

# Good Shepherd School



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

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## From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

We have had two very special annual events this week that have provided wonderful opportunities for our children to develop the special competencies of *managing themselves, relating to others* and *participating and contributing*. On Tuesday night we were treated to the Kids for Kids Concert. Our choir joins with choirs from schools all around Auckland, to perform well known New Zealand music; it has been described by parents as one of the most special nights on the school calendar. I would like to congratulate Ms Li and her choir for the dedication and resilience they have shown in attending regular practices throughout the year and then performing on Tuesday night to a large and very appreciative audience.

Yesterday at the school athletics we again saw impressive performances from our tamariki, who pushed themselves way beyond their 'comfort zone' and had to sometimes deal with disappointment. We saw wonderful examples of children supporting and comforting each other in a totally natural way which made us very proud. We will have some very tired children by the end of this week!

Ngā manaakitanga

**Jane Hahn**

## Upcoming Dates

15 Nov	FHC Session 2
16 Nov	PTA Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle
17 Nov	PTA Meeting
19 Nov	Performance Assembly
22 Nov	First Holy Communion Mass
23 Nov	Athletics Certificates handed out
24 Nov	E/A Athletics Zones
25 Nov	School Council Book & Toy Sale
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
8 Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting
9 Dec	Christmas Concert
10 Dec	End of Term 4

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Alana Jackson** - for showing positivity and resilience in all school activities.

**Xavier Fala** - for outstanding leadership and consideration of others.

and from last week:

**Jack Barry** - being enthusiastic about his learning in the classroom.

**Ella Tuibenau** - using initiative and being a responsible class member.

## Sacramental Programme

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.

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

## In and Around School

### Our Yearbooks are Being Published!



2020 is a memorable year. Our yearbook will provide you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at home and at school. All students are celebrated in this book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers. There is also an exclusive account of

the events of 2020 (including elections) from the perspective of our school. There are a few leftover yearbooks from 2019, so the first paid orders will receive a free 2019 copy! Come into the office and check out our wall for a preview of some of the yearbook content.

Yearbooks can also now be purchased on Kindo  
Cost = \$20

To open a Kindo account please follow this link and select [Join up](#).

### GSS Performance Assembly

**Thursday 19 November 2:00pm** on the turf

You are all welcome to our GSS performance assembly. Performances by all Year 0-3 children, school choir, GSS Kapahaka group and Irish performance groups.

### Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2020

**Saturday 28 November 9.30am-3.00pm**

**Rocket Park, Mt Albert**

This is the major performance event for our Irish Dancing and Kapa Haka groups for this year. We would love you to come along to support our children, and also to enjoy performances by our neighbouring schools, the great food stalls and extra children's activities.

Our children are performing on the Outside Stage at **10.50a.m.**

### Congratulations

We love hearing about the achievements of our children outside of school and our Talent Show last term showed how much talent there is in our community. This week we've heard about great

things from **Ella Tuibenau**, who was a reporter for Kea Kids News recently. This NZ On Air programme aims to get 7 to 11-year-olds involved and excited about current events. You can catch Ella in action on

[KEA Kids News: Endangered butterfly given fighting chance of survival thanks to these kids](#) or on Season 2, Episode 25 on TVNZ on Demand.

We also congratulate **Cicely Warman** who has been cast for the Royal New Zealand Ballet's production of *The Sleeping Beauty*. Cicely is busy rehearsing and will be performing with RNZB in early December.

Please share with us any significant achievements of our children outside of school.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Scholastic Lucky Book Club. Issue 7 will be sent home with your child this week.

If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP:

[LUCKY Book Club](#)

Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Any queries can be directed to Marguerite Butcher.

### Sport

#### Good Shepherd School Athletics

We were so pleased that we were able to go ahead with our Athletics Day at Three Kings Reserve yesterday. Well done to all our competitors and special congratulations to all those who were placed in their events. We also saw many examples of good sportsmanship happening and these children made us proud with the effort they put into their events. We had a great team of parent helpers on the day, ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Thank you, Mrs McLeod, for your organisation of this event. Certificates for those children placed in their events at our athletics day will be presented when we gather for whole school prayer at 9am on 23 November.



form for pricing and conditions of hire. [Pool Key Form](#)

### Moosies

Moosies will be for sale this Friday for \$2 each.

### 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!

### School Pool

To enable the school pool to be made available to those who rent a pool key - we require a volunteer to help over the Christmas period. If you are able to help please see Sharyn Hodge.

### Upcoming Events

Eden/Albert Athletics Zones - Tuesday 24 November

Save Day - Thursday 26 November

### Information for Whānau Health Consultation Survey

Please find the Health Consultation Survey link [here](#). A reminder that completed surveys can be returned up until tomorrow the 13th November.

### PTA Sausage Sizzle and Mufti Day

A school wide Mufti day will be held on Monday November 16 for a gold coin donation. The PTA is also holding a sausage sizzle at lunch time where a sausage in bread can be purchased by students for \$2 each.

### 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.

### Swimming Pool Keys

A limited number of keys will be available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Keys are available for purchase from 8.30am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. Please see the linked

