

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* Hello * Kia Ora * Malo e Lelei * Namaste * Cead Mile Failte * Talofa Lava *
* Kia Orana * Zdravo * Dzień Dobry * Apa Kabar * Guten Tag * An Nyung Ha Se Yo *
* Privet * Kwaziwai * Mabuhay Kayo * Kon Nichi Wa * Hola * Ola * Salaam * Fakalofa Atu

Newsletter No 11,30 June 2016

From the principal....

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou

Greetings to you all!

Earlier this year I talked to you about how the good work the school has done as part of the Ministry of Education *Positive Behaviour for Learning* (PB4L) initiative has now been combined with our charism and core values of Respect (Whakaute), Care (Manaaki) and Honesty (Pono) to produce *The Good Shepherd Way*. We have now reviewed our *Behaviour Management The Good Shepherd Way* procedure to reflect this alignment. The procedure also reflects two other pieces of work we have been engaged in this year – the emphasis on showing care and respect for others by using good manners and a summary of the work done throughout the school during the first national *Bullying Free Week*. This procedure is now on our website and we invite you to have a look at it. The children are well aware of *The Good Shepherd Way* and we consider ourselves a blessed community to have Jesus, the Good Shepherd as our role model for how we can live out our values every day.

Another major piece of work undertaken by the whole community this year has been our review of all health and safety policies and procedures to bring us into line with the new *Health and Safety at Work Act*. The board of trustees has reviewed its Health and Safety Policy (available on the website soon) and new procedures have been put in place to ensure the health and safety of everybody within the school. If you have visited the school during school hours you will have noticed new procedures at the front desk and we thank you for your co-operation in following these. Health and safety is the responsibility of all members of our school community and we welcome any feedback you may have in this area.

Finally, in this last full newsletter of the term I would like to comment on our recent Catholic Special Character external review. We have now received the confirmed report from this review and it strongly affirms how we strengthen and nurture our Catholic special character, mentioning how strong leadership, dedicated staff, enthusiastic and positive parents and links with the Good Shepherd parish 'together combine to form a successful Catholic community.' The full report is available on our website. We value the opportunity this external evaluation provided for us to get feedback from experienced colleagues to inform our focus on continuous improvement. We now look forward to our external review by the Education Review Office next term.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

God is watching over you

Jane Hahn

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Florence Twose** from Room 1 and **Marcuse Salamat** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Florence and Marcuse for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new student who has started with us recently:

Maja Baker

WANTED: Room 6 would like old large shirts suitable for art, newspapers and magazines. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property table outside the office. All unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Visit by Education Review Office

Next term we welcome reviewers from ERO into our school. This regular external review is a very important process for the school because it complements our internal review processes to ensure that we are continually improving every aspect of our school. We will be welcoming our visitors with a powhiri on Monday 8 August and, as always, we invite our community to join us. More details will follow.

Good Shepherd Netball Teams

The netball season is well underway now and we would like to congratulate the teams and their coaches and managers for the work they have put into the games so far. A special congratulations to our Year 6 team who played in the annual Windmill Road Netball Tournament last Sunday. The team did really well, coming runners up in the top division. They did not lose a game in the round robin part of the tournament and improved as the tournament progressed. Congratulations to Lucca Landon-Paniora, Natalie Saunders, Sarah Dickson, Lucy Kilkenny, Josie Gaoa, Grace Barry, Jessica Lord and Anija Irvine.

On a health and safety note, please ensure that all netball players are supervised at the courts. If you cannot be there yourself please organise a person to take responsibility for your child as there have been some instances of children being dropped off with no arrangements for supervision being made. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

GSS Drama Club

Presents

Year 3/4 - 'A Strange Shoe' and 'The Bear and the Trolls'

Year 5/6 - 'To Be or Not To Be.....Kind That Is' and 'A Beary Twisted Tale'

There are around 50 students involved in Drama club this term and we are proud to present their work they have been doing over the past 10 weeks.

These 4 plays will be presented at our Performance Assembly on 8th July at 2pm in the school hall.

BOOK WEEK 2016

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to Book Week. I would like to thank our wonderful librarians who ran all the competitions during lunch time every day in the library. We had over 100 entries to our competitions.

Book Fair-Thank you to everyone who visited this year's Scholastic Book Fair. We earn commission on every book sale and will be purchasing new books for the library with this money.



Donated Books-we also received a wonderful variety of books that were donated to our library. They are being processed and will be available to everyone to check out after they have been issued to the child/family who donated the book.

A massive thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who gave up their time before and after school to sell books. We couldn't have done it without you.

Highlights of the week included performances from storyteller Stu Duval and poet Paula Green. On Friday we brought books alive with our character parade. We ended the week with a literary treasure hunt.



Chess Club News

Our students have competed in two chess competitions recently.

Last Wednesday 5 students competed in the Auckland Girls' Chess Championship. The New Zealand Girls' Interschool Chess Championship is being held on Friday 5 August. Look out for an entry form early next term or let Mrs Butcher know if you are interested in being part of this team.



On Monday 14 students went to compete against local schools in the Chess Power Balmoral cluster event held at Balmoral SDA. We qualified to compete in the Chess Power regionals to be held in Term 3. Many of our children got enough points to gain merit awards and Ava Murphy received a certificate for highest girl's score in the tournament.



Walking School Bus Milo Morning!

What a perfect way to start a rainy morning by having a warm cup of milo and a cookie!

Well done to our walking school bus children who continue to walk to school on rainy days! Thank you to all the parents who help out with the walking school bus, we couldn't do it without you!

A big huge thank you to Dianne Van Aken for organising the milo morning and the wonderful parents who helped out! Rachel Loe, Sarah Sella, Julia Martin, Tanya Sheridan and Anton Van Aken.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is - Rex Sheridan-Bishop from The Adventurers walking school bus for the most amount of walks and the longest standing member of the WSB.



If you would like to join a walking school bus, visit our school website to see if there's one near you.



From the PTA

THANK YOU!

Everyone for supporting Room 1's cake – our very own amazing Mrs Twort, whom you will meet at the front desk, won it. Very cool!

To those who came to the PTA meeting held last week – it was awesome to see you there.

Kids Disco

*6pm – 8pm tomorrow night, at the school Hall

Disco ball shining bright
Kane's got the lineup looking right
Move to the left, drop off at 6
Move to the right, put some music in the mix
Glow sticks, dancing, drinks for a buck
To the Holey Fathers, we wish you luck!

Entertainment Books

School holidays are looming closer and these books are full of deals, including:

- 2 for 1 vouchers
- Movies, Snow Planet, Rocket ropes, Rainbows End, Clip n Climb
- McDonalds, KFC, Carls Junior, Sushi
- Café & restaurants
- Heaps of savings
- \$65 with \$13 going to our school
- Valid until June 2017

Buy the hard copy or in digital form (you can have it on your phone)

www.entbook.co.nz/9x5376 or call/text Alanah 021 348 327

We are on Facebook!

Simply search Good Shepherd School PTA and request to join. It is a closed group, full of reminders of up and coming events.

Need to know something – catch one of us at school or flick me an email to

rbcpxtra@xtra.co.nz.

Have a great rest of the week everyone

Carla and the PTA team

Matariki

By Room 2

Matariki

At Matariki you
can make kites
with flax.

By Ryansun

Matariki

Matariki is a
festival for Maori
New Year. They
take the family
outside to see the

Matariki

At Matariki stars
are blue and shiny.
Matariki stars are
beautiful and cool.

By Vinnie

Matariki

I was outside in my
back yard and I saw
a shooting star.

By Genevieve

Matariki

I looked at the stars.

By Julian

Matariki

At Matariki it is a
time for planting trees
and it is a time for
looking at the seven
stars.

By Olivia

Matariki

I looked up at the
sky to see the
stars.

By Adam

Matariki

I saw Matariki in
the sky. It is Maori
New Year.

By Uikilifi

Matariki

I looked up at the stars.

By Eli

Matariki

I can see the stars at Matariki.

By Christina

Matariki

Matariki is a time to make kites and fly them. Matariki is a time to plant vegetables and trees too.

By Imogen

Matariki

I love looking at the seven stars at Matariki.

By Kharsha

Matariki

I looked up at the stars.

By Harrison

Matariki

At Matariki, last night, I went outside to see the seven stars in the sky and I saw the new moon too. Outside it looked like the solar system. It looked cool when I looked up. I told my Mum to see the stars in the sky.

By Aisling

Balmoral Intermediate School Enrolment 2017

Families are warmly invited to attend the Open Day/Evening in July

Where: Balmoral Intermediate School (Brixton Road Entrance)

When: Wednesday 3 August

Time: Open Day 9.15am-12.15pm

Open Evening 6.00pm-7.30pm

Monday 25 July: 2017 applications and prospectus available from Balmoral office or website www.balmoral.school.nz



NEW PRESCHOOL SESSIONS at Stepping Stones Daycare for 2.5 – 5 years

- 8:30am – 3:30pm
- \$35/day for 1-4 days
- Or enrol for 5 days and get one day FREE
- Beautiful, loving environment with an extensive, lush outdoor area, operating from a bungalow on a 1060sqm site in Mt Eden. (1km from Good Shepherd School)
- Participate in our fantastic transition to school programme
- 1 to 6 teacher to child ratios with 6 fully qualified early childhood teachers every session
- Licensed for 35 children per day

For more info call Alanah on 021 348 327 or email info@steppingstonesdaycare.co.nz