



...Care...Respect...Honesty...

Newsletter No 14, 22 August 2019

From the Principal

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou
Greetings to you all!

We have two very important events coming up that will have direct and long lasting impact on our children's learning and on their understanding of their world. The first is the whole school visit to **Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae** on Wednesday 28 August. Our New Zealand Curriculum acknowledges the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand and this visit to the marae provides a rich opportunity for our children to further acquire knowledge and understanding of Te Ao Māori. We have worked hard to build this area of our school curriculum and are proud of the progress we have made over the last few years. We will continue to be committed to our bicultural heritage.

The second event is the next Home-School Partnership meeting on Monday 9 September (note change of date). The focus of this meeting is **Cyber Safety** and how school and home can work together to keep our young people safe online. We will also spend some time on the Digital Technologies curriculum which will be a compulsory part of the Technology learning area from next year. This was identified as an area of interest and concern with parents and whānau at our health

consultation meeting last year and we are expecting a big turnout as we share ideas on how we can make maximum use of digital technologies to support learning, while keeping children safe in this increasingly online and connected world.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki
God is watching over you
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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

Monday 9 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

Tuesday 17 September-PTA meeting

Thursday 19 September-Catholic Schools Cross Country

Friday 20 September-Catholic Schools Cross Country Save Day

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

Coco Rowe - You are respectful and caring towards others and consistently show the Good Shepherd Way in all that you do.



Leo Burnett - You are always caring and considerate of others and respond when you see a need.

Congratulations Sacramental Candidates

Thank you to all those who supported our Sacramental Programme candidates on making their First Holy Communion on Sunday. We wish them all the best as they embark on their faith journey with their amazing families.



Cans for Christmas Drive 2019



In weeks six and seven of our term - Monday 26 August until Friday 6 September, Good Shepherd School will be collecting food cans for our St Vincent De Paul Christmas drive. Last year we raised just over 300 cans. Let's see if we can beat that number this year! Each

classroom will have a box collecting food cans - your donations are much appreciated by this fantastic organisation.

Daffodil Day



Next week, Monday 26 - Friday 30 August, our Special Character team will be selling Daffodil pins for a gold coin donation every day after school, to raise funds for New Zealand Cancer Society. We will also be selling pins outside of

the hall on **August 30, Daffodil Day**. Who will you wear your pin for?

In and Around School

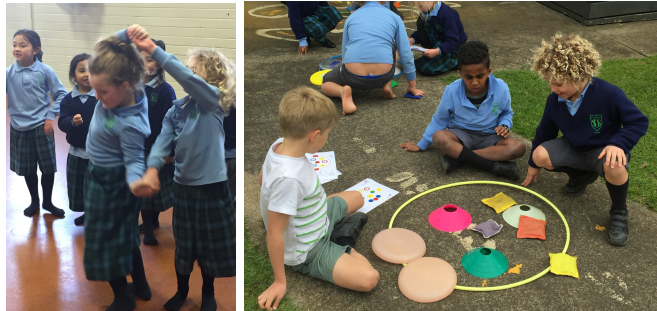
Room Eight

We celebrated our learning through our assembly last week. Already this term we have been learning a lot! We performed a conversation in Māori which was all about numbers. We also displayed our learning in music through the song E Papa with the Te Rakau sticks. It was great to have the cultural leaders up there with us too, to share the song 'My God loves me'. We hope that all of those who came along to watch, enjoyed our assembly as much as we enjoyed putting it together.



Pūmanawa

It was all going on in Pūmanawa this week - yoga (maybe not quite the way you'd expect), dancing, orienteering with hoops, making butter for kitchen science, getting creative in the performance and cartooning groups and lots more besides!



Sport

Netball

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

Save Day - Thursday 29 August

Other Sports

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

Catholic Schools Cross Country - Thursday 19 September (wk 9)

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

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Our Environment

Walking School Bus



Well done **Ella Tuibenau** - doing your bit for sustainability and good health, by walking to school.

Information for Whānau

Concerns and Complaints

At Good Shepherd School we have an 'open door' policy which means we invite you to come to us at any time to talk about anything to do with school. If you have a concern, the school encourages open communication and would like you to talk to us as soon as possible. It is our role to be fair and to listen to the concerns you bring to our attention. As we do every term, our procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints is attached to this newsletter, and they are also available on our school website.

Bishop Patrick Dunn's 25th Anniversary

On 25 July Bishop Patrick Dunn celebrated his 25th Jubilee as Bishop of Auckland. We congratulate Bishop Pat on reaching this milestone and remember him in our prayers at this special time. Below is a link to a short film made to acknowledge this significant occasion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBm3kbvknE4&feature=youtu.be>

Cake Raffle



Thank you **Margie Andrews** for baking this amazing cake for our school raffle. Congratulations to the **Woods family** for winning on the day!

Jester's Pie Day

Pie Day - Monday 26 August

There will be a Pie Day PTA fundraiser on **Monday 26 August**. Orders will be taken online only on Kindo. Orders will close at 11am on **Sunday 25 August**. For more information, refer to the attached page at the end of the newsletter.

Concerns and Complaints

EXAMPLE – Procedure for dealing with Concerns and Complaints at school

