

# Good Shepherd School



Newsletter No 13, 8 August 2019

## From the Principal

Kia orāna everyone and welcome to *Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani: Cook Islands Language Week*, with the theme this year "Taku rama, taau toi: ora te Reo" - "My Torch, Your Adze: The Language Lives". At Good Shepherd School we value the gifts that our children bring with them, including the gifts of languages. There is plenty of research that shows bilingualism benefits academic, social and cognitive development in our children and helps prepare them to take their place as global citizens in their future professional lives. We celebrate the fact that so many of our children speak other languages at home and encourage them to share their expertise with our school community.

Learning Languages is one of the learning areas in our New Zealand Curriculum (see <https://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/The-New-Zealand-Curriculum/Learning-languages>) and at Good Shepherd School the emphasis is on Te Reo Māori and Mandarin. We are thrilled, however, to acknowledge the many other beautiful languages spoken within our community through our Language Weeks. At this time when we are focusing on oral language we also invite children to prepare and present a speech in their home language. They will probably need parent support in this but we would love to hear these languages spoken and shared. Please talk to your classroom teacher about this.

Aere rā  
Jane Hahn

## Upcoming Dates

**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**-Fr Martin Wu celebrates his first Mass at Good Shepherd  
**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  
**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  
**Tuesday 10 September**-Home-School Partnership Mtg (Cyber Safety)  
**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*

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Zara Peterson** - You are always caring and helpful towards your friends and you are a considerate member of our school.

**Ronan Farrell** - You display the Good Shepherd values by being hard working, respectful and caring towards others.

## Ordination of Deacon Martin Wu to the Priesthood

There will be an Ordination Service for Deacon Martin Wu into the Priesthood at St Patrick's Cathedral at **11.30am Saturday 10th August**. He will celebrate his first Mass as a priest at Good Shepherd Parish on Sunday 11th August at 9.30am. All are welcome to this special event to support Martin who has been part of our school community for the past three years.

## Celebration of the Assumption of Mary

On **Thursday 15th August at 9.00am**, Good Shepherd School will attend Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. There is not a lot of information in the Bible about this blessed event, however it is important to note the significance of Mary's holiness - she went up to heaven 'body and soul'. A special prayer that you may like to pray for Mary is the '**Hail Mary**' or you could say a Rosary within your household next week. A very useful free app for parents to pray an interactive Rosary with children is called 'Laudate' - it makes praying the Rosary easy and you do not even need beads - they are provided too!

## Information for Whānau

### Good Shepherd PTA

Thank you to those people who were able to attend the PTA meeting this week. During this meeting we had an update from the principal about student achievement, the School Council, home-school partnership and Pūmanawa. We also discussed fundraising projects - did you know that the PTA is responsible for organising the yummy sushi, pie lunches and moosies your children enjoy every week, and the wonderful cake raffles every two weeks? It is also largely through the drive of the PTA that we have such great physical resources in our school, such as the sandpit, all weather turf, canopy, fitness trail and even the interactive whiteboards in the classrooms. Please get involved as much as you can, you will make great friends as we continue to strengthen our community. Discussed at the meeting this week:

- A coordinator for the Calendar Art fundraiser
- A major sponsor for the school fair raffle (in line with our theme of environmental sustainability)
- Stall helpers and 'all hands on deck' for the fair next term

Look out for the fair newsletter coming out next week! Talk to anyone on the PTA committee or any staff member if you can help in any way at all.

## Cake Raffle



Thank you **Justine Bowles** for baking this very special cake for our school raffle. Congratulations to the **Yee family** for winning on the day!

## Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. This is also a gentle reminder to do so, if you haven't already. We also thank all those in our school community who continue to recommend our wonderful school to their friends and whānau. Your support is much appreciated.

## Looking after our School

Recently we have had some damage done to our school facilities through somebody bringing an electric scooter onto our grounds. At this stage we encourage the use of school grounds outside of school hours and we would not like to change this. If you see anyone behaving inconsiderately in our grounds we would appreciate you reminding them of the guidelines on our signage - no bikes, scooters or skateboards.

## Personnel Update

We are very sad to say that Ms Cultrera is leaving us at the end of this term to move back to Australia to be closer to her family.

We are lucky to have Ms Scanlan and Mrs Fala already on our staff and they will be taking over the classroom teaching responsibilities for Room 1.

We know you join with us in wishing our beloved Ms Cultrera every blessing as she leaves our community and in thanking her for the wonderful work she has done at Good Shepherd, both as a classroom teacher and as the Director of Religious Studies, over the last few years.

## School News

### Room Six Art

Room Six kept us all entertained with their 'future focus' during Friday's assembly. They have also been experimenting with some mixed media. Have a look here: [LINK TO ROOM 6 ART](#).

## School Fair

We are now taking collection for white elephant toys, books etc for the Fair. Please bring them to the office.



*Room Six Assembly*

## 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)

**We need some parents to help transport and supervise this team going to the gymnastics zones. Please contact Heather McLeod if you are able to help.**

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:

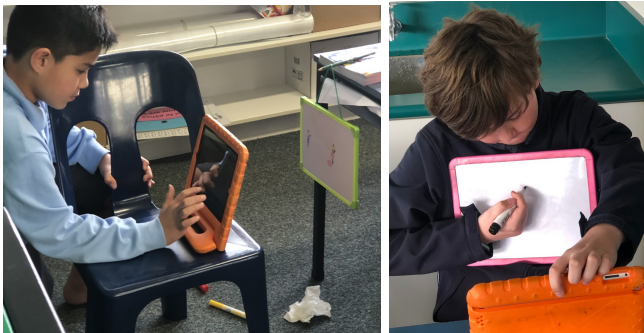
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## Clubs and Activities

### Pūmanawa Continues...



*Gardeners hard at work*



*Solving problems in digital technology*

## Travelwise

### Back to School Campaign

Our Travelwise team went out last Thursday morning to remind drivers to slow down around our school and look out for our children.

What a fantastic morning we had! We had great support from drivers. Almost all of them were tooting and waving and acknowledging our signs.

Thank you to all those who remember to slow down around schools!



## Walking School Bus

Congratulations to **Renzo Rowe** from the Northern Explorers for demonstrating excellent traffic awareness.