

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 12, 11 September 2020

From the Principal

Mālō e lelei!

If nothing else, this year has taught us to deal with disappointment and setbacks and strengthened our individual and collective resilience! These last couple of weeks have been particularly frustrating as we make decisions about everyday and other more special school events, in line with our strict Alert Level 2.5 health and safety guidelines. I would like to thank you all, on behalf of everyone at school, for your support and flexibility in dealing with these challenges - you are great role models for your children.

Despite all this, there are very exciting learning experiences happening at school. Over these last weeks of term we are enjoying Tongan Language Week, Social justice Week, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, the Talent Show and a very exciting General Election study.

We are so fortunate to be part of a strong community at Good Shepherd, so please don't hesitate to reach out if there is any way at all we can help.

Ngā mihi nui

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

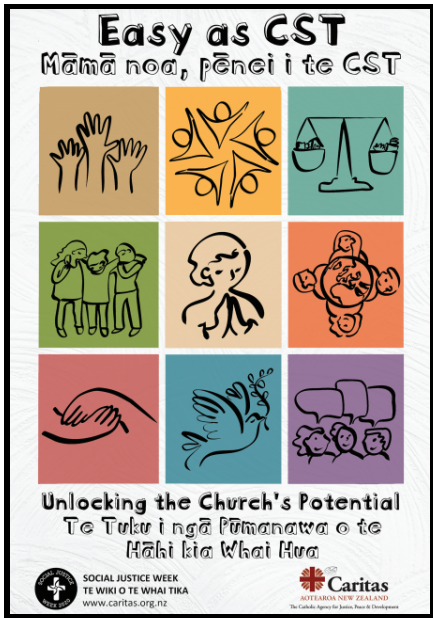
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| 7-11 Sept | Social Justice Week |
| 6-12 Sept | Tongan Language Week |
| 11 Sept | Cans for Christmas |
| 14-18 Sept | Māori Language Week |
| 15 Sept | BOT Meeting |
| 16 Sept | GSS Speech Competition |
| 18 Sept | Mufti Day for School Council |
| 22 Sept | Eden/Albert Football Zones |
| 23 Sept | Eden/Albert Speech Finals |
| 23 Sept | PTA Meeting |
| 24 Sept | Written Reports Home |
| 24 Sept | GSS Talent Show |
| 25 Sep | End of Term 3 |
| 12 Oct | Beginning Term 4 |
| 13 Oct | School Photos |
| 15 Oct | NZ Shakeout |
| 17 Oct | NZ General Election |
| 20 Oct | Catholic Chess Competition |
| 23 Oct | Teacher Only Day |
| 26 Oct | Labour Day |
| 28 Oct | Three Way Conferences |
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| 9 Nov | Kids for Kids Concert |
| 11 Nov | GSS Athletics Day |
| 14 Nov | Ukulele Festival |
| 18 Nov | GSS Athletics Save Day |
| 27 Nov | Parent Helpers' Morning Tea |
| 28 Nov | Albert/Eden Cultural Festival |
| 2 Dec | End of Year Mass |
| 9 Dec | Christmas Concert |
| 10 Dec | End of Term 4 |

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Social Justice

This week has been Social Justice Week for Catholic schools across New Zealand. Students have focused on Solidarity, Dignity of Others, Care for the Poor and Vulnerable and the other Catholic Social Teachings. Visit caritas.org.nz for more information and resources you can use at home.



Good Shepherd Awards



Chelin Roussel - for embracing the 'Good Shepherd Way' with an unfailingly positive attitude and a smile

Liam Millar - for using kind words and good manners, and expecting the same of others

Wig Wednesday - Fundraising for Child Cancer Foundation

We saw some fantastic wigs and hair styles on Wednesday, and most importantly the students raised over \$200 for such a worthy cause.

For a short time, you can still donate online at our [GSS Wig Wednesday Page](#). Thanks so much for your support!



Teaching and Learning in Style...

Cans for Christmas - CAN DRIVE

Each student is asked to bring in some canned food to donate to St Vincent de Paul House who will distribute the collection to families in need over the Christmas period. Cans will be collected in classrooms.



"If you alone cannot feed 100 people, then feed just one"
Mother Teresa



And from week four:

Melody Tuala Soon - for growing in confidence and self-belief

Analise Turner-Padget - for showing kindness and empathy towards her peers

The Season of Creation

On 1 September, significantly the first day of spring for us, we celebrated the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This day marked the beginning of the Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi), marked throughout the Christian world. The Season celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

As Pope Francis reminds us:

Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.

Pope Francis Laudato Si' #12

A number of resources can be accessed through the diocesan website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/season-of-creation/>

and

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/justice-peace/environment-sustainability-committee/>.

In and Around School Sport

Eden/Albert Football Zones - Tuesday 22 September (week 10) - **postponed**

Unfortunately, this interschool football event has been postponed, in the hope that it may be able to be rescheduled for term 4. The teams will continue to train with Mrs McLeod and Miss Irish, and we will bring you further updates as they arrive.

GSS Talent Show 2020

The GSS Talent Show will take place on Thursday 24 September, at 9am in the school hall.

Auditions will take place in classrooms during weeks 8 and 9 of this term.

Teachers will choose 2-3 acts per classroom to go through to the final show.

Please encourage your child to prepare an act for the class talent show. It can be with a buddy or in groups. The children don't need to be in the same class.

Be creative and show off your talent!

GSS Speech Competition 2020

Very best of luck to our speech finalists who will be battling it out at last, on Wednesday September 16 in front of an audience of their peers and whānau. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this event is closed to viewers except by invitation.

Cultural

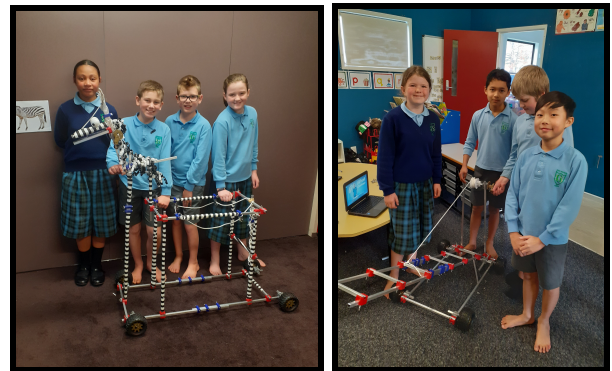
Mālō e Lelei! We have been celebrating our Tongan links at GSS. A special thank you to Kalo and Sio Sundin and their fāмили for preparing a detailed and interesting slide show which gave us some real insight into the Tongan way.



EPro8 Challenge

Our school is entering the EPro8 Challenge, an Inter-School Science and Engineering Competition. This year we are holding an 'In School' Challenge Format using our own EPro8 equipment so teams won't need to travel to other schools. Each team of four students have "unlimited" time, but limited resources, to complete the challenge.

Here are some of our teams training for the big event, and the final entry for The Mechanical Masters Team (Liua, Xavier, Emma and Reuben).



Information for Whānau Room Nine Assembly

This will take place on Friday. As we are unable to invite whānau at this time. We will endeavour to place a video link to Room Nine's 'Google Classroom' this afternoon after the assembly.

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

At this time of year we begin planning for 2021. It is very useful to know in advance if families are enrolling their children at Good Shepherd. If you know of anyone thinking of our school for their child, please encourage them to contact the school office as soon as possible. As always, we appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

Yummy Apples

This is the LAST CHANCE to get your Yummy sticker sheets in for 2020. All sheets must be collected by the end of Term 3. Please drop your sheets (even if they are not complete) into the office as soon as possible. All stickers collected will help Good Shepherd School get a share of the \$200,000 DG Sport sports gear prize pool.



Sushi and Pie Days

Sushi will be available this week.

Pie Day is coming up on Wednesday 23rd September 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. (We especially require a volunteer to help on September 18th 2020)

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.

If you are able to help please email Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

COVID-19 Reminders

Key public health measures remain important for protecting all of us from the spread of disease:

- wash your hands regularly and thoroughly
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- don't go to work/school, socialise, or be out in public if you are sick

Keep a digital diary of your whereabouts by downloading and using the COVID Tracer app.

If anyone has symptoms but is unsure if they have been exposed to COVID-19, they should ring Healthline on **0800 358 5453** or their GP for advice. Everyone is encouraged to get tested, if advised to do so.

Please see the Auckland Regional Public Health (ARPHS) [letter](#) for the school community for further information.

PTA Fundraising Calendar Art

Coming soon! Personalised Artwork Products, made with your child's beautiful art.

Good Shepherd students are currently working with their class teachers to create pieces of art that can be made into **Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketch Pads**, as part of our annual PTA fundraiser. These are wonderful keepsakes that make unique gifts for family and friends, and will be delivered towards the end of Term 4.

We are currently aiming to have a Viewing Week for finished art work in Week 9 this is when you can see your child's art, and see examples of the types of products you can order.

Further details about ordering, cost and timelines will follow. For any queries in the meantime, contact Anna Shaw on annalshaw@gmail.com or at 021 029 70532.

Drink Bottles Under Alert Level 2

As advised in the Good Shepherd School Plan for Alert Level 2, the school water fountains will be closed until we reach Alert Level 1. It is very important that your child brings a full water bottle with them to school every day. Please check this with your child every morning.



To ensure that your child doesn't lose their beautiful new Good Shepherd jacket why not order some personalised labels from Stuck on You? It is a fantastic way of labelling school uniforms, hats, lunchboxes, bags (and everything else kids bring to school) and as a bonus the PTA will receive up to 20% commission for all orders that are processed with our code.

It is easy to place orders:

1. Go to <http://www.stuckonyou.co.nz/>
2. Create a personal account
3. Log into their website and place your order
4. Enter our code:
GOODSHEPHERDSCHOOLPTA in the Fundraiser Code box at the checkout
5. Orders are shipped directly to you

Orders can be placed anytime during the year and you can order as often as you like. Feel free to share our code with your family and friends too!



PERSONALIZED NAME LABELS

Come and join us these holidays!

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
BOYS & GIRLS | AGES 5 - 13 YEARS**

Auckland Netball Centre, St Johns Windmill Park, Mt Eden

- Multi-Activity Mania (St Johns)
- Become an Umpire
- Netball 3 Half Day Programme
- Combination
- Netball Fun Day (Mondays Only)

REGISTER NOW!!
www.aucklandnetball.co.nz

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TALENT SHOW 2020

AUDITION

Open To All:
Dancers Singers Dappers Musicians Magicians Actors Comedians etc

- Auditions will take place in classrooms during week 8 and 9 of term 3
- Approximately 2 acts per classroom will be selected to perform in the final show.
- Encourage your child to prepare an act for the class talent show.
- Performances can be performed with a buddy or in groups. Performers do not need to be in the same class.

FINAL SHOW
Thursday 24 September 9am School Hall
Be Creative - Show Off Your Talent!

2020 Dominion Rd Moon Festival
Celebration of the Moon
-Togetherness -Harmony -Happiness

Eden Valley and Balmoral Town Centres
Friday, 25 September - Sunday, 4 October 2020
Includes Dumplings on Dominion
Explore, eat and enjoy!
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(0800 269 4389)

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Please call if you, or someone you know, may benefit from:

- ✓ Brief Interventions to Alleviate Panic, Anxiety, or Stress
- ✓ Anxiety Management Support, Advice, Encouragement
- ✓ Education about Anxiety & Associated Issues
- ✓ Information about Other Support Services
- ✓ Coping Strategies for Stress, Panic Attacks, Phobias, Obsessive Compulsive Disorders, Social Anxiety, etc

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