

# Good Shepherd School



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

**Newsletter No 1, 30 January 2020**

## From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Welcome back to school and the 2020 school year, everyone. We have a number of new children starting with us and a warm welcome goes out to you and your families as you become part of the Good Shepherd community. At this time we are also thinking about our leavers who have moved on to intermediate school and wish them a great start at this milestone of their learning journey.

We are thrilled to have Ellen Irish and Emily Stevenson join our teaching team, and welcome Michelle Taylor into her new role as a full time classroom teacher. They, along with our other teachers are enjoying building their classroom communities and getting to know your children in this new context. Part of this process is the Introductory Letter your child will be bringing home, telling you a little about their classroom teacher and the expectations of their particular class and year level. We also ask you to fill in the 'Tell Me About Your Child' form, so that information is going in both directions and you can share some of your insights into your children.

I am writing this sitting at beautiful Long Bay with the Year 6 students, their teachers and parent helpers. You can see from the photos that they are having a wonderful time experiencing adventures in the outdoors and discovering new depths of inner strength and resilience.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

*Jane Hahn*

## Upcoming Dates

**February is Bike Month**

**Thursday 6 February**-Waitangi Day

**Friday 7 February**-Leadership Assembly at 9am

**Wednesday 12 February**-Sacramental Programme meeting

**Thursday 13 February**-SPC Music Programme demo

**Tuesday 18 February**- Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

**Thursday 20 February**-SPC Music Programme begins

**Monday 24 February**-Life Education Caravan in school this week

**Tuesday 25 February**- Eden/Albert Swimming

**Tuesday 25 February**- Reconciliation Parents' meeting

**Wednesday 26 February**-Ash Wednesday

**Thursday 27 February**- Year 3/4 Swimming programme begins

**Friday 6 March**-Sports Assembly

**Tuesday 10 March**- Eden/Albert Cricket Zones

**Wednesday 11 March**- Teacher Only Day

**Friday 13 March**- Sheridan Swimming Display

**Tuesday 17 March**- St Patrick's Day

**Thursday 19 March**- St Joseph's Day

**Thursday 19 March**- First Reconciliation

**Sunday 22 March**- Parish/School Mass

**Wednesday 25 March**- Three Way Conferences

**Thursday 26 March**- Three Way Conferences

**Monday 30 March**- Cultural Week this week

**Tuesday 31 March**- Eden/Albert Touch Zones

**Wednesday 1 April**- Opera in Schools

**Sunday 5 April**- Holy Week begins

**Thursday 9 April**- Holy Thursday

**Thursday 9 April**- Term 1 Ends

*Please note that some of these dates may change*

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards

The Good Shepherd Awards are an acknowledgement of the special charism of our school. This charism draws on the history, tradition and values of our founding order, the Josephites, who dedicated their lives to living up to the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Our values of respect, care and honesty have come directly from these sources and the children chosen to receive the Good Shepherd Award have been noticed explicitly living out one or more of these values over the past week. All members of the staff have input into choosing the recipients of the award every week and great thought is given to the choice. Good Shepherd Awards will be presented at whole school prayer on Mondays from next week.

### Sacramental Programme 2020

Good Shepherd School and Parish have enrolment forms available for the Sacramental Programme in 2020. All children who have been baptised and are 8 years old and above are eligible. A copy of their baptism certificate is required. Enrolment forms are available at the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office. Closing date for enrolment is the 24 February 2020.

For further inquiries contact Jane Hahn [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz)

### Congratulations

We wish Cicely Warman every blessing on the occasion of her Baptism and First Holy Communion, both taking place late last year.



## In and Around School

### Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students who have started with us this year:

*Silongou'a Fotofili  
Ezra Montague  
Ramona Pearce  
Rashan Dias  
Marseille Niuula  
Jacob Churches  
Olivia Rojin  
Thomas Carlin-Shadbolt*

*Reuben Davenport  
Madeleine Rewcastle  
Elria Gomes  
Atreo Fernando  
Olivia Liu  
Eva Carlin-Shadbolt  
Isabella Carlin-Shadbolt*

### Camp is Underway!!

Our brand new batch of year six students have made a wonderful start to creating some precious, lifelong memories. They have been enjoying the golden weather, trying new activities and gaining confidence, nurturing friendships and making new ones, eating good food (not a single complaint so far) and, along with Monsignor Bernard, they delivered a very special camp mass on Tuesday night. Thank you to the parents, teachers and helpers who work together to make it all happen. It's well worth the effort.



## Sport

### Upcoming Events

Our first event for the year is our GSS Year 3-6 swimming carnival:

Week 4: Tuesday 18 February from 9-1pm

Westwave Aquatic Centre, Henderson

If you are able to help out at our Year 3-6 school swimming carnival please email Heather McLeod:

[hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

A notice will be coming home early next week.

## Information for Whānau

### St Peter's College After School Music Programme

The St Peter's After School Music Programme is still accepting students for 2020. Please join us for a presentation / try out afternoon on **Thursday 13th February, 3pm (School Hall)**. Alternatively, please email [stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com) or enrol your child via the link

<https://forms.gle/yVRFmYcmgWaYMYn59>

## Chess

### Chess Lessons at Good Shepherd School Mondays 1-2pm

This year we will again be offering our students chess coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren. In Term 1, we are offering chess coaching at the BEGINNER level for Years 4-6. The first set of 10 lessons for 2020 begins **Monday 10 February** (minimum of 10 students required) at lunchtime. Please fill out an Enrolment Form to be sent home this week and return to the school office if you are interested in this offer. Lessons will run for the longer time of 60 minutes. The cost is \$50. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

Please note the change of day - MONDAY rather than a Friday as in previous years. **Code Club** is also likely to run on a Monday so children would not be able to enrol in both.

Marguerite Bucher

Chess Club Coordinator

## Yearbooks

Come into the office and check out our beautiful, colourful 2019 yearbooks. They feature all classes, and cover a heap of school happenings (sports events, trips, house events, classroom highlights, student work, and much more). We have some remaining yearbooks for sale at the heavily discounted price of \$10. Grab one now!

## Coronavirus Update

The health of our students and staff are a priority for Good Shepherd School and we are closely monitoring the situation and developments with risks associated with the Coronavirus.

At this stage we make the following recommendations to all our families/whānau:

- As always anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you are concerned please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available.
- We encourage any student who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, to delay their start of their school year for 14 days.

Should the situation change, as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness. Needless to say, we will continue to follow the advice and direction of health authorities.

For those of you concerned about possible infection, the Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which we encourage you to read - [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health website](#)



## 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.

## Flippa Ball

GSS it's that time of year again...it's Flippa Ball season! We are short of players for our year 3/4 & year 6 teams. Please email Hamish Gray on grayhamish0@gmail for those interested. It's a first come first serve basis. For those who aren't familiar with Flippa Ball watch this youtube video. [https://youtu.be/y6\\_D2DAtri4](https://youtu.be/y6_D2DAtri4)"

## Concerns and Complaints

As we do every term, we have included in this newsletter our procedure if you have any concern or complaint. It is far better to address any issues as soon as possible and much better for everyone to do this face-to-face, rather than through a long email. If you are worried about anything to do with your child, our teachers are very approachable and keen to work closely with you, either through a quick catch-up before or after school, or by making an appointment if the discussion is going to take longer than a couple of minutes.

## Safety and Courtesy in the Car Park

Pick up and drop off times at any school in Auckland can be chaotic and Good Shepherd School is no exception! Telford Avenue is particularly challenging because of its layout and we appreciate the courtesy our parents and caregivers show each other and our neighbours as they make their way down to the school. This is also a good time to remind our families that children should either make their way home immediately or be picked up from the Church steps after school. No driving through the chain in the carpark after 8am. Finally, have you thought about your child or children joining our fantastic Walking School Buses? They are a wonderful way for children to get to school in a fun, safe and environmentally friendly way - see our website for more details.

## Sushi and Pie Days

Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on most Fridays. When we are not having sushi lunch, we usually have a Pie Day with pies supplied by Jester's Pies. Ordering is done online only by setting up an account on Kindo. To set up an account, please go to the Kindo website <https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html>

In order to provide this service, we need parent volunteers. Helping with sushi and pies is pretty straightforward but we can always buddy you up with an experienced volunteer for your first time if you like. Please let me know if you can help with any of the following dates:

Friday 7 February - Sushi	Friday 13 March - Sushi
Friday 14 February - Sushi	Friday 20 March - Sushi
Friday 21 February - Sushi	Friday 27 March Sushi
Friday 28 February - Pies	Friday 3 April - Sushi
Friday 6 March - Sushi	Thursday 9 April - Pies

Please email [emma@virtualtag.co](mailto:emma@virtualtag.co) or speak to me in person!

## Scholastic Book Club

Welcome to another year of books with Scholastic Book Club! This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Lucky Book Club. Issue 1 will be sent home with your child this week. If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP:



<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

Any orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school. Any queries can be directed to **Marguerite Butcher.**