

Good Shepherd School

Newsletter No 16, 19 September 2019

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Part of our vision for our students is that they take their place in the world as ethical leaders and we take pride in the leadership opportunities offered to our children. From the moment they enter our school, students are encouraged to put their hand up, take a risk, and to serve others through leadership. The School Council brings representatives from each classroom together to work on making our school and community even stronger than it is, and this week the 2018 Council project came to fruition. Most of you will have stopped to admire the collage of photos taken over the last hundred years and mounted on the power box outside the main entrance. What a lovely statement to make about our community!

This vibrant, caring community was very evident in Grandparents' Day last week. It truly is one of our favourite days in the school calendar and we thank our grandparents and older members of our community for being here with us. You are always welcome at Good Shepherd but it was very special to spend the day with you all last week. We hope you enjoyed seeing your wonderful grandchildren perform for you (highlights can be found in our cultural section).

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Personnel Update

We would like to welcome Ms Scanlan and Mrs Fala to Room 1 for next term, where they are already a familiar sight. However, we are very sad to be losing Louise Drummond from our teaching team at the end of this year. We are grateful to have had Louise

with us for the last four years, for her good work in the classroom and her input into the Arts, especially drama. We wish Louise and her husband, Josh, every blessing as they move to Australia to be closer to family.



*Thank you **School Council** for this amazing **Powerbox transformation***

Upcoming Dates

Friday 20 September-Fair Mufti Day - Bar of Chocolate

Friday 27 September-Room 9 Assembly

Friday 27 September-Term 3 Ends

Monday 14 October-Term 4 Begins

Tuesday 15 October-School Photos

Wednesday 16 October-Eden/Albert Speech Finals

Thursday 17 October-NZ Shakeout

Thursday 17 October-St Peter's College Orientation Day

Friday 18 October-Fair Mufti Day: Jolly Jars

Tuesday 22 October-Home-School Partnership Meeting: Growth Mindset

Thursday 24 October-Back to School Campaign

Monday 28 October-Labour Day

Wednesday 30 October-BOT Meeting

Thursday 31 October-Year 5 Retreat

Friday 1 November-All Saints Day

Saturday 2 November-Parish/School Mass (tbc)

Thursday 7 November-EPro8 Finals

Saturday 9 November-SCHOOL FAIR

Tuesday 12 November-Kids for Kids Concert

Wednesday 13 November-Good Shepherd Athletics

Friday 15 November-Good Shepherd Athletics Save Day

Saturday 16 November-Ukulele Festival

Tuesday 19 November-Eden/Albert Athletics

Thursday 21 November-Culture Dress Day

Saturday 23 November-Albert/Eden Cultural Festival

Tuesday 26 November-Eden/Albert Athletics Save Day

Tuesday 26 November-BOT Meeting

Friday 29 November-Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Saturday 30 November-Hot House Challenge

Tuesday 3 December-BOT Meeting

Thursday 5 December-End of Year Mass (tbc)

Monday 9 December-Written Reports Home

Wednesday 11 December-Class Picnics

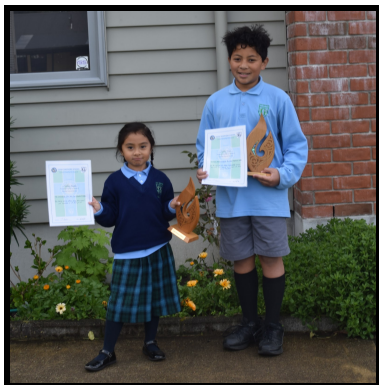
Thursday 12 December-Christmas Concert

Friday 13 December-Leadership Assembly

Friday 13 December-Term 4 Ends

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character Good Shepherd Awards



Xavier Taito - You have been displaying the Good Shepherd values by the way you are taking responsibility during Pūmanawa and stepping up to help with duties around the school

Arabela Barredo - You consistently show the Good Shepherd values by looking out for others, being kind, honest and responsible in all that you do

Grandparents' Mass and Celebration

Thank you to all who joined our celebratory day last week. Once again we acknowledge our amazing PTA and parent volunteers who baked and helped make the day ever so special. Thank you too, to the teachers and children who made our very important guests welcome and even put on a special cultural performance for them.

For those who couldn't make it on the day, or would like to see it all again, check out the [highlights video](#) in our **cultural** section.



Enjoying the day

Cans for Christmas

Good Shepherd School collected 407 cans for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas collection! Room 7 alone collected 147 cans! Thank you to everyone for donating to such a great cause for those less fortunate in Auckland.

Good Shepherd Parish Mass Times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have made their Sacraments. Saturday Mass is at 9.00am followed by Reconciliation at 9.30am, and 6.00pm in the

evening. Sunday Mass is at 9.30am and Fillipino Mass at 11.00am.

In and Around School

Chess Club News

Auckland Catholic Inter-Schools Chess Competition

On Tuesday, Mrs Pool took 3 teams from Good Shepherd, to compete in a chess tournament at St Paul's Primary School in Massey.

All students showed good sportsmanship and had a great day even though we didn't place anywhere. Well done to all our students who took part.

Thank you to Mrs Turner-Padgett who provided transport and supervision on the day.



Library

PLEASE RENEW OR RETURN YOUR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



We would love to have our overdue books back in the library by the end of Term 3...

Your child will bring home a notice if they have any overdue books. Please encourage your children to find and return their library books.

Please let me know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

Books can be borrowed over the holidays.

Many thanks, Marguerite Butcher

mbutcher@goodshepherd.school.nz

Cultural



Follow the video link above to see highlights from our very special **Cultural Performance** for our grandparents, with elements of Māori, Pasifika, 'Kiwiana' cultures, and more.



*Getting all set for **Chinese Lantern Festival** last weekend. (Next week is **New Zealand Chinese Language week**).*

Sport

Today was our Catholic Schools Cross Country. If parents have any photos from any of the zones sporting events this year, could you please email them to hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who have helped with our sporting events this term. I really appreciate you giving up your time to help transport, coach, manage and supervise the school teams. These events couldn't happen without your support.

Heather McLeod

Information for Whānau

Cyber Safety Information Night

Thank you to those parents who braved torrential rain to attend our September 9 partnership meeting on cyber safety. Although we only saw a few of you, those that were present commended the teachers on the content and the effort put into preparation. Slides from the night will be on our website shortly. We also recommend that you visit <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/> which is a wonderful resource in helping schools and parents navigate through this challenging area.

We would like to make these partnership meetings more workable for everyone, and would welcome your suggestions.

Boxes for School Fair

We are after boxes for our upcoming school fair - if you have any banana boxes or medium/large boxes please bring them in to the office.

Measles Outbreak in Auckland

Please continue to be on the lookout for the following symptoms of measles if your child is unwell:

1. A persistent cough.
2. A runny nose.
3. Sore red eyes.
4. A rash on the skin.

If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice. The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune. Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.

End of Term

School will finish next Friday 27th September at 3.00pm. Term 4 starts on Monday 14th October, 8.50am.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of school life and helps us to feel pride in our school and belonging to our community. We expect our students to wear our uniform correctly, at all times. Students will change to wearing the summer uniform from the start of Term 4, 2019 and through to the end of Term 1, 2020. Summer uniform also includes a sunhat which must be worn for outdoor play. A reminder too that children wear plain black flat sandals during the summer months.

The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30 to 9.00am. Alternatively you can place uniform orders anytime by phoning 620 4962 or emailing the school office, admin@goodshepherd.school.nz and we will send the items home with your child. Payment can be made online.

Please note, the school office is not open during the school holidays

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

Personalised Artwork: Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads & Sketch Pads - A PTA Fundraiser

In recent weeks the children have been working with their class teachers on pieces of artwork that can be made into Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketch Pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas! Artwork will be available for viewing in the office next week and order forms will be coming home with your child early next week.

Contact Anna Shaw at annalshaw@gmail.com

OSCA

Please ensure all new OSCA bookings or changes to existing OSCA bookings are either emailed to admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or made by phone on 620 4962 or in person at the school office. Thank you for your cooperation with this. All permanent bookings from term 3 will be rolled over to term 4 unless we are notified prior to the 27th September.

Lost Property

From Monday next week the lost property table will be at the entrance of the admin building. Please check for any lost items. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Jester's Pie Day

We will be having another PTA PIE LUNCH FUNDRAISER for the children on Tuesday 24th September. This will be in addition to our usual sushi lunch fundraiser for the week, which will still run on Friday, 27th September. Orders will be taken online via Kindo. For more information, please see the full information page in the separate attachment.