

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 14, 15 October 2020

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Welcome back to school everyone! We are all praying for a full nine weeks at school this term, and we will be making sure we play our part at Good Shepherd to keep everyone safe.

A 2018 international comparative study ([2018 PISA survey findings](#)) highlights that high rates of bullying is a persistent challenge for New Zealand. Schools can play a big part in changing this alarming trend around, and Good Shepherd School has very clear procedures in place for preventing and responding to reported cases of bullying (see details below). This week we also support the movement to spread aroha and kindness and end bullying by taking part in Pink Shirt Day on Friday.

As always, we have attached our procedures for communicating concerns to this first newsletter of the term for your reference.

Ngā manaakitanga
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

15 Oct	NZ Shakeout
16 Oct	Pink Shirt Day
17 Oct	NZ General Election
21 Oct	Boys Football team v OLSH
21-22 Oct	Special Character Review
23 Oct	Teacher Only Day
26 Oct	Labour Day
28 Oct	Three Way Conferences
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4 Nov	FHC Mass Parents & Candidates
8 Nov	FHC Session 1
9 Nov	Kids for Kids Concert
11 Nov	GSS Athletics Day
14 Nov	Ukulele Festival
15 Nov	FHC Session 2
18 Nov	GSS Athletics Save Day
22 Nov	First Holy Communion Mass
24 Nov	E/A Athletics Zones
26 Nov	E/A Athletics Zones 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

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards

Madison McLeod - role modelling really good behaviour and living out the Good Shepherd Way.

Matthias Kautoke - being very kind to others and being helpful around the classroom.



Sacramental Programme

Special thanks to Monsignor Bernard for his commitment to the programme and assisting many of our Good Shepherd students in receiving the Sacraments.

First Holy Communion:

Wednesday 4 November 6.30pm - this will be a 'child-centered' Mass for candidates and parents.

Sun 8 Nov 9.30am FHC 1 - learning takes place in Mass and a short session after Mass in the hall.

Sun 15 Nov 9.30am FHC 2 - learning takes place in Mass and a short session after Mass in the hall.

Sunday 22 November 2.00pm Celebration of First Holy Communion.

October-The month of Mary and the Rosary

In Religious Education to begin Term 4, children will be engaging in Traditional and Devotional Prayers, including in their classroom prayers. This is a wonderful opportunity to revisit The Rosary, especially in the month of October. There can seem to be a lot of prayers to remember for the Rosary! The free app called 'Laudate' is a fantastic resource for parents and even has interactive Rosary beads within it.

External Review of our Catholic Special Character 21-22 October

We are looking forward to welcoming the review team from the Catholic Schools Office to Good Shepherd next week. 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

In and Around School

Mock Elections at GSS

Election Coverage Story

by Caleb, Coco, Filomena, Shai and Merita.



On Tuesday 13th of October, 2020 we had a mock election day at Good Shepherd School. Each student got to vote once for their chosen candidate and party from 8.30am to the end of lunch time. We set up two stations, one in the library and one in Room 2 to cover the different year groups and the adults. We crossed each name off our 'electoral roll' as they voted, and we spent the afternoon carefully counting votes. See below for our exciting results!

Problem Challenge Results



Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 students who participated in Problem Challenge 2020. This is a national mathematics problem-solving challenge for Intermediate level children run by the University of Otago. Nineteen students gained a participation certificate, four a Merit certificate and three achieved an Excellent Certificate.

This year Merit certificates were awarded to Xavier Fala, Emma Forbes, Rosa Lewthwaite and Jack Barry.

Excellent Certificates were awarded to Jiwoo Jang, Maggie Shaw and Zara Peterson.

Excellent certificates are awarded to the top 10% of students in that year level and Merit to the next 25%.

Marguerite Butcher

Welcome

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

*Natalie Woods
James Gallagher
Rafaela Barredo
Lana Chitambo
Lathan Chitambo*

Birthdays

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

Abigail Wright	Alec MacGilvray
Caleb Kavia-Patel	Elyssa Ioane Matafi
Evangeline Barry	Imogen Prentice
Nimilote Fotofili	Phoebe Carlsen
Xavier Fala	Xavier McKinnel
Jack Barry	Isabella Carlin-Shadbolt
Ris Maven Jinesh	Thomas Carlin-Shadbolt
Merita Tofilau	Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh

Sport

Upcoming Events

Boys football team v OLSH - Wednesday 21 October
GSS School Athletics Day - Wednesday 11 November
Save Day - Wednesday 18 November
Eden/Albert Athletics Zones - Tuesday 24 November
Save Day - Thursday 26 November

If you are able to help out at our school athletics day please email Heather McLeod on:
hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Athletics Practice and Correct Sportswear

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for our athletics by practising the events. Children should bring a change of clothes and their sneakers; Year 4-6 children should bring their PE uniform and sneakers. Please make sure that they come prepared for this as it is a very important part of our school programme. As the weather warms up, having children (especially older children) practise sport in their school uniform when they forget their PE gear is not ideal for anyone. Children who are unable to participate in PE need to bring a note from home.

Information for Whānau

Teacher Only Day

Friday 23 October is Teacher Only Day. School will be closed.

Three-Way Conferences Wednesday 28 October and Thursday 29 October 2020

We are very much looking forward to talking to you about your child's learning at the Three-Way Conferences. Our on-line booking system will be open for bookings from 12 noon on Friday 16th October 2020. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and type **txjdn** for the Event Code, click GO and follow the prompts. If you require any assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office. **Please note that school will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 28 and at the usual time of 3pm on Thursday 29 October.**

Personalised Artwork: Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads & Sketch Pads - A PTA Fundraiser

In recent weeks the children have been working with their class teachers on pieces of artwork that can be made into Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketch Pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas! Artwork will be available for viewing in the office next week and order forms will be coming home with your child early next week. Contact Anna Shaw at annalshaw@gmail.com

School Uniform

Our school uniform is an important part of school life and helps us to feel pride in our school and belonging to our community. Despite the miserable start to this week the children are in their summer uniforms now and most have remembered their sunhat, which must be worn for outdoor play. A reminder too that children wear plain black flat sandals during the summer months.

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.

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.

Good Shepherd School Open Day

Wednesday 4 November

9.30am - 2.30pm

Tell your friends and whānau!

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 anyone in our community.

Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints at Good Shepherd School

We value our community culture at Good Shepherd School. When dealing with any concerns and complaints that may arise, we keep at the forefront, our core values of care, respect and honesty. If you have an issue, please follow this [link](#) which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

Calendar Art

A reminder that placing an order for Calendar Art closes this week, Friday 16 October at 3pm. Purchases can be made through Kindo or by cash (please note that if paying by cash please also complete this order [form](#)).

If you have any queries please Contact Anna Shaw on 02102970532 or email annalshaw@gmail.com

Moosies

Friday Moosie Sales will start again (\$2.00 each) at lunchtime tomorrow.

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 this 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.



The Principal, Staff and Students of
MARIST COLLEGE
have pleasure in
inviting you to attend our
Marist Day Mass
Friday, 23rd October 2020
8:45am in the Marist Gymnasium



Please RSVP to the Principal's Secretary,
m.mckinney@maristcollege.school.nz

Seek the Best
Rapu i Te Pai



 MARCELLIN COLLEGE

Y7 – Y9
OPEN
AFTERNOON

21st October 2020
3.30pm – 6.30pm

www.marcellin.school.nz

GSS Election Results

Candidate Results Tamaki Makaurau

In 3rd place with 1 vote we have Marama Davidson from the Green Party.

In 2nd place with 3 votes we have Peeni Henare from the Labour Party.

In 1st place with 4 votes we have John Tamihere from the Māori Party.



Candidate Results Mt Albert

In 5th place with 2 votes each we have Daniel Reurich from the New Conservative Party and Anthony Joseph J Van Den Heuvel from the Human Rights Party.

In 4th place with 5 votes we have Cameron Lord from the Opportunities Party

In 3rd place with 10 votes we have Luke Wijohn from the Green Party.

In 2nd place with 23 votes we have Melissa Lee from the National Party.

And in 1st place with 172 votes we have Jacinda Ardern from the Labour Party.

Candidate name	Party	Number of votes	Winner of the electorate seat
Auckland Central			
Mt Albert			
ARDERN, Jacinda	Labour Party	172	Jacinda Ardern
LEE, Melissa	National Party	23	
LORD, Cameron	The Opportunities Party (TOP)	5	
REURICH, Daniel	New Conservative	2	
VAN DEN HEUVEL, Anthony Joseph J	Human Rights Party	2	
WIJOHN, Luke	Green Party	10	
Tāmaki Makaurau			
ANDERSON, Erina	New Conservative	0	
DAVIDSON, Marama	Green Party	1	
HENARE, Peeni	Labour Party	3	
TAMIHERE, John	Māori Party	4	John Tamihere



It will be interesting to see the results of the real election on Saturday. If they haven't already, remind your whānau to vote, vote, vote!!



GSS Election Results



Party Results

In 8th place with one vote each we have Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party, Vision New Zealand Party, ONE Party and NZ Outdoors Party.

In 7th place with 2 votes we have ACT New Zealand.

In 6th place with 3 votes we have New Conservative party.

In 5th place with 6 votes we have New Zealand First Party.

In 4th place with 10 votes we have Māori Party

In 3rd place with 18 votes we have the Green Party.

In 2nd place with 38 votes we have the national party.

And in 1st place with 146 votes we have the Labour Party!



Party	Number of votes
ACT New Zealand	2
Advance NZ	0
Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party	1
Green Party	18
HeartlandNZ	0
Labour Party	146
Māori Party	10
National Party	38
New Conservative	3
New Zealand First Party	6
NZ Outdoors Party	1
ONE Party	1
Social Credit	0
Sustainable New Zealand Party	0
TEA Party	0
The Opportunities Party (TOP)	0
Vision New Zealand	1