

# Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 8, 28 May 2020

## From the Principal

Talofa lava

A lovely message comes to us through the theme of this year's Samoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa, being held from Sunday 24 May – Saturday 30 May 2020.

'**Tapena sou ōso mo lau malaga**' in English means '**Prepare yourself a gift for your travels**'. These words urge us to prepare for the journey ahead. They highlight the need to honour, respect and share the gifts of our life's journey. We have shared some of the gifts brought to us through the Samoan language and culture through the work of our student Cultural Leaders this week and these learnings from each other will become part of who we are as we grow and learn together.

Another journey we make is our Spiritual Journey and the Sacraments are the gifts we receive to strengthen the work of the Holy Spirit as we travel through life. Our Sacramental programme has had to be put on hold for a few weeks but we look forward to supporting our children and their families as they prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion later in the year.

Faamanuia le atua

**Jane Hahn**

## Upcoming Dates

**24 -30 May** - Samoa Language Week

**Friday 29 May** - Teacher Only Day - School Closed

**Sunday 31 May** - Pentecost Sunday

**Sunday 31 May** - Applications for Marist College close

**Monday 1 June** - Queen's Birthday Holiday

**Friday 3 July** - End of Term 2

**Please note that some of these dates may change**

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Ezra Montague** - for making a wonderful effort to welcome children to Room One

**Lachlan Barbour** - for working hard while learning at home and returning to school with a positive attitude

## Pentecost

This Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. All of us have received the Holy Spirit but not all of us have received the same gifts from the Spirit. We are all wonderfully different, making up different parts of the Church. What gifts have you been given by Te Wairua Tapu? How do you use them to contribute to the world?

*"Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth"* Psalm 103

## 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.

## In and Around School

### Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Jessica St Clair who started with us recently.

### Room Six Learning

During Term One, Room 6 was busy crafting and building their Me Boards with information all about ourselves. The focus was to share who we are with our school community, each individual piece of the puzzle that all contribute to make a fabulous Room 6. Here is our link to our creative [Me Boards](#)

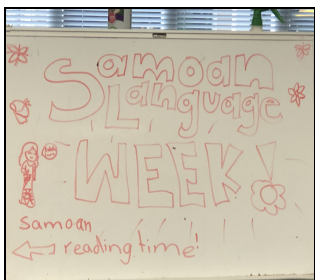
### The Fabulous Room 6



## Cultural

### Fa'a Samoa!

A big fa'afetai to our Cultural Leaders Merita, Amirah, Filomena and Rishmikaa for helping us to celebrate the Samoan culture and language within our school this week.



## Library

### The HELL Reading Challenge



**The HELL Reading Challenge is back. Children receive a stamp on their pizza wheel for each book they read, and once seven books have been read they can redeem their pizza wheel for a free 333 kids' pizza at HELL. Wheels can be picked up and stamped at the school library.**

## Information for Whānau

### Health and Safety Reminders for Alert Level 2

Thank you for your continued cooperation at drop-off and pick up times. It has been hard for our parents to have to stay outside the school gates but you have all been so understanding. On the positive side, the situation has given us the opportunity to encourage our children's self-management, one of the Key Competencies in our curriculum. It has been wonderful to see the independence of even our new five year olds making their own way to their classroom.

- Keep your child/children home if they are sick and inform the office straightaway that they are not coming in
- Drop children off at the school gate - they will be welcomed into school by a staff member
- No adults will be allowed in the school gates other than one adult accompanying a new entrant
- Adults keep your 2m distance from each other while waiting for your children
- Send your child to school with a full, **named** water bottle
- Entry into the school office will be on a 'one out, one in' basis

- Email the school office if you would like to book your child/children into OSCA

Please refer to the [Good Shepherd School Plan for Alert Level 2](#)

### 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.

### Please Help With Supplies

To help keep things at school running smoothly and safely we urgently need the following items to be sent into school.

- Hand sanitiser
- Blue ballpoint pens
- Tissues
- Spare mice - **not the live kind please** 😊.



We need mice because our IT budget is running low and we want each child to have access to a device, to help maintain the gains they made in digital technology during lockdown. Your unused mice will help to keep our existing devices functioning a bit longer. Please send to Megan Dyer.

### Reporting to Parents

Close communication with parents and whānau is very important to us at Good Shepherd. We know that students benefit hugely in both wellbeing and learning when home and school work closely together, and we saw this in action during the weeks at Alert Levels 4 and 3. Obviously, our formal reporting process has been interrupted by the COVID-19 crisis. We would, however, like to make contact with the families of each of our children before the end of this term to talk in a more informal way about their learning and the transition back to school after home learning. Next term we will be in a position to talk in more detail about individual student's progress and achievement levels.

### Sushi and Pie Days

Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on Fridays. We also have Pie Days twice a term 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 straight forward but we can always buddy you up with an experienced volunteer for your first time if you like. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help for sushi this term via the Good Shepherd PTA Facebook Page.

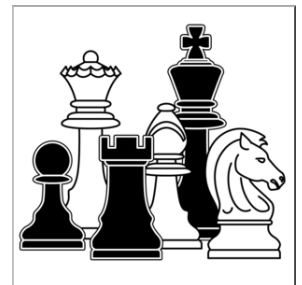
We are looking for someone who can help with pies on **Tuesday 30th June**. If you are able to help please email Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com)

Thank you.

### Chess Lessons at Good Shepherd School

#### Mondays 1-2pm

Chess lessons are scheduled to resume on Monday 8 June. This is for those students who were enrolled in Term 1.



A second and final set of lessons will be offered at the start of Term 3. The details and enrollment for these will be sent out towards the end of Term 2.

Marguerite Bucher  
Chess Club Co-ordinator

### Marist College Application Closing Date

Due to the Covid 19 lockdown, Marist College has extended the enrolment application closing date for 2021 until Sunday May 31, 2020. Please see attached flyer. [Link](#)

### Breast Screen Aotearoa

Breast Screen Aotearoa Mobile Clinic will be at Wesley Community Centre 104 Sandringham Road 2 June - 3rd July 2020

## Swimming Pool Hire Keys

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key for the season, the keys now need to be returned to the school office.

Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00 which is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned, you will lose your bond.

## Message to Families From Auckland Regional Dental Service



Kia Ora,

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitemata DHB website.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

*The Children's Community Dental Service.*