

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 2, 13 February 2020

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Our students are aware of the impact of their actions on the environment and the role of sustainability in protecting it.

This is one of Good Shepherd's strategic goals, developed in consultation with the whole community and outlined in our school Charter. **Supporting a Sustainable Future** was chosen as the key theme for the Good Shepherd fair last year and environmental sustainability is getting a lot of attention in the school during these first few weeks. Our focus at the moment is to develop a detailed action plan for the year, aligned to our strategic plan and building on the work already done in this area. Michelle Taylor has taken over the role of leading the environmental sustainability work in school, and she will be working closely with other staff members, the student enviro team and key members of our school and parish communities to achieve our goals. We must acknowledge and thank Kezia Vergis for her leadership over the last few years in establishing our waste reduction

systems, encouraging children to travel to and from school in sustainable ways, and nurturing their interest in nature and the environment through the Garden Club. If you are interested in supporting us in this work please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Taylor.

It has been a very busy beginning of the term, with children settling into their classrooms and working together with their teachers to build a positive and learning-focused culture in their classrooms (read about Room 7's *Valuable Values* in this newsletter for an example!).

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 13 February-SPC Music Programme demo

Friday 14 February-Mufti Day - Australian bushfires

Monday 17 February-Open Classrooms 3-4pm

Tuesday 18 February- Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Thursday 20 February-SPC Music Programme begins

Friday 21 February-Room 3/4 Assembly

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

Tuesday 3 March-BOT Meeting

Wednesday 4 March-PTA AGM

Friday 6 March-Sports Assembly

Friday 6 March-Sheridan Swimming Display

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

Friday 20 March-Room 6 Assembly

Saturday 21 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

Tuesday 31 March-BOT Meeting

Wednesday 1 April- Opera in Schools

Friday 3 April-Room 1/2 Assembly

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



Darcy McGivern - for demonstrating our Good Shepherd values in your great manners and the way you quietly help others

Cicely Warman -for showing care and respect in your kind and resilient attitude in everything you do

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

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

Welcome

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

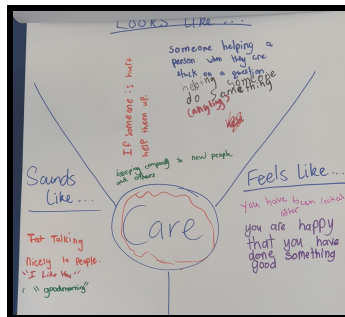
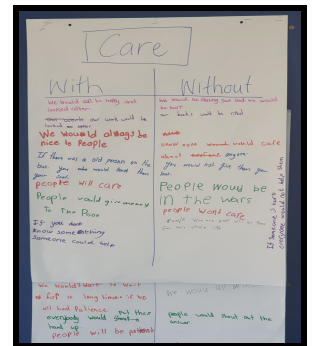
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| Slade Blake | Jacob Cardoz |
| Rory Barbour | Darin Dong |
| Lachie Barbour | Chelin Roussel |
| Honour Tuitama | |

Room 7's Valuable Values

The 24 stars in Room 7 have started off 2020 with exceptional teamwork and very high standards. One of the first tasks a new class has to undergo is the establishment of a desired class culture. One of the best ways to do this is through the creation of a class treaty.

Within the space of just a few short hours Room 7 had come together and discussed the importance and components of a treaty, brainstormed all the values they could think of, and then selected the five most important values to them.

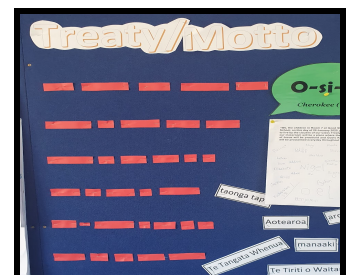
To explore these further we shared ideas on what it would be like to live with or without these values in the



class (image 1), and what they looked like, felt like and sounded like in action (image 2). Finally we turned those values into a poem and

learned it off by heart (the red lines represent the words)..

You should be able to ask any of the Room 7 students to recite our treaty...hopefully, they've still got it!



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

We still require one more parent who is able to help out in the pool.

Future events:

Week 5 - Tuesday 25 February - Eden/Albert

Swimming Zones

Week 7 - Tuesday 10 March - Eden/Albert Cricket

Zones (save day Thursday 12 March)

Week 10 - Tuesday 31 March - Eden/Albert Touch

Zones (save day Thursday 2 April)

If you are able to help out at any of these events please email Heather McLeod:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Good Shepherd School Swimming Programme

All children at Good Shepherd School take part in a swimming programme. Please ensure that your child has swimming togs, cap and towel every day so that they can benefit from the programme. This year we are again sending our Year 3 and 4 students to a swimming school for an eight lesson intensive. They will be travelling to Mt Eden Swimming Pool and will be instructed by qualified swim coaches. A separate notice will be sent out to the relevant families giving more information about this programme. We are looking forward to celebrating our school swimming programme with the junior and senior swimming carnivals coming up.

Learning Well

Growth Mindset Success

Thank you to the whānau who completed our survey about our growth mindset focus last year. For those of you who have joined us recently, the term 'growth mindset' comes from the research of Carol Dweck. She says that learners with fixed mindsets believe they cannot increase their intelligence, so when learning becomes difficult, they may give up.

However, those with a growth mindset believe they can improve their intelligence through putting extra effort into learning when it gets difficult. Growth mindset is not an especially new concept, in fact it is closely linked to developing resilience and perseverance, both of which are central to learning at Good Shepherd School.

Whānau noticed positive change in their children last year. More than three quarters felt their child had a pretty good grasp of growth mindset, and noticed improvement in perseverance and resilience, as well as attitude towards new challenges and constructive criticism. All participants want to see the focus continue into 2020 and teachers will certainly be making sure this happens. Read on for some comments about impact...

- *X will always say "I don't know how to do that YET"*
- *X is much improved in confidence to complete things she thinks are too hard. This has shown in her maths, where her confidence has grown a lot. We definitely still have things to work on but it's a massive difference.*
- *Working hard and resilience are critical to success in life. X likes to be naturally good at things and finds it hard to push through when she faces resistance, it would be great for her to develop that part of her personality more.*
- *There are too many adults who struggle with this so if we can encourage people as children to have a growth mindset they will carry that into adulthood.*
- *Having observed its use in the classroom it is something I wish was taught when I was younger.*

Information for Whānau

Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 11 March

The school will be closed for students on this day to allow teachers to attend a conference as part of the Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning.

Mufti Day Friday 14: Aroha for Australia

There will be a mufti day tomorrow, Friday 14 February. Please bring in a gold coin donation to contribute to the 'Sending our Aroha to Australian Schools', as part of an Auckland Primary Principals' Association initiative to support schools in communities affected by the bushfires.

PTA Meeting

Thank you to all those who came to the PTA meeting on Tuesday evening. Please note the next meeting and AGM in your diaries now:

Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm in the staffroom

St Peter's College 25 February open day

Tuesday 25 February at 9.30am & 1.00pm - see attached flyer.

[Link](#)

St Mary's College 26 February open day

Thursday 5 March at 2.30pm & 6.30pm - see attached flyer.

[Link](#)

Baradene College - Open Evening

BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN EVENING will be held on Thursday 5 March, 2020 at 6.30 p.m. We welcome all prospective parents and students to visit the College. Entry at Gate 2 to the Auditorium. Enrolments for Year 7, 2021 are presently being accepted and will close on Friday 13 March 2020 at 3.00pm. A limited number of places in Year 9 will be available and applications will close on Friday 13 March 2020 at 3.00 pm.

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.

St Peter's College Primary Music Programme Demo/Try Out: Thursday 13 February @ 3pm at Good Shepherd School

The St Peter's Primary Schools' Music programme welcomes students of all abilities and is suitable for students from Year 3 and above.

Research has shown that learning music at an early age facilitates learning in other subjects, and enhances skills that children use in other areas (academically and socially). Our lessons are half hour sessions and will be held after school on THURSDAYS between the hours of 3pm - 5:30pm. We would be more than happy to help and advise with the choosing of an instrument for students as well as instrument hire. To enrol your child for 2020 please fill in the online form <https://forms.gle/W3DmdaPzJG3So9Mt6>

Any questions, please email the co-ordinators: Mr A. Poljanich (HoD of Music at SPC) or Miss Z. Teh stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com

You are all welcome to attend a demonstration of the programme in the Good Shepherd hall this afternoon (Thursday 13 February)

PIE DAY

Hi Everyone,

We will be having another PTA PIE LUNCH FUNDRAISER for the children on Friday 28th February. This will be in instead of our usual sushi lunch fundraiser for the week.

What you need to know:

- The pies are supplied by Jesters and are \$5.30 each
- They can be ordered online only by clicking '[here](#)'
- Cut off for orders is 11am Thursday 27th February
- The pies will be delivered to each child's class on Friday.
- Pies are made freshly on Friday morning by Jesters.
- The online system (Kindo) is the same one we use for online sushi ordering - it's really easy and hopefully many of you are familiar with it. If you haven't already, please register '[here](#)' then place your order.

The following choices will be available:

- Mince
- Mince & Cheese
- Bacon Egg & Cheese
- Steak
- Steak & Cheese
- Smoked Salmon
- Butter Chicken

- Spinach, Mushroom & Feta
- Apple & Custard
- Gluten-free mince, steak or butter chicken
- Small sausage roll (\$2.80)

If you have any problems ordering your pies you can contact:

Kindo Help Desk (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm) 09 869 5200
or your PTA representative Emma Chan
chanemmanz@gmail.com 027 7745 941

Thanks!
PTA

Your Walking School Bus Needs You!

Some of our students already know the Walking School Bus is a safe, social and healthy way to get to school every day but we need more walkers!

Now is the perfect time for you and your children to trial a WSB, either one of our existing WSB routes running from Haverstock Road and from Landscape Road, or if these routes are not right for you, you could look at starting a new route. Running a WSB is a great way to make better friends with your school community who live close to you, and share the job of getting our precious children to school in one piece and ready for a day of learning.

Check the Good Shepherd website for more information.

