

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice September 26, 2019

Upcoming Dates

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
Tuesday 22 October-PTA Meeting
Wednesday 23 October-BOT Meeting
Thursday 24 October-Back to School Campaign
Monday 28 October-Labour Day
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



Alec MacGilvray - You have been working really hard to show consideration and respect for others around you. Thank you for being thoughtful and attentive.

Lucia Katongo - You consistently show the Good Shepherd way in all that you do. You are kind, caring and considerate of everyone around you.

Good Shepherd Parish News

Shortly we will be welcoming Monsignor Bernard back from his pilgrimage - it will be great to have him back and to hear of his adventures in the Holy Land. We also want to say a big 'thank you' to Father Martin for being with us over the last two weeks. It has been such a pleasure to see you at Good Shepherd again and we wish you every blessing as you take on your new responsibilities.

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 Filipino Mass at 11.00am.

In and Around School

Pūmanawa: Special Thanks to Our Teachers and Parent Helpers

Sadly for many of our students, a great term of Pūmanawa has come to an end. We acknowledge our wonderful teachers, who gave so much extra planning time in order to make it successful. We also thank our supportive parents. In particular we thank Lisa Paniora and Kate Saunders for giving up their time to share their knowledge and expertise to run the yoga class; and the talented Carla Butcher, who created a dynamic programme, "From the page to the stage," to teach students all the elements involved in performing.



Problem Challenge 2019 Results



Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 students who participated in Problem Challenge 2019.

This is a national mathematics problem-solving challenge for Intermediate level children, run by the University of Otago. Twenty-five students gained a participation certificate and ten gained a merit certificate.

This year Merit certificates were awarded to Liam Turner-Padgett, Kayano Vogels, Soeun Park, Margaret Shaw, Xavier Fala, Zara Peterson, Jemima Lipscombe, Sarah Forbes, Liam Bowles, Otis Irvine.

Cultural

This week is **New Zealand Chinese** Language week. It is a good time to thank **Ms Li** for all the effort she puts into bringing the culture and language alive for our students.



Room 7 have been doing some tricky paper folding to produce these Chinese Dragons.

News from Good Shepherd School Ex-Students

It's great to hear about and celebrate the achievements of our ex-students. This week we celebrate **Olivia Pickering** who has been selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Water Polo team. Congratulations Olivia! We also thank our wonderful girls from Marist College, who returned to Good Shepherd on Monday to help out in classrooms and packing up the library ready for painting in the holidays. We really appreciate the work you did here.

Please let us know if you hear news about our ex-students and their achievements. They will always be part of the Good Shepherd community and we love hearing about what they are up to.

Sport

Good luck to Kayano Vogels and Liam Bowles, who are competing for Auckland in the Gymnastics Nationals that are being held over the school holidays at Trust Arena. They have been training very hard in preparation for this event.

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

Teachers are Learners Too!

We wish a group of our teachers well as they travel to Christchurch over the holidays to present our recent innovative work in literacy development, particularly in the area of writing, at the Literacy Conference. We are very proud to be able to share this work with our colleagues around the country and look forward to the opportunity to learn from others as well.

Good Shepherd School PTA Contact List

Our PTA is a very important part of what makes Good Shepherd such a vibrant, caring community. Members of the PTA give a great deal of their time and energy in raising money for resources that benefit all our children, and they also provide support for our families in times of crisis or need. In the PTA we see our core values of care, respect and honesty in action.

Being part of the PTA does bring great rewards too, as long-lasting friendships are formed and parents and whānau are regularly involved in the day-to-day school lives of their children.

The PTA is currently updating its contact database and we would appreciate you filling in the survey on the link below, if you haven't already done so. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the school.

<https://forms.gle/huoXqRBwGhRKT7yi7>

Monster Raffle

Each family will receive an envelope on Friday containing 30 tickets to sell. If you would like more tickets, please ask at the school office. A \$50 Events Cinema voucher will be awarded to the family that sells the most tickets. For more information please refer to the letter inside the envelope. If you have any questions please contact Emma Chan emma@virtualtag.co/0277745941 or Justine Clifford-Bowles 0275 431 612

PTA Calendar Fundraiser

The children have created fabulous artwork that will be used to make 2020 diaries, calendars and greeting cards, mouse pads or notebooks. Art and product samples are available to view in the office. Order through Kindo by **Wednesday 16th October 2019**. Any queries, get in touch with Anna, annalshaw@gmail.com or 02102970532

New Zealand ShakeOut

ShakeOut is held across the world to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake — Drop, Cover and Hold. Good Shepherd School will be taking part in this national event in the afternoon of Thursday 17 October.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property table at the entrance of the admin building. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of tomorrow. Please name all items belonging to your children including uniform, lunch boxes and sports gear.

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on Tuesday 15th October (week 1 of Term 4). Orders will be placed online direct with Photolife. Flyers will be sent home with the children tomorrow.

Coding Club

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create software not just consume it. Coding NZ's classes empower students with the technology tools they need and help give them the best chance at being successful in our increasingly

digital age. Signups are open now at codingnz.com/signup.



COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING

WHO
Good Shepherd School students in years 4 to 6.

WHAT
Fun and interactive high level coding course learning how to create program technology.

WHEN & WHERE
Term 4, 2019
Classroom 5
Mondays 1.00 PM (lunchtime)

THE WAY TO SUCCESS
Our classes will help develop your child's brain by teaching them advanced coding skills like how to make a computer/mobile/tablet website or application. We also include robots! Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to technology coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world. Your kid will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era.

APPLY NOW (Limited Spaces Available)
To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program technology apply now at codingnz.com/signup