

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice December 5, 2019

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 5 December-End of Year Mass
Friday 6 December- Sports Assembly 2pm
Monday 9 December-Written Reports Home
Wednesday 11 December-Class Picnics
Thursday 12 December-Christmas Concert
Friday 13 December-Leadership Assembly 9am
Friday 13 December-Term 4 Ends - School will finish at 2.00pm. OSCA will run until 6.00pm as per usual.

Please note that some of these dates may change

Term Dates 2020

Term 1: 28 January to 9 April
Term 2: 28 April to 3 July
Term 3: 20 July to 25 September
Term 4: 12 October to 10 December

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Kharsha Selvathas - You demonstrate the Good Shepherd values in all that you do and are polite, caring and respectful towards everyone.

Amirah Makani - You are a great help to your peers and teachers and are always willing to take on classroom and library responsibilities.

Good Shepherd Parish News Christmas Masses 2019

5pm Christmas Eve - Children's Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass - Carol Service from 11.30pm
9.30am Christmas Day Mass
11.30am Tagalog Mass - Auckland Catholic Filipino Community

Good Shepherd End-of-Year Celebration Mass

Tonight 5 December at 5.30pm

This is a very special event as we come together as a whole school community to celebrate the year and pray for God's blessings on those students moving on to intermediate school from Good Shepherd. **All students are to meet their teachers outside Room 9, on the turf in full school uniform at 5.15pm.** Please note there will be a plate collection at Mass for the Parish.

We look forward to the whole school community being present on this occasion.

Sport

All athletics day certificates and zones certificates will be handed out at our sports assembly on Friday 6 December starting at 2pm in the hall.

Good Shepherd School Hot House Challenge

This wonderful event is one of the favourites for the children and families of Good Shepherd every year. Last Saturday we had children of all ages balancing, sliding, crawling, diving, jumping and running around the course, keen to win points for their Houses. The House tug o war was again a highlight, with Sheppard eventually winning and the dads beating the children in the final tug!

The overall competition was very close with Sheppard House the overall challenge winner.

Congratulations to all participants and to those who were placed on the day. A mighty thank you to the great team of Holey Fathers. These generous men started their preparations early on Saturday ready for the afternoon start. The spirit at Good Shepherd can only be strengthened by this annual community gathering – so good to see so many families enjoying such a fun time together.

Information for Whānau

Personnel Update

We are very sad to let you know that Kezia Vergis will be leaving us at the end of February next year. Kezia began with us as a new teacher many years ago and has contributed hugely to school development, particularly in the area of environmental sustainability. We wish her and her husband well as they move to Australia.

It is a pleasure to let you know that we have made two further appointments to teaching staff next year. We welcome Michelle Taylor and Emily Stevenson to our Good Shepherd team. We know Michelle well as she has been teaching part time here for the last couple of years and we are very pleased that she has made the decision to take on a full time role in 2020. Emily comes to us from St Dominic's College, where she has been working mainly with the intermediate department. She has strengths in Te Ao Māori and music and, like Michelle, she is very excited about joining us next year.

Class Placements

On the last day of school your children will have the opportunity to visit their classrooms for 2020 and, if possible, to spend some time with their teacher next year. Organisation of classrooms for the beginning of 2020 will be as follows:

Room	Teacher	Year Groups
1	Ellen Irish	Years 0/1
2	Clare Fala/Janet Scanlan	Years 1/2
3 & 4	Heather McLeod/ Peyton Evans	Years 2/3

8	Fengmei Li	Year 4
7	Michelle Taylor	Years 4/5
6	Melissa Down	Years 5/6
5	Emily Stevenson	Years 5/6

Please note that some children will stay in the same class with the same teacher. This is not a disadvantage for your child as they will be working with someone who knows them well, nor is it an indication that they have not done well in 2019. As always, our goal is that every child has a great year of learning in 2020. A letter will come home to you on Friday 13 December advising you of your child's placement next year, and will also give you some information on stationery requirements for 2020.

Class placements for 2020 are final. We appreciate the trust you show in our professional judgement by not requesting particular placements (or attempting to change placements) for your children. We are of course, very open to discussing student wellbeing within their class, but we do request that you allow your child at least three weeks to settle in first.

Growth Mindset

Thank you so much to the parents and children who have completed our survey. We will be using these results to make teaching decisions for next year and beyond. Remember, if you complete this before tomorrow (Friday) your child will still have time to collect their **3 bonus value tickets!**

[Click here for survey...](#)

Leadership Assembly

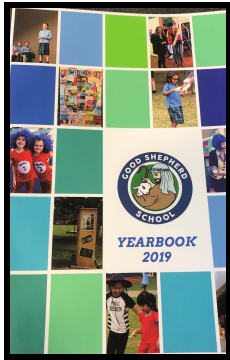
You are warmly invited to this assembly on Friday 13 December at 9am. We will acknowledge our student leaders and say farewell to Mrs Drummond.

Reports

The final reports for the year will come home with your children on Monday 9th December.

If you require a second copy of the report due to family circumstances, please send this request in writing to the school office.

YEARBOOK SALES GOING WELL!



Come to the church steps after school this week and next week, 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).

On sale this week and next

week in the **after school pick up area** (thanks to our school journalists for making this happen). Bring your cash!!

Sales are progressing well and we won't be able to order extra copies so pick yours up soon.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property. At the end of term, all unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Attendance Dues

Just a reminder that Attendance Dues are required to be paid by the end of term. We appreciate your support in paying your school account by then. If you wish to discuss your account or ability to pay please email Jane Hahn at principal@goodshepherd.school.nz.

Photo Life

Class photos will be coming home with your child today. Please check their bags.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Ayden Kavia-Patel and Caleb Kavia-Patel who have started with us.

Library

LIBRARY BOOKS- Annual Stocktake



Please return **all** books as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 6 December**.

Your child will bring home a slip of paper if they have any books on loan.

Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

Our annual stocktake takes place next week and we would like all books back on the shelves.

Any concerns or questions please see Marguerite Butcher.