

Good Shepherd School



...Care...Respect...Honesty...
Newsletter No 13, 25 September 2020

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

As we come to the end of a very different term 3, there is much to celebrate in our school community, amongst the concern about the ongoing COVID-19 situation. Like everyone else we have had to let activities and celebrations go, but on the positive side we are working on building our individual and collective resilience as we deal with disappointments.

We have seen some great learning taking place over the last few weeks. Congratulations to every single student at Good Shepherd who prepared and delivered a speech to an audience, and a special congratulations to Xavier Taito, who represented Good Shepherd at the inter school competition this week. Well done to all the chess players who worked hard in the school based chess championship (see article later in the newsletter), and all those children who put themselves forward to share their talents with us. I love the way our children are prepared to overcome their nerves and take a risk.

Next term we welcome a team from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland who will be conducting an external review of how we at Good Shepherd give effect to, and strengthen our Catholic Special

Character. We welcome this opportunity to get feedback from outside our community on this all-important aspect of our school.

I wish you all a blessed and relaxing break with your children over the next two weeks.

Ngā mihi nui

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

25 Sep	End of Term 3
12 Oct	Beginning Term 4
13 Oct	School Photos
15 Oct	NZ Shakeout
17 Oct	NZ General Election
21-22 Oct	Special Character Review
23 Oct	Teacher Only Day
26 Oct	Labour Day
28 Oct	Three Way Conferences
29 Oct	Three Way Conferences
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

A Message from Msgr Bernard

Dear Friends

Just to let you know that we can resume Weekday Masses under Level 2. 9am weekday Masses will resume this Saturday 26 September.

We will need to keep numbers to 100 or fewer and keep physical distancing when seated and coming forward to communion. Attendees will also need to register using their smartphones and the QR Code on display, or they can sign in.

Liturgically we will not have water in the fonts, receive communion on the tongue or from the chalice, nor exchange the sign of peace by handshaking.

.... But it will be wonderful to join together to celebrate the Eucharist once again!

Because of the numbers limit of 100, we will not resume Sunday Masses until we go to Level One. A reminder that a pre-recorded Mass is available on Shine TV on Sundays at 2pm and is also available earlier, via the Good Shepherd Catholic Church Balmoral Facebook page.

For those of you about to commence school holidays... may the next two weeks be both fun and restful!

External Review of our Catholic Special Character 21-22 October

We are looking forward to welcoming the review team from the Catholic Schools Office at the beginning of next term. The team will be meeting with different members of our school community, including whānau, to consider the ways we provide for our students:

- An encounter with Christ
- Growth in knowledge of the Catholic faith
- The development of Christian witness

Good Shepherd Awards



Rory Barbour - for settling into some really good work habits

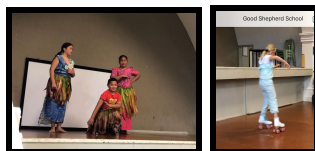
Lei'ataua Fotofili - for building such great friendships, especially with Juniors in our Good Shepherd family

In and Around School

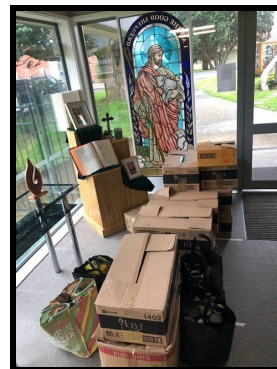
GSS Talent Show

Wow! Who knew how much talent we had here at Good Shepherd School! Here is a tiny sample of some of the acts we all thoroughly enjoyed on Thursday. There were cultural performances, singing, dancing, magic tricks, comedy, plays, music

and so much more! We are so proud of your tamariki for putting themselves forward today. Thank you Mrs McLeod for the organisation and to our MCs, stage manager and camera operator.



Cans for Christmas



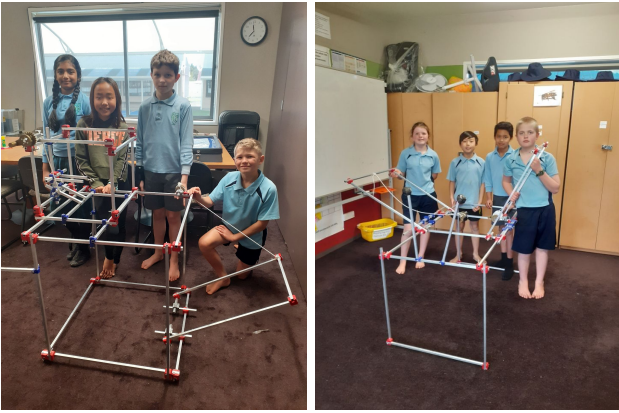
Thank you to all the children and families who contributed to our Cans for Christmas drive for St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice. Good Shepherd School managed to raise 872 cans for this great cause. Awesome effort everyone.

Mufti Day

We raised \$225 for the School Council. Great effort!!

EPRo8 Challenge

The challenges incorporate engineering, science, electronics, mathematics and problem solving. Our third team-The Awesome Foursome-made a robotic bee complete with moving wings. Well done Rosa, Justin, Dean and Leo. Our final team. The Brobots, made a robotic beaver with moving teeth and tail. Amazing work Jiwoo, Kharsha, Jack and Aidan.



Moon Festival Rabbit Hunt

Congratulations to Nina McDonald who put an entry into the "Jade Rabbit Friends" competition as part of the 2020 Dominion Road Moon Festival celebrations which begin today. See if you can spot Nina's entry in one of the Balmoral shops as you walk past.



Chess Club

Congratulations to all the students who took part in The School Chess Championships.

Here are the results:

1st: Cicely Warman

2nd equal: Ayden Kavia-Patel, Reuben Kennerley, Benjamin Maddox



Auckland Catholic Primary Schools Chess-Cancelled

Sadly, the decision has been made to cancel this year's Auckland Catholic Primary Schools Chess Competition, due to uncertainty about how long Auckland will stay in Level 2 event restrictions. The 10th edition of this tournament was going to be held on **Tuesday 20th October 2020** (Week 2 of Term 4) at St Paul's School, Massey.

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.

Uniform in Term 4

Students will change to wearing the summer uniform from the start of Term 4, 2020 and through to the end of Term 1, 2021. Summer uniform also includes a sunhat which must be worn for outdoor play.

Sunhats \$12.00; girls day tops \$55.00; boys short sleeve polo shirts \$35.00; boys summer shorts \$27.00.

We will open the school office on **Thursday 8th October between 9am and 2pm** if you wish to come in during the holidays to purchase uniform.

A reminder that the uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30 to 9.00am. Alternatively you can place uniform orders anytime by phoning 620 4962 or emailing the school office, admin@goodshepherd.school.nz and we will send the items home with your child. Payment can be made online.

PhotoLife

Photo Day is Tuesday 13th October 2020. Flyers were sent home with your child/children yesterday. There is also a siblings form available on request. If you want sibling photos taken please request a form from the office. Please send the siblings request form with your oldest child to give to the Photographer on photo day.

Sushi and Pie Days

Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on Fridays. 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>

Thank you to our parent volunteers who have helped with sushi/pies this term. It would not be possible to offer this service to our children without you!

We are looking for volunteers to help with sushi and pies for the following dates next term:

- Friday 23rd October
- Wednesday 4th November
- Friday 6th November
- Friday 13th November
- Friday 20th November
- Friday 27th November
- Friday 4th December
- Wednesday 9th December

Please email Emma Chan on chanemmanz@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Calendar Art

Orders now open! Personalised Artwork Products, made with your child's beautiful art. Delivered end Term 4.

Good Shepherd students have completed beautiful art works that can be used to create products that are wonderful keepsakes, and make unique gifts for family and friends. This year we are again offering Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketch pads, as a part of our annual PTA fundraiser.

Please look out in your child's bag for a letter with more information, and check out the PTA facebook page. Orders are through Kindo.

The closing date for orders is **Friday 16 October**.

For any questions, feel free to contact Anna Shaw on annalshaw@gmail.com or at 021 029 70532.



Summer League
ST JOHNS & WINDMILL PARK
Senior and Juniors

Starts 19th October to 26th November 2020
6 week league | Individual and Team Registrations

Senior | Competitive and Social
Juniors | Grades 1-8

Don't put your netball shoes away, sign up now and we'll see you on the courts this Spring!

To register or for more information visit:
www.aucklandnetball.co.nz



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separated
divorced

begin
your
journey
moving
through
grief

a
weekend away
for a lifetime
of change

6-8 NOV 2020
Friday evening
to Sunday
afternoon

Cost: \$350
Early Bird: \$325
(pay by 25 September)
Accommodation, meals
and course materials included.

For further information please contact:
Kelly: 027 686 4416
Bev: 027 248 1631 / 09 298 9943

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