

Good Shepherd School



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

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From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

This term our strong and vibrant community really comes into its own! Our biennial school fair not only raises a significant amount of money that over the years have provided resources that benefit all our children, current and future, but it brings the whole community together for a common purpose. In the time I have been at Good Shepherd, we have been able to provide technology in every classroom, create that great learning space in Rooms 3 and 4, install the all-weather turf and shade cover and build the fitness trail - all because of the community's efforts. It is fantastic to see everyone doing their bit to help and I believe that the relationships that are built by working together are just as important as the material benefit for our students. Whether it be selling all your raffle tickets, providing goods for sale, taking charge of a stall or being available on the day, I urge you to get in behind our amazing fair team and enjoy this outstanding community event.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

- 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
- Tuesday 29 October**-Year 6 Camp Meeting
- Thursday 31 October**-Year 5 Retreat
- Thursday 31 October**-St Peter's Music Programme Concert
- 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



August Gullery - Constantly showing the Good Shepherd way with her kind actions and words

William Moulder - Demonstrating the Good Shepherd way by showing care and consideration for others

October-The month of Mary and the Rosary

In Religious Education to begin Term 4, children will be engaging in Traditional and Devotional Prayers, including in their classroom prayers. This is a wonderful opportunity to revisit The Rosary, especially in the month of October. There can seem to be a lot of prayers to remember for the Rosary! The free app called 'Laudate' is a fantastic resource for parents and even has interactive Rosary beads within it.

In and Around School Library



Scholastic Book Club

Welcome to ISSUE 7 of Scholastic Book Club! This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Lucky Book Club. Issue 7 will be sent home with your child this week. Last day for orders 29 November.

If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP.

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

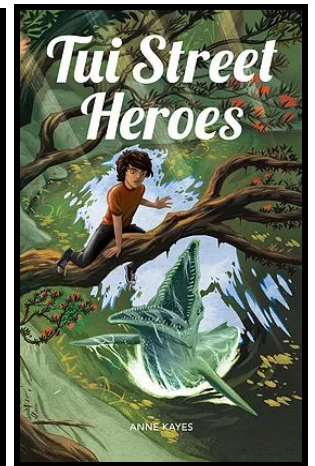
Any orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school.

Any queries can be directed to Marguerite Butcher.

Author Visit: Anne Kayes

On Tuesday afternoon we were lucky to have NZ author, Anne Kayes, come into Good Shepherd School and talk to Connolly students. She spoke about her books *Tui Street Tales* and her recently published book *Tui Street Heroes*.

She told us what it's like being an author and the process of writing her books.



Sport

Upcoming Events

Term 4 Sports Events:

Week 5 - GSS School Athletics Day

Wednesday 13 November

Save Day - Friday 15 November

Week 6 - Eden/Albert Athletics Competition

Tuesday 19 November

Save Day - Tuesday 26 November

If you are able to help out at our school athletics day please email Heather McLeod:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Athletics Practice and Correct Sportswear

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for our athletics by practising the events. Children should bring a change of clothes and their sneakers; Year 4-6 children should bring their PE uniform and sneakers. Please make sure that they come prepared for this as it is a very important part of our school programme. As the weather warms up, having children (especially older children) practise sport in their school uniform when they forget their PE gear is not ideal for anyone. Children who are unable to participate in PE need to bring a note from home.

Cultural

Māori Legends - Room 9's Artwork



Information for Whānau

PTA Meeting and Growth Mindset Information Night

With our school fair looming up it would be great to see as many whānau members as possible attending the upcoming PTA meeting next week on Tuesday October 22 at **6.30pm** (note the earlier start time). You will receive an added bonus if you come along. The teachers intend to give a brief presentation about the very successful Growth Mindset focus that has been at the forefront of our teaching and learning this year.

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

School Headbands and Scrunchies

The headbands and scrunchies have finally arrived. Yay!!!! Thank you for your patience. As they come in different sizes, those who want to buy will need to come in and try them on.

Winter Softshell Jackets

We have a very small stock of the softshell jackets at school ranging in sizes for you to buy.

Raffle Tickets

We apologise again that some of our families did not receive their fair raffle tickets to sell over the school holidays. Every family should have theirs now and we really appreciate the efforts you make to sell these tickets as they are a major contributor to our overall fundraising from the school fair.

Advertisement for School Fair



Eco Friendly Dishcloths

Are you using disposable dishcloths? Throwing money and materials into waste? Thanks to **Wild and Woolly Yarns, Milford**, my mum and Tracy Harkison are transforming cotton into

handmade eco friendly dishcloths that can be washed, dried and used again. These sustainable and attractive dishcloths would make great gifts for Christmas. I would strongly suggest buying them because everyone can make a difference to the planet. Get in quick to buy yours at the school fair!

Henry Russell (school journalist).

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. Despite the miserable start to this week the children are in their summer uniforms now and most have remembered their 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.

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.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students who have started with us recently:

Rocco Beban

Florence Kleiner Bendall

Reuben Kennerley

Charlotte Kennerley

Safety and Courtesy in the Car Park

Pick up and drop off times at any school in Auckland can be chaotic and Good Shepherd School is no exception! Telford Avenue is particularly challenging because of its layout and we appreciate the courtesy our parents and caregivers show each other and our neighbours as they make their way down to the school. This is also a good time to remind our families that children should either make their way home immediately or be picked up from the Church steps after school. Finally, have you thought about your child or children joining our fantastic Walking School Buses? They are a wonderful way for children to get to school in a fun, safe and environmentally friendly way - see our website for more details.

Concerns and Complaints

As we do every term, we have included in this newsletter our procedure if you have any concern or complaint. It is far better to address any issues as soon as possible and much better for everyone to do this face-to-face, rather than through a long email. If you are worried about anything to do with your child, our teachers are very approachable and keen to work closely with you, either through a quick catch-up before or after school, or by making an appointment if the discussion is going to take longer than a couple of minutes.

Boxes for School Fair

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

Volunteers for School Lunch Orders

In order to make sushi and pie lunches possible we need volunteers! Volunteering for sushi involves

collecting the sushi order from Cafe Sushi on Dominion Rd at 12.30 on a Friday and then bringing the orders back to school to distribute to the children. Volunteering for Pie Day involves getting to school at 12.40 and helping the Jester's delivery person to check through all the orders before distributing to the children. Several of our regular helpers will be leaving Good Shepherd at the end of the year so if you have been thinking about volunteering, now is the time! Please contact emma@virtualtag.co if you are available to help on the dates below:

Friday 18th October

Friday 25th October

Friday 1st November

Friday 8th November

Tuesday 12th November (pies)

Friday 15th November

Friday 22nd November

Friday 29th November

Friday 6th December

Tuesday 10th December (pies)

Thursday 12th December

Roskill South Athletics Club



The poster features a background image of a grassy field with trees in the distance. On the left side, there are four circular inset images: the top one shows a young girl in a blue shirt smiling; the second shows a girl in a red athletic outfit running on a track; the third shows a girl in a red and white athletic outfit celebrating with her arms raised; the bottom one is the club's logo, which consists of the letters 'RS' in a stylized red and black font, with 'ROSKILL SOUTH' and 'Amateur Athletic Club' written below it.

**RUN
JUMP
THROW
SMILE!**

ROSKILL SOUTH
ATHLETIC CLUB
welcoming all
ages 2-16yrs

coaching,
competition,
community.

SUMMER CLUBNIGHTS
october 2019 - march 2020
tuesday nights 6pm
margaret griffen park

www.roskillathletics.com

