

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice October 24, 2019

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 24 October-Back to School Campaign
Monday 28 October-Labour Day
Tuesday 29 October-BOT Meeting
Thursday 31 October-Year 5 Retreat
Friday 1 November-All Saints Day
Saturday 2 November-All Souls' Day
Thursday 7 November-EPro8 Finals
Friday 8 November-Performance Assembly
Friday 8 November-School finishes at 2pm
Saturday 9 November-SCHOOL FAIR
Tuesday 12 November-Kids for Kids Concert
Wednesday 13 November-Good Shepherd Athletics
Friday 15 November-GSS Athletics Save Day
Saturday 16 November-Ukulele Festival
Monday 18 November-Teacher Only Day
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
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



Christina Wang - *You consistently show the Good Shepherd Way by the way you show care, kindness and empathy to others*

Sanjay Beeramathy - *You have been displaying the Good Shepherd Way especially when leading by example with respect for self and others.*

Religious Education- Communion of Saints Te Kotahitanga o Te Hunga

This term our strand focus is the Communion of Saints - those people who have officially been declared Saints of the Church because of their own virtues and holiness-tapu and mana of their lives. These Saints inspire us, and lead us to God in a way that we too can be Saints if we choose. Some very important days that follow this strand are All Saints' Day (Friday 1st November – Good Shepherd School attend Mass at 9am) and All Souls' Day (Saturday 2nd November). All Saints' Day is a day that we celebrate ALL the Saints in Heaven. It's a day to pray to the Saints and ask them to intercede for us. This includes ALL the Saints, even the ones who we don't realise are Saints. Not all holy people who have died and gone to heaven are canonized by the Church. All Souls' Day is a day we focus on prayer for those who have died. These souls need our prayers to help them to get into Heaven.

All Saints' Day Friday 1 November

Please join us as the whole school joins the parish community for 9am Mass on All Saints' Day.

All Souls' Day Saturday 2 November

All Souls Day is a more solemn day for families when we can remember the dead spiritually and also remind our children about their ancestors. At the 6pm Vigil Mass Monsignor Bernard will be having a candle lighting for loved ones who have died, within Mass. You are warmly invited to attend this special occasion.

Parish/School Mass Saturday 2 November - cancelled

We have cancelled the Parish/School Mass tentatively booked for 2 November but we would love to see as many families as possible attend the special All Souls' Day Mass at 6pm on that day.

Year 5 Retreat Friday 3 November

We wish our Year 5 students well as they enjoy a day of reflection, prayer and personal development on retreat on Thursday 31 October.

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 Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in the evening. Sunday Mass is at 9.30am and Phillipino Mass at 11.00am.

In and Around School

Gardening Club

We will be starting our Friday Markets this Friday after assembly. Come along with some cash to purchase some fresh produce. If you have extra fruits or veggies from your garden, feel free to bring them to Room 7 by Friday morning so we can sell them too. Thank you

Sport

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

Information for Whānau

Teacher Only Day Monday 18 November

We have recently received notification that schools can schedule a certain number of Teacher Only Days to assist teachers to complete specific curriculum and assessment work. Good Shepherd School will be taking one of these days this term on Monday 18 November (Week 6).

Consequently, the school will be closed for students on this day. We hope that this does not inconvenience our community too much and we thank you for your ongoing support of our teaching staff.

Performance Assembly and Early School Close Friday 8 November

We have a number of public performances coming up for our Good Shepherd performance groups and they will have an opportunity to present to the Good Shepherd community on **Friday 8 November at 12pm**. We will also be sending the children home at the earlier time of 2pm on that day to give everyone time to prepare for the school fair the next day. Why not come along to the performances and then spend some time helping to set the school site up for this great community event?

The OSCA programme will operate from 2pm on Friday 8 November.

Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 29th October 2019 at 7pm in the meeting room. All welcome.

Good Shepherd School Fair

Please look out for the School Fair notices coming your way over the next few weeks. It is really important that everyone gets behind the fair and contributes to making this another wonderful community event. Please consider how you can help so that the load is spread amongst all our families.

Fair Raffle Tickets

We hope you have been doing well selling your raffle tickets. For anyone who has finished selling their tickets, please return your money and ticket stubs to the office ASAP. Due to some of the raffle tickets going home late, we have decided to extend the deadline for returning the money and ticket stubs until after Labour Weekend.

Please ensure all cash, ticket stubs and unsold tickets are returned to the office by Tuesday, 29th October.

Remember that there is a \$50 Events Cinema voucher for the family who sells the most tickets! So if you would like more tickets, please pop into the office and ask!

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

Reporting injuries

As you know we do everything we can to keep your children safe and happy at school, but sometimes an injury does occur and needs attending in our First Aid Room. If we are in any doubt about the seriousness of the injury we will contact the child's parents or caregivers, and as part of our Health and Safety procedures we investigate any injury or incident that results in a visit to a doctor or hospital. Please remember to inform our school office if an injury at school has resulted in a visit to the doctor or hospital so that we can ensure we have done everything we can to prevent it happening again.

Good Shepherd School OSCA programme

Life can be very busy for many of our families and we are lucky to have such a capable team running our before and after school care programmes at Good Shepherd. We know our community values the great work they do in ensuring our children are

safe and happy during these times. Thank you for your cooperation in informing the office in a timely way of any bookings or cancellations, especially in a busy term 4. Thank you to Alex and his team for all the good work you do in OSCA.

Safety and Courtesy at Drop Off and Pick Up

For the second week in a row we have had complaints from our neighbours in Telford Avenue about a couple of people dropping off children at school in the morning. They are very concerned about the safety of the children. Please be patient and considerate when dropping children off, or picking them up. We are all responsible for the safety of all our children.

School Uniform

We wear our uniform with pride at Good Shepherd School and we thank you for ensuring your children are coming to school in their correct summer school uniform. This week we have reminded the children that they are to change out of fitness gear into their uniforms before going home.

Can we also give some attention to other aspects of school uniform. Extreme hairstyles and coloured hair are discouraged and long hair is to be tied back and not covering the eyes. Students may wear a wristwatch and those with pierced ears are to wear a single silver/gold ear stud. Nail polish is not to be worn at any time.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that our uniform guidelines are followed.

Empty Spray Bottles



We need empty spray bottles for the Fair. Please bring them to the office. These are for eco cleaning products to be sold at the Fair.

Yearbook

Happy Memories Sold Here!!!

The end of the year is bearing down on us but we have your Christmas shopping all wrapped

up. Our eagerly anticipated year book is heading for the press as we speak. This colourful creation will make a wonderful gift for your child, not to mention grandparents, aunties, neighbours, distant cousins, golf buddies - the list goes on. Put a couple aside for your future grandchildren who will have hours of entertainment playing 'spot mum or dad'. Books cost \$20 each and will be available for sale towards the end of the term so watch this space and be in quick!. (Note that we are unable to reserve yearbooks but if you intend to purchase a large quantity or have any other queries, please email Megan Dyer).

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to **Ris Maven Jinesh** who has recently started with us.