



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

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From the Principal

Mālō e lelei!

During this **Tongan Language Week / Uike 'O Lea Tonga** we thank our Tongan children and their families for sharing with us their expertise in this rich culture that plays such an important part in New Zealand society.

The week began on Sunday with the Pope's call for a **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** on the first day of our spring. He asks us all to start with a more sustainable personal and family lifestyle. Pope Francis wrote an encyclical (open letter) called **Laudato Si'** in 2015 calling on 'every person living on this planet' to make urgent changes to our lifestyles and how we consume energy in order to protect our 'common home'. This message is close to our hearts at Good Shepherd - not surprising for a community which has respect, care and honesty as its core values.

So far we have made huge progress in waste reduction and recycling, and we are working towards becoming a 'zero energy' school. The progress we have made is thanks to the support of staff and parents who are passionate about this area. Our school fair with its theme of **'Supporting a Sustainable Future'** is another opportunity for us all to take heed of the message of Laudato Si'.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

- Friday 6 September**-Cans for Christmas Final Day
- 9-13 September**-Māori Language Week
- Monday 9 September**-Whole School Prayer Rm 3/4
- 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
- Monday 16 September**-Whole School Prayer Rm 8
- 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
- Monday 23 September**-Whole School Prayer Rm 7
- 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



Jacob Gribble - *You show the Good Shepherd Way when you look out for ways to support others, especially teachers.*

Harrison Maddox - *You demonstrate the Good Shepherd Way when you show kindness to others within and outside of the classroom.*

Grandparents Mass

Next **Friday 13 September** Good Shepherd School will be having a special celebration for our Grandparents! We will begin with Mass at 11:00am followed by lunch, when families can purchase yummy goodies. After lunch our children will entertain us and grandparents are most welcome to visit classrooms when children return to their classrooms for the afternoon. We do need your lovely baking for this event. Please see below for how you can support the PTA in making this event a success.

Cans for Christmas

Until Friday this week, Good Shepherd School will still 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.



Room Five in action at assembly

Reconciliation at Good Shepherd Parish

Weekly Reconciliation for all to attend is at 9.30am every Saturday morning at Good Shepherd Parish. We encourage any children who have made their Sacraments to go along and keep their faith journey alive! Weekend Masses at Good Shepherd Parish are 9.00am and 6.00pm Saturday and 9.30am Sunday.

Life Teen Youth Group

For ages 13-18. Launching at Good Shepherd on Friday 13 September, 5pm - 7pm with a **Minute to Win It** event. Contact Gerry 021345183

In and Around School

Room Five

We have been learning about stereotyping and how important it is to not judge people by their looks, but instead look at their words and actions. We have learned about each others' families and histories, and discovered all of the amazing things we have in common, as well as learning from our differences. We presented our learning in an assembly, by performing a play and a dance.

Marae visit

On Wednesday August 28 we all travelled to Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae, to nurture and advance our appreciation of Māori culture. We had a wonderful visit and learnt a lot. The teachers were very proud of the students who showed wonderful respect throughout. Click on the link below the picture to see our Haka boys in action at the end of our visit.



Speech Finals

What a wonderful range of speeches we enjoyed at our finals yesterday morning. Both judges complimented us on the standard of speaking (in fact their deliberations took quite some time) and also the excellent behaviour from the audience. Congratulations to all of our finalists and best of luck to Mia Growden, who will be carrying on to represent our school at the Eden Albert Oral Language Festival. Special thanks to Matila Fa'apopo who treated us to a speech about friendship, delivered all in Samoan. Thank you also to our wonderful judges, Mrs McKay and Sister Bernie. Read on for a few speaking tips from Mrs McKay...

There are so many times that you have to draw on public speaking skills. It could be at a family event, at a friend's wedding or parties celebrating significant milestones. It could be at a meeting when you want to put your point of view across. Your teachers have to be public speakers too, when standing in front of a classroom, Your audience can be large or small the rules are the same:

Be prepared

Know your audience

Speak clearly and loudly enough so that your audience can hear you

Slow down

Have some fun along the way.

And remember you are the one who usually knows most about your subject so don't be intimidated - everyone wants you to do well!



Speech Final Results

Year 0/1
1st Place: Jacob Gribble: Monkeys 2nd Place: Gretta Tuibenau: Llamas 3rd Place: Analise Turner-Padgett: Wolves
Year 2
1st Place: Ida Greenhough: Bikes 2nd Place: Ayrestyn-Skye Leger: Being a School Councillor 3rd Place: Rosie Fala: Technology or Books
Year 3
1st Place: Benjamin Maddox: A Famous Ski Jumper 2nd Place: Melody Tuala-Soon: Chihuahuas 3rd Place: Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh: Pollution
Year 4
1st Place: George Hanrahan: Having a Broken Bone 2nd Place: Kalo Sundin: Why I Should Get a Dog 3rd Place: Adam Lobo: India
Year 5
1st Place: Miranda Flexman: Women in the NBA 2nd Place: Jiwoo Jang: Being Vertically Challenged 3rd Place: Coco Rowe: A Mystery Topic.
Year 6
1st Place: Mia Growden: You are perfect the way you are! 2nd Place: Soeun Park: How a toilet Can Save Your Life 3rd Place: Liam Turner-Padgett: The English Language is Stupid

Pūmanawa

On Monday September 23 (Week 10) you are invited to have a look around the school to see what is happening on the last day of Pumanawa. This is an informal event, pop in anytime after 2:15pm.

EPro8

Last Friday sixteen aspiring engineers from year five and six, went to Mt Roskill intermediate to compete in some very technical challenges with other primary schools. All the teams placed in the top half of the group and the 'Dancing Dolphins' came in at second place! It was great to see their collaboration as they raced against the clock and the other teams. Thank you to the parents who helped make it happen with transport and supervision.



EPro8 teams in action

Cake Raffle



*Thank you **Janelle Pool** for baking this wonderful cake for our school raffle. Congratulations to the **Greenhough family** for winning on the day!*

September Birthdays

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in September.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Alfred Kautoke	Liam Tuala Soon
Amirah Makani	Luke Kaho
Angeline Yee	Maia Doran
Celia Gatt	Mia Growden
Daniel Peterson	Nathaniel Kaufman
Dean Fernandez	Pippa McHardy
Elijah Puyat	Rose Gray
Jacob Gribble	Tevita Siakumi
Joshua Irving	

Sport

Netball

On Tuesday, week six, four of Good Shepherd's netball teams competed in the Eden/Albert netball zones at Windmill road. Congratulations to the Night Hawkes team who won their grade.



Upcoming

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

Environment

Walking School Bus

Congratulations Talei Elbourne. One of our younger walkers setting an example for all of us!



Information for Whānau

Measles Outbreak

As you know, New Zealand is in the middle of a measles outbreak.

Measles is a serious viral infection. People are usually quite unwell, and they may need to go to hospital. Measles spreads very easily from person to person.

Please read the attached notice from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service.

<http://www.arphs.health.nz/assets/Uploads/Resources/Disease-and-illness/Measles-Mumps-Rubella/Measles-Insert-schools-final.jpg>

Class Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday October 15 (week 1 of term 4). Siblings can also have their photo taken. More information will be available at the end of this term.

Home-School Partnership Meeting: Digital Technologies and Cyber Safety

Monday 9 September

7.00pm - 8.00pm in the parish hall

Nibbles will be served from 6.30pm

Come along to discuss this important aspect of school and home life.

Dominion Road Moon Festival

Celebration of the Moon

Potter's Park and Mt Eden War Memorial Hall

13 September 5pm - 9pm

14 and 15 September 2pm - 9pm

Fun filled event for all

Lanterns, riddles and lights

Music and dance performances

Arts, craft and food demonstrations

Food stalls

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 done this. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

PTA

One week to go! We need your baking 😊

A reminder that Grandparent's Mass is Friday 13th September 2019. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

It's a great day for parents to help out and get involved. We need at least 20 volunteers to set up or make sandwiches or sell food or clean up. Please email Maria Gribble on mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz or Hannah T-P on tat2id@hotmail.com if you can help. **AND** we need all parents to send in baking to school on Friday 13th September - to be dropped to the office before school.