

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 4, 12 March 2020

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Thank you for bearing with the interruption of your week by keeping your children at home yesterday. It was a day of learning for our teachers as we attended the second conference for our Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako / Community of Schools Conference. This community is made up of four Catholic secondary schools and eight Catholic primary schools within the central Auckland area and the theme of the conference was *Mahi Tahi / Working Together*.

Communities of Learning were established under the Government's *Investing in Educational Success* (2014) initiative. They provide an opportunity for schools to work together, rather than on their own, to ensure students achieve their potential throughout their learning pathway. The conference was a celebration and sharing of the good teaching practice happening throughout our schools and will provide the basis of ongoing professional learning for our teachers. You may not know that:

- A group of our teachers, led by Peyton Evans, presented at the conference on *Effective Teaching and Learning of Writing*

- Melissa Down is an Across School Teacher, meaning that she facilitates the sharing of practice across all our 12 schools
- I am co-Lead Principal, firstly with Michele Mill from Monte Cecilia and currently with Michael Mullin from St Peter's College

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the school.

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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

Friday 27 March- Earth Hour

Monday 30 March- Cultural Week this week

Tuesday 31 March-BOT Meeting

Tuesday 31 March-Marist College Open Day

Wednesday 1 April- Opera in Schools

Friday 3 April-Room 1/2 Assembly

Sunday 5 April- Holy Week begins

Tuesday 7 April - Eden/Albert Touch Zones

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



Honour Tuitama - for the wonderful caring you show towards other children

Ava Elbourne - for being respectful and helpful in the classroom

Parish/School Mass for Term 1 Saturday 21 March 6.00 p.m.

On Saturday evening, March 21, Good Shepherd School and parish community are celebrating our first Parish School Mass of 2020. We are expecting all of our Good Shepherd School whānau and their children to attend this very important Mass, which will include a special welcome to all those families and children who are new to Good Shepherd School. The children must wear their school uniform and will sit with their families.

Because there is an expectation that all Good Shepherd children and their families attend this Mass, please advise Mrs Hahn in writing if for some reason you are unable to join us.

principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

Please keep in your prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time.

Episcopal Ordination

It was a privilege to attend the ordination last weekend of Bishop Michael Gielen who is now the Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland. A group of our school leaders attended with their families, along with other families from our parish and school community.



Feast Day of St Joseph Thursday 19 March

Next week we wish you a 'happy feast day' as we celebrate that special man, St Joseph, husband of Mary and patron saint of families, workers, travellers, immigrants and the Universal Church. St Joseph is a very special person to Good Shepherd because our school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) just over 100 years ago. We will, therefore, be celebrating with the following activities:

8.50am Mass: We invite you to join us and the parish community. Children need to be in full school uniform and to arrive at school on time.

11.30 – 12.50 Tabloid sports: (in house groups) organised by our House Leaders and other senior students – children can bring house colours to change into although they do need to arrive at school in their school uniform.

12.50 – 1.30pm Sausage sizzle: sausages provided to our students compliments of our PTA – thank you!

St Patrick's Day Tuesday 17 March

Our parish and school have a long connection with the Irish community and we would like to acknowledge this on St Patrick's Day next week. We invite

everyone to wear something **green** on Tuesday.



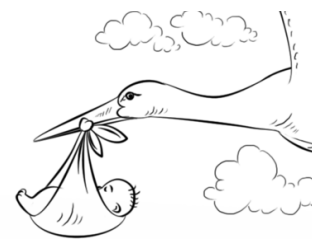
In and Around School Welcome

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

*Matthias Kautoke
Kyrie Elieson Leger*

Farewell for Now, Ms O'Neill!

This week we farewell Ms O'Neill who will be going on maternity leave for the rest of the year. It has been a great privilege to journey along with her during her pregnancy and we wish her every blessing on the birth of her baby and look forward to meeting the new arrival.



Room Eight Learning

Room 8 has been enjoying some great learning around the body and the different organs. Here is Phoebe's informative writing about the heart.

The heart by Phoebe Carlsen

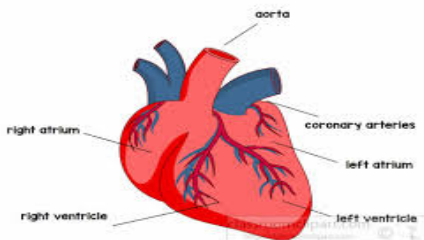
The heart is an organ in our body. It pumps blood and oxygen to every part of the body.

The heart sits in the chest between your lungs, slightly to the left of the centre, and is protected by your rib cage. The heart expands which means it can go from big to small, to medium and to tiny. The heart beats a lap of blood around your body. The heart is a muscle. You can feel your heartbeat in your pulse which is in your neck and your wrist.

There are four chambers in the heart separated by valves which make sure that blood only flows in one direction. The right atrium receives blood from the veins and pumps it to the right ventricle .

The heart pumps blood into the lungs to collect oxygen. It is a pump usually beating about 60 to 100 times per minute . With each heartbeat, the heart sends blood throughout our bodies, bringing oxygen to every cell. After handing out the oxygen, the blood returns to the heart. Your heart is controlled by an electrical signal in the body.

The heart helps you stay alive so make sure that you protect your heart for as long as you can.



Birthdays

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in March:

Sabine Andrews	Rory Barbour
Matthew Clement	Samantha Corrales
Carlo Eclarino	William Erickson
Levi Harris	William Harris
Alana Jackson	Matthew Jansen
Filomena Kautoke	Matthias Kautoke
Kyrie-Eleison Leger	Lyanna Lemalu
Adam Lobo	Darcy McGivern
Eli Millar	Genevieve Olliver
Asher Sutton	Melody Tuala Soon

Good Shepherd School Bullying Prevention and Response Procedures

The prevention of bullying in schools and how schools respond to reported cases of bullying are areas that are of interest and concern to everybody in our country. We are fortunate to have 'The Good Shepherd Way' with the emphasis on the school values of *respect, care and honesty* to help us make our school a respectful and inclusive environment, but it is important that we continue to work together to ensure that our school is a model of best practice in bullying prevention and response. This is a shared responsibility where students, staff, parents, whānau and other members of the community all work towards the same goal. The first step is to ensure we have a shared understanding of what 'bullying' is, and the definition we have shared with our community in the past is:

Our school community agrees that:

- *Bullying is deliberate*
- *Bullying involves a power imbalance*
- *Bullying has an element of repetition*
- *Bullying is harmful.*

Bullying behaviors can be physical, verbal, or social, and can take place in the physical world or digitally.

Bullying is not an individual action. It involves up to three parties: initiators (those doing the bullying), targets (those being bullied) and often bystanders (those who witness the bullying).

Our response procedures are very clear and are available on our school website. As always, we are open to feedback on this definition, or any other part of the procedures, from members of our community.

Calling For Room Reps

Every year one representative from each class volunteers to liaise with the PTA to keep families informed and up to date. The key tasks are collecting contact details and organising the cake raffle and ticket sales when your class is on assembly. The time commitment is minimal and you are not required to attend meetings. If this sounds like you please contact Mairead Woods at nzgoodshepherdpta@gmail.com or 0293551020.

Sport

Upcoming events:

Week 11 - Tuesday 7 April - Eden/Albert Touch Zones

If you are able to help out at this event please email Heather McLeod:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Cultural

Good Shepherd Cultural Week

30 March - 3 April

We are blessed with the diversity of ethnicities that make up our school and parish community and this week is an opportunity to celebrate this diversity. However, we need YOU! Please see your classroom teacher if you are available and willing to share your culture with the children - this could be in the form of recipes, song/dance, dress or other traditions/customs.

Learning Well

Student Achievement in Maths at Good Shepherd School

While we are always seeking to improve learning, we are proud of the way our students achieve when we compare them to the national cohort. The extract below shows how far above the national norm our year 3-6 students performed when they undertook an online PAT maths assessment late last year.

PAT Maths Term 4, 2019

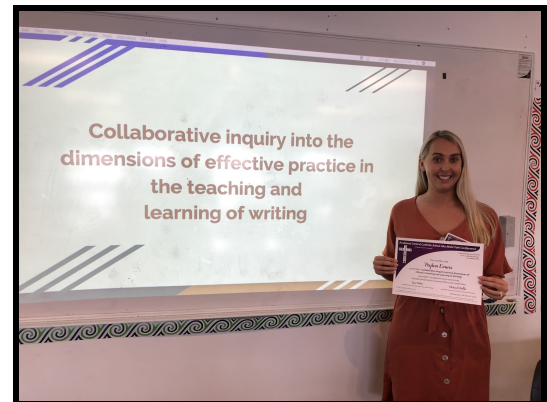
Stanine Category	Low	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Out-standing
Students from Good Shepherd	0%	7%	35%	35%	21%
National Norm	4%	19%	54%	19%	4%

For more detail, please follow the link below to see the Progress Achievement Report for Maths Analysis - Term 4 2019 which was presented to our school community at the PTA meeting last week. PTA meetings are a wonderful opportunity to discuss and gain a deeper insight into your school and we invite you to come along to the next one on **Wednesday 13 May.**

[Link](#)

Teachers Learn Too

Well done Peyton for your presentation about Good Shepherd's successful writing intervention at the Kāhui Ako conference yesterday. This was well attended and provoked a lot of thought and discussion. Thank you Jane and Melissa for your part in facilitating this great learning opportunity for primary and secondary teachers.



Information for Whānau

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.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 25th & 26th March

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/ Student conferences will close on Monday 23rd March at 12.00pm.

Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Event Code: **bnmkg**

St Peter's Music Lessons Cancelled for Thursday 26th March

Due to our Teacher/Parent/Student conference, St Peter's Music lessons are cancelled on this day.

St Peter's College Enrolment

Enrolment Application Closing Friday 3rd April 2020 at 4pm for entry into 2021 at St Peter's College.

[Link](#)

GSS School Disco

Hold the date for Friday April 3 from 6pm-7:30pm, for the much anticipated Good Shepherd School Disco!

Tickets are \$5 for one student and one adult, \$10 for two or more students and one adult.

Tickets are available via Kindo, from the office or through door sales on the night.

Please note this is not a drop off event so do remain at the venue with your children.

Disco Help Needed

To make sure this fun night runs as smoothly as possible, parent helpers are needed to help set up, sell drinks and snacks and assist with the clean up - If you are able to help in any way, please email Tracy Harkison at tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz

Junior Committee at Eden Rugby Club

Registration for junior rugby at Eden Rugby Club is coming up. The club has a fantastic, well organised junior programme with a great community feel. Rugby is a great way for kids to learn new skills and the importance of teamwork. Contact Daniel on 021 333 844 or djerickson75@gmail.com with any questions.



PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY AT EDEN RUGBY CLUB

GIRLS GRADES
U9/U11/U13 Ripa - U13 Tackle
REGISTER ONLINE www.eden.rugby

REGO & WEIGH IN DAYS
Sat 7th & Sat 14th March 1-4pm
Eden Rugby Clubrooms - Gribblehirst Park

EDEN RUGBY JUNIORS
Auckland, New Zealand
www.eden.rugby

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 13 March - Sushi

Friday 20 March - Sushi

Friday 27 March Sushi

Friday 3 April - Sushi

Thursday 9 April - Pies

Please email emma@virtualtag.co or speak to me in person!

Marist College Open Day 31 March

Tuesday 31 March 2020, 3.00pm - 6.00pm

31 Alberton Avenue, Mt Albert - See attached flyer.

[Link](#)



THREE KINGS UNITED

Come & Play Football

U5 - U8 Three Kings United
U9 - U17 Auckland United
Register at www.threekings.org.nz

Open Day
Sat 4 April, 9am-12pm at Keith Hay Park

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