.nz



Walking School Bus Award

Congratulations to Matthew Clement from Rocket Snails walking school bus for listening to the drivers when crossing the road and keeping with the group.



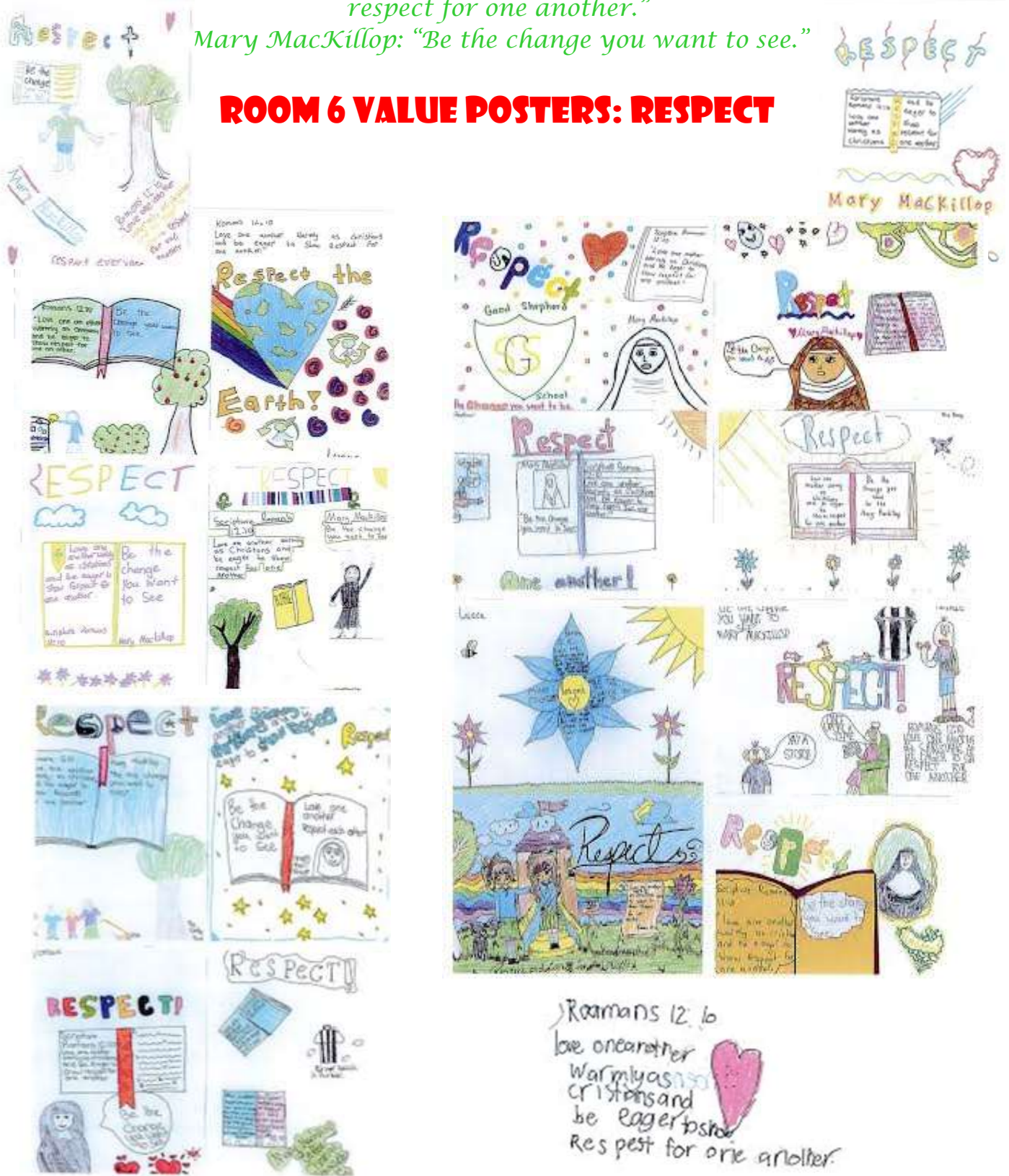
GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL: RESPECT

This term Good Shepherd School will spend time unpacking and reflecting on the charism of our school. Term Two focuses on the value of Respect. Students will unpack and build an understanding of the scripture verses and the quote by Mary MacKillop that inspires us to respect one another and our surroundings.

Roman 12:10 "Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another."

Mary MacKillop: "Be the change you want to see."

ROOM 6 VALUE POSTERS: RESPECT



From the PTA

Cake Raffle

Congratulations to Molly & George Hanrahan who won the Room 9 cake raffle which raised \$100.90.

Thank You!

To the Holey Fathers for their maintenance on the top playground – much appreciated by all.

Nikki Flexman and the legendary Grandparent's Day helpers. Nikki, you are an absolute legend. Good Shepherd Parents, you are too.

Alanah Dando for organizing the Entertainment Books – they go live this week which means you can use them! See below for more info.

Health and Safety sub committee members: Daniel Erickson, Eddie Sella & Helen Twose who are heading our new Health & Safety committee – investigating the ins and outs of this tricky new law which affects us all. I have it on good information that the meeting was held at the pub and went well – #PTAcanbecool

Parents' Morning Tea - Friday 10th June - 8.50am

All parents are invited to join us for parents' morning tea next Friday, 10th June at 8.50 am in the staffroom. Parents' morning tea is a great chance to connect with other parents in the Good Shepherd Community. Come along and have a cuppa and enjoy some yummy home baking.

Sushi & Mooshi's (okay, Moosies but the rhyme is good....)

(to be read with a 90's freestyle rap beat happening in your head)

*Sushi on Fri – day
Looking like a treat
The mailbox goes the pay
Da office, by your feet*

*Moosie is a yum thing
Line up to be in
The flavours give a nice ping
\$2 for the win*

Translation: Sushi is sold on a Friday (orders must be in by 9.00am), Moosies are sold on Fridays at lunchtime for \$2 – I'm pretty sure it's one of the social highlights of the week.

Entertainment Books

You can use these beauties as of this week! Plenty of great specials in these books.

Books are \$65 with \$13 going to Good Shepherd School.

Contact Alanah on 021 348 327 or alanahdando@hotmail.com if you want more information.

We are on Facebook!

Simply search Good Shepherd School PTA and request to join. It is a closed group, full of reminders of up and coming events.

Need to know something – catch one of us at school or flick me an email to rbcp@xtra.co.nz.

Have a great long weekend everyone. Thank you for your support.

Carla and the PTA team