

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice November 21, 2019

Upcoming Dates

Saturday 23 November-Albert/Eden Cultural Festival

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



Samantha Corrales - You consistently demonstrate the Good Shepherd values by involving yourself positively in all areas of school life.

Seihara Andrews - You demonstrate our value of care by the way you show support for your peers.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Baskets

Each classroom in the school has a 'Giving Basket' that will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year for Christmas. Rooms 3, 5, 7, 9 are collecting wrapped gifts (please label these with boy/girl and which age group they suit) and Rooms 1, 4, 6, 8 are collecting non-perishable food items. All gifts and food items are greatly appreciated at this happy time of the year when we can give back to our local community.

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 Filipino Mass at 11.00am.

In and Around School

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

Chess coaching has now finished for the year. We hope to offer chess lessons again early next year. The first set of 10 lessons will be at the beginner's level. They would be suitable for children in Years 4-6 who are new to chess or have not yet passed their Level 1 badge.

Sport

We had a fantastic day at the Eden/Albert Athletics zones competition on Tuesday. A team of 40 children competed in all the events. They all showed great skill, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. We also had some awesome results. Zones certificates will be handed out at the sports assembly in week 8.



Board of Trustees News

Please see attached newsletter regarding school donations from Stephen Rewcastle, Board Chairperson.

Information for Whānau

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.

Attendance Dues

Just a reminder that Attendance Dues are required to be paid by 1st December 2019 please. We appreciate your support in paying your school account by then.

If you wish to discuss your account or ability to pay please email Mrs Hahn at principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

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. Please email the school office for assistance if you have difficulty accessing the link.

[OSCA Survey Link](#)

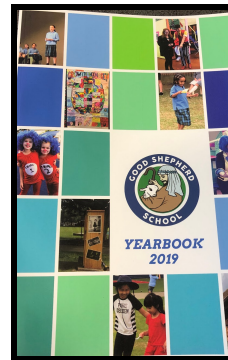
The survey will close on 26 November.

Glass Drink Bottles



We have had a couple of incidents of glass drink bottles shattering recently. They are not suitable for primary school. Please keep them at home. Thank you.

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.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea Friday 29 November at 11am

We are blessed with wonderful parent help and support during the school year at Good Shepherd. This is an opportunity for the staff to thank you for everything you have done - helping with sports, driving children to events, assisting in supervising at outdoor activities, helping in the classrooms and library, and in many other ways. This year we also have a special thank you to those who put in so much effort into the school fair. You are warmly invited to join us for morning tea on Friday 29 November.

Swimming Pool

A limited number of keys are available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Please see attached swimming pool hire form for details. Keys are available for purchase from 8.30am on Monday 25th November 2019. Please note we are only accepting cash or cheque payment (no online payments). Keys will be allocated on a first come first basis to families who present a completed hire form and cash or cheque payment. In fairness to all families we are not accepting reservations for keys or allocating keys prior to Monday 25th November.

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. Please see attached Hot House Challenge Flyer.

LIBRARY BOOKS- Overdue Books and Annual Stocktake



Please return **all overdue** books as soon as possible. Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

In preparation for our annual stocktake we would like all books to be returned by **Friday 29 November..** Our annual stocktake will take place at the end of term and we would like all books back on the shelf.

Any concerns or questions please see Marguerite Butcher.

Jester's Pie Day

We will be having a Pie Day on Tuesday, 10th December. Orders will be taken online via Kindo. Please read the attached page for more information.