

Good Shepherd School



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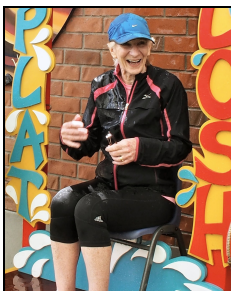
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From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Together We Learn and Care - a simple but very meaningful motto for a caring Catholic community like Good Shepherd. We saw the strength of this community very clearly on Saturday at the school fair. Our prayers for beautiful weather were answered and everything came together to produce a truly wonderful experience that will bring significant benefits to our children and also to our community as a whole.

Congratulations and thank you to the amazing Justine and Ronan, to the wonderful Good Shepherd parent community and their extended families and friends, to Sharyn for all the extra work she has taken on over the last few weeks, to all the staff who have entered into the spirit of the fair so willingly at this very busy time of the school year, and to our wonderful children who thoroughly enjoyed the day. What a community!



Te Atua ki a koe, God bless
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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

School Closed for Students

Monday 18 November

Please remember that **Good Shepherd School is closed for students on Monday 18 November for a Teacher Only Day.**

Personnel Update

Babies are always good news and it is a pleasure to share the news with you that Ms O'Neill is expecting a baby early next year. We look forward to welcoming this new member to our school community and wish Ms O'Neill every blessing as she enters this new and exciting phase in her life.

Good Shepherd End-of-Year and Graduation Mass

Thursday 5 December at 5.30pm

Please make sure that this time is set aside for our last formal gathering as a community for the year, when we thank God for all the blessings of 2019, and farewell our senior students.

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Viela Mahina - You show grace and courtesy towards others and have a positive, can-do attitude.

Mishael Bacus - You are always friendly and polite and show great respect towards teachers and your peers. Your beautiful manners are an example to us all.

In and Around School

EPro8

Congratulations to our 'Dancing Dolphins' and 'Terrific Tunas' - aspiring Years 5 and 6 engineers, who qualified for the EPro8 finals at Pasadena Intermediate last week. By all accounts they held up well against some tough competition, using teamwork to solve challenges using complex equipment. Thanks to the parents who helped out, including Martina who shared these fabulous photos.



Cultural

Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2019

Saturday 23 November

9.30am-3.00pm

Rocket Park, Mt Albert

This is a major performance event for our Irish Dancing and Kapa Haka groups for the year. We would love you to come along to support our children, and also to enjoy performances by our neighbouring schools, the great food stalls and extra activities, and the on-site cafe. Our children are performing on the Outside Stage at the following times:

1.45pm Senior Kapa Haka Group

1.50pm Irish Dancing Group

The Albert-Eden School Cultural Festival was recently the winner of the Outstanding Event Award at the NZ Recreation Awards so bring along the family and enjoy a vibrant multicultural event.

Good Shepherd School Choir Performance at the Kids for Kids Big Aroha Concert

Congratulations to Ms Li and the children in the choir on a wonderful performance at the Vodafone Events Centre as part of the Kids for Kids choir on Tuesday night. The sound of so many voices coming together in a massed choir was a delight to hear and a treat for the audience. These children showed great resilience in persevering with regular rehearsals and the long process of practising with other school choirs earlier on the day, but they were rewarded with the unique experience of performing to a full concert audience. This really is one of the best events of the year!

Sport

Good Shepherd School Athletics

What a great day we had yesterday at the Good Shepherd Athletics at Three Kings Reserve. Well done to all our competitors and special congratulations to all those who were placed in their events. We also saw many examples of good sportsmanship happening and these children made us proud with the effort they put into their events. We had a great team of parent helpers on the day, ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Thank you, Mrs McLeod, for your organisation of this event. Certificates for those children placed in their events at our athletics day will be presented at the Sports Assembly on Friday 6 December.



Determination!

Good luck to the athletes representing Good Shepherd at the Eden/Albert interschool athletics next week.

Upcoming

Week 6 - Eden/Albert Athletics Competition

Tuesday 19 November

Save Day - Tuesday 26 November

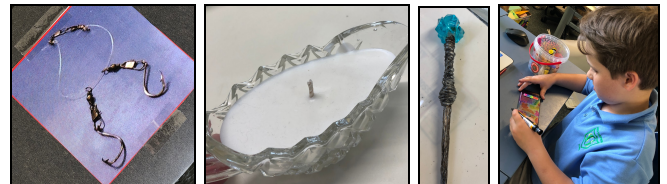
Learning Well

Keeping it Local

'Local Curriculum' is a contemporary phrase in NZ Education. It encourages us to be flexible in 'bringing The New Zealand Curriculum to life' (*Te Kete Ipurangi*) in a way that suits our school and community. Good Shepherd School has a strong history of authentic and effective learning in technology education, a wonderful vehicle to localise our curriculum.

The fair provided another great context for technology as students worked hard to design, develop and market products to sell, producing an original and professional range of goods from beeswax wraps, to edible 'playdough-slime' ([see Room 7's technology story](#)) magic wands, and everything in between.

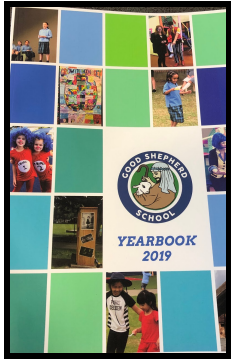
Recently, digital technology was added to the technology education curriculum. Our teachers and students are already pretty digitally competent. Our next goal is to incorporate digital technology into our technology learning in a way that is just as authentic. Watch this space!



Technology Education in Action

Information for Whānau

YEARBOOK - HOT OFF THE PRESS, YIPPEE!!!!



Our books are here and they're even better than we hoped!

Come into the office and check out our beautiful, colourful yearbooks. They feature all classes, and cover a heap of school happenings (sports events, trips, house events, classroom highlights, student work, and much more). You definitely won't want to miss

out on your copy. Our yearbooks make wonderful keepsakes and gift ideas, cost only \$20 each and are available to purchase now.

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.

PTA Fundraiser - Calendar Art

Products from our Calendar Art fundraiser will be going home with your children today - please check school bags. Thank you to everyone who ordered. We hope you'll agree it's a great way to enjoy your child's art and fundraise for our school as well. If you missed out the first time, or you would like to order more great products, there's still time before Xmas. Get in touch with Anna Shaw at annalshaw@gmail.com or on 021 02970532.

Holey Fathers Hot House Challenge

This is the annual inter-house kids' fun run around the school grounds. This event is hosted by the GSS Holey Fathers. This will be held on Saturday 30th November. More info to follow. Watch this space!!!

Swimming Pool

As mentioned in our last newsletter, a limited number of keys will be available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. We are still looking for two more volunteers to manage the pool over the Christmas holidays and weekends. If we do not have enough volunteers the pool will be closed and not be available for use. Please see Sharyn if you can help.