

# Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 18, 31 October 2019

## From the Principal

Just over one week to go to that much anticipated event - the school fair! As part of their technology learning, the children have worked hard designing, making, growing and collecting all sorts of items to sell at the fair. This is learning at its best - an authentic, worthwhile context which brings together all the key competencies (self-management, relating to others, communicating, thinking, and participating and contributing), as well as research and inquiry skills. We can see the connection between this kind of learning and our children moving towards that vision for our learners, that they be **'resilient, positive in their own identity and have a sense of belonging to their community'**.

If you haven't done so already, you still have time to be part of this great community event. Yes, the effort will benefit all the children of Good Shepherd and yes, your time and effort will pay off in huge dividends in the on-going building of our community.

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau  
Jane Hahn

## Upcoming Dates

**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

### 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.

### 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.

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Miranda Flexman** - You have been using your initiative to help others in a time of need. You are setting goals that fit well with our Good Shepherd values.

**Celeste Andrews** - You show the Good Shepherd values by being helpful, thoughtful and considerate of others.

## In and Around School

### Travelwise

#### Back to School Campaign

Our Travelwise team went out last Thursday morning to remind drivers to slow down around our school and look out for our children.

What a fantastic morning we had! We had great support from drivers this morning. We had almost all drivers tooting and waving and acknowledging our signs.

Thank you to all the drivers who remember to slow down around schools!



## 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

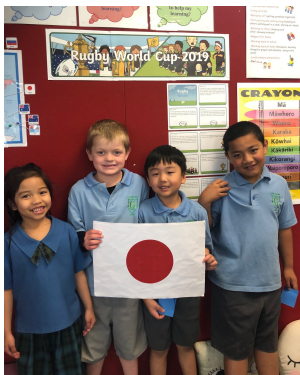
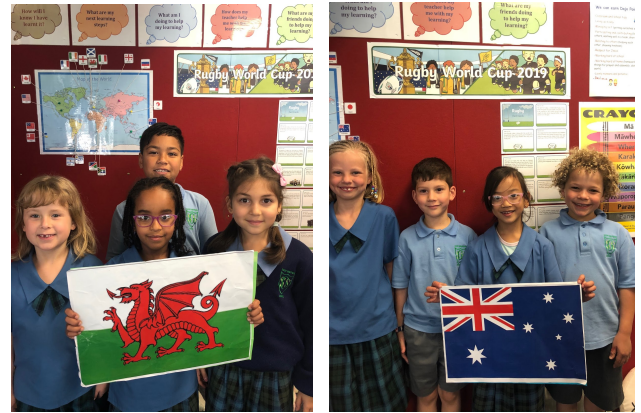
Tuesday 19 November

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](mailto:hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz)*

## Room 3 & 4 Rugby World Cup

This term our inquiry focus is the Rugby World Cup and the countries that are competing in it. We chose some of the countries and in small groups we researched some interesting facts about them and presented them at assembly. Here are some photos of our groups:

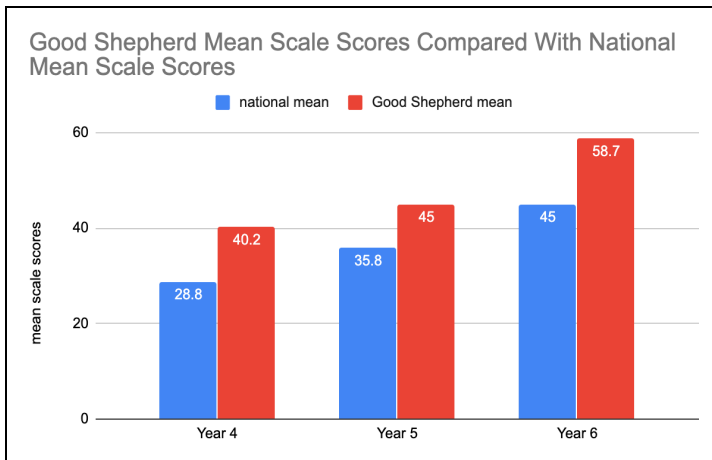


*Here are some interesting facts about the rugby world cup:*

- The same whistle is blown for the opening game of every Rugby World Cup tournament. It was first used in 1905 by a Welsh referee during a game between England and New Zealand.
- Biggest winning margin - The Wallabies beat Namibia in 2003, on a scoreline of 142-0. New Zealand are the only team to score more points in a match, defeating Japan 145-17 in 1995.
- Before the first Rugby World Cup in 1987, the USA was technically the reigning international champion, because they had won the gold medal at the 1924 Summer Olympics rugby tournament.
- Marc Ellis boasts the most tries in one World Cup match, with six in New Zealand's 145-17 triumph over Japan in 1995.
- Captain Fantastic- New Zealand legend Richie McCaw is the only captain to win 2 Rugby World Cups in a row (2011 & 2015)
- 2007 is the only World Cup, where the All Blacks failed to reach the Semi-Finals.
- The World Cup winners are awarded the William Webb Ellis Cup – William Webb Ellis was the Rugby School pupil who, according to popular myth, invented the game.

## Learning Well

Every teacher at Good Shepherd School is committed to helping each child reach their absolute academic potential. So much goes on 'behind the scenes' to help us to achieve this, that we can hardly begin to describe it. It is a big part of what makes our work so challenging and so rewarding. We are faced with a continuous stream of research and resourcing related to learning, and keeping on top of this and working out what might be of most benefit to our students is consuming. Last term we trialled a revamped version of a trusted assessment tool (Progressive Achievement Test or PAT) to help gauge progress in reading for our Year 4-6 students. This online assessment gave us instant valuable information about individual students, to add to the picture we already have and to clarify our priorities for term 4. It was also interesting (and satisfying) to see where our students sit in relation to 'national norms' in reading, and this is shown in the graph below, with our students represented in red.



## Information for Whānau

# Yearbook

### Mythbuster!!!

Rumour has it that yearbooks are mainly for school leavers. Not so! While I'm sure your Year 6 would love a copy that's just for them, our books are interesting for everybody! Each classroom has two pages dedicated to them, and the rest of the book covers school events which involved all of us. I often walk into classrooms (junior and senior) and find the children immersed in books from previous years. Yearbooks 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).

### 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Noel Leeming Friends and Family**



The Noel Leeming Friends and Family offer is available from 6 - 12 November 2019 for staff and students, along with their families, and friends associated

with Catholic schools.

Cost plus 10% store-wide (excludes IT accessories, PC software, AV accessories and PC consumables).

### **Good Shepherd School OSCA Survey**

Our OSCA programme is an important service we provide our families and we work hard to ensure that our children are safe and happy during their time in OSCA. We are keen to have feedback on our OSCA programme and ask that you fill out a short survey if you have used our programme by following the link below.

[OSCA Survey Link](#)

### **Swimming Pool Keys**

A limited number of keys will be available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Keys are available for purchase from 8.30am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Further details will be communicated in the next update.

We are also looking for two volunteers to manage the pool over the Christmas holidays and weekends. Please see Sharyn.