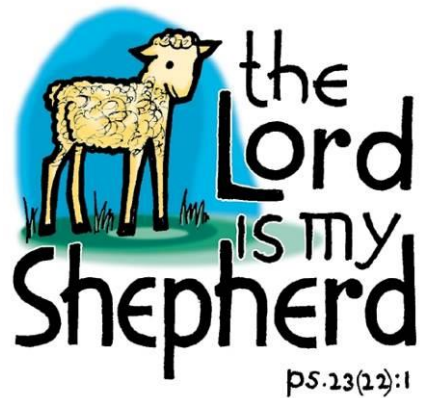


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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 13, 11 August 2016

From the principal....

Greetings to you all!

I have really enjoyed talking to children about their speeches over the last few weeks. I particularly like hearing about the interesting topics they have decided to research and present – it is another way of getting to know more about them and their interests. The process of writing and presenting a speech to an audience brings wonderful opportunities to develop further the five **key competencies** that drive our New Zealand curriculum. Students have to research and make sense of information (**Thinking**), make choices about language and consider their audience (**Using language, symbols and texts**), set goals around completion and make a plan to reach their goals (**Managing self**), actively listen and give feedback to others (**Relating to others**), and develop confidence to participate in new contexts (**Participating and contributing**). Congratulations to every child for making the most of this learning opportunity. We look forward to hearing the finalists at each year level present their speeches next Wednesday 17 August.

We have had a busy week with our Education Review Office visitors in the school, talking to children, staff and parents about what it is like to be a learner at Good Shepherd School. Thank you to those who were able to be at the powhiri to welcome the reviewers on Monday (I hope you enjoy Erylle's description of the powhiri later in the newsletter). We constantly look at what we are doing to see if we could better support children's learning at Good Shepherd and it is very valuable to see our school through different eyes. Initial feedback is very positive and the board expects the draft report out in a few weeks.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

God is watching over you.

Jane Hahn

Three-Way Conferences

Tuesday 23 August and Wednesday 24 August

We are very much looking forward to talking to you about your child's learning this term. Our on-line booking system will be open for bookings from 12 noon on Friday 12th August 2016. If you require assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office. Please note that school will finish at **2pm on Tuesday 23 August** and at the **usual time of 3pm on Wednesday 24 August**.

GSS Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday 16th August 2016 at 7pm in the meeting room. The agenda will be displayed on the noticeboard this Friday. All welcome.

Speech Finals

The Good Shepherd Speech Finals will be on Wednesday 17th August at 9:30am in the hall. There will be three students from each year level participating in the finals. Parents of the finalists will receive a confirmation letter on Monday for this. We look forward to seeing you come along and support our finalists.

Notice of PTA Special General Meeting

Wednesday 17 August 2016, 7.30pm GSS Staffroom. All school families and staff are encouraged to attend this meeting which is being held to amend the PTA constitution in regards to the PTA accounts.

**Congratulations to the following children
who celebrated their birthday in**

August 2016:



Maisie MacGilvray
Bianka Woffindin
Kalo Sundin
Anton Van Aken
Rishmikaa Selvathas
Jiwoo Jang

Otis Irvine
Josephine Gaoa
Skylar Canovas
Kasha Ihaia
James Arcilla
Henry Olliver



POETRY COMPETITION

To celebrate National Poetry Day the Library is running a poetry competition. Open to all students in GSS.

Entries should be sent to Mrs Butcher by Friday 19 August.

Each entry must have your name, year and age.

Winners announced on Poetry Day in the library at lunchtime.

**UNLEASH
THE POWER
OF POETRY
26.8.16**

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Mackenzie D'Cruz** from Room 6 and **Felicia Tibbles** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Mackenzie and Felicia for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



School Council works to 'Keep Little Hearts Beating'

In the school council we have been working on a project called 'Keep Little Hearts Beating'. Sir Ray Avery has designed new LifePod incubators that cost just \$2000 each and he wants to give them to countries that need help. We would like to raise money for one incubator this year. We are having a **mufti day** on the 26 of August - please bring a gold coin donation to school. We will be having a colouring in competition with a mystery prize during the week of the mufti day and we would like you to give a \$1 donation entry so we can continue fundraising.

We will also be having a **Bake Sale** on the 14 September so if you could bring some baking that would be great. We will also be having 'LifePod Fridays' when you can give a \$1 donation and you can put a heart anywhere on our heart sheet which will be displayed in the admin notice board area. You could find out more at <https://thelifepod.co.nz/>

So help us

Keep Little Hearts Beating

Daniel Nuku, Lucy de Young, Cassandra Liku.

Powhiri for ERO

On Monday the 8th August, Good Shepherd held a welcoming powhiri for Mrs. Fifita-Lamb, Mrs. King and Mr. Rodgers from ERO (Education Review Office) in the hall first thing in the morning.

ERO were here for the first three days of the week, they were checking on how Good Shepherd helped the students learn. For this to be a success the teachers needed to be focused at all times and for the students to be cooperative as well.

Firstly, during the Powhiri the students did a haka called “Te Waka” as a welcome; Annika then said a karakia. After that, “Himene mo te Hepara Pai” followed. Aston gave a great welcome (in Maori) to the visitors followed by a waiata by the juniors and Matua Edwards, with the seniors joining in half way through the song. ERO also had a waiata to sing, which was very pleasing to the ears. To end the Powhiri Good Shepherd sang the song “Te Aroha”.

It was then time for the School Council executives (Daniel, Lucy and Cassandra) to escort Mrs. Fifita-Lamb, Mrs. King, Mr. Rodgers and the family-whanau of Good Shepherd to the staff room to have a light morning tea.

After ERO and the family-whanau exited the hall Matua Edwards was full of joy with another successful Powhiri.

ERO began their visit by visiting each classroom to introduce themselves to everyone personally and as for the rest of the week, they came into each classroom and saw how the students and teachers worked together.

The Good Shepherd community should be very proud of the staff and students as they have shared with ERO just how special and amazing our school really is.

By: Erylle (School Journalist)

Marcellin College - Open Day

617 Mt Albert Road, Royal Oak

www.marcellin.school.nz

Saturday 13th August

Tours at 10.00am and 12.00pm

Enquiries: Telephone 625 6509

Enrolments for 2017 are now being accepted

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Jack Barry** from The Adventurers walking school bus for his high attendance – he’s hardly missed a day.



The Assumption
Monday August 15th 2016
Week Four Term Three



The Assumption is the Catholic belief that recognises and celebrates Mary taken up to heaven, body and soul. This key belief provides hope of sharing a full life which Mary experienced, both body being the physical and soul being the spiritual, in heaven. It provides us with the reminder to value and maintain our dignity of our whole selves.

As a whole school we will be attending the Parish Mass at 9am. During this Mass we will also be acknowledging those who are new to Good Shepherd School with a blessing, followed by the presentation of the

Good Shepherd Awards from the Special Character Leaders.

There will be no whole school prayers in the hall next week.

Students being welcomed:

Maja Baker

Vincent Gatt

Sabine Andrews

Vielah Mahina

Heather Rewcastle



Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day 2016 will be on Friday, 26 August 2016.

Daffodil Day is the Cancer Society's event to raise funds and an awareness of the impact of cancer. The daffodil is one of the first flowers of spring, whose bright yellow blooms remind us of the joys the new season will bring. It represents the hope there is for the 1 in 3 New Zealanders affected by cancer.

The donations the Cancer Society receive go towards vital scientific research into the causes and treatment of all types of cancer, as well as providing a wide range of support services, information, health promotion and education programmes to reduce cancer risk, awareness campaigns and programmes for people affected by cancer.

Please help Good Shepherd School support the Cancer Society during Week 5 (22nd-26th August). A team will be collecting donations during the week and you can get your daffodil pins from school that week too.

Four Good Shepherd School Walking School Buses

Rocket Snails Walking School Bus.....

If you are interested in joining please contact Dianne Van Aken at dianne.vanaken@nzcouriers.co.nz
8.00am meet outside 7 Duncan Ave, then walk along Haverstock Rd, Sandringham Rd, Calgary St, Arabi St, Halesowen Ave and then Pine St and down the walkway into the school

Northern Explorers Walking School Bus.....

If you are interested in joining please contact Sarah Sella at sarah.sella@xtra.co.nz
8.00am meet outside 21 Ward Terrace, then walk along Ward Terrace, King Edward St, Cambourne Rd, Goring Rd, Balmoral Rd and then Pine St and down the walkway into the school

Adventurers Walking School Bus

If you are interested in joining please contact Liz Barry at elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com
8.15am meet outside 178 Landscape Rd, then walk along Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school

Stormtroopers Walking School Bus

If you are interested in joining please contact Andrea Hannay at andrehannay@vodafone.co.nz
8.00am meet corner of Dexter Ave and Mewburn Ave then walk along Mewburn Ave, Balmoral Rd, Matipo St, Kensington Rd, Marsden Ave, Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school

For more details please visit the school website: www.goodshepherd.school.nz

Room 9

Haiku

Poems

In Room 9 this term, we have just started learning how to write poetry.

Haiku poems have three lines and don't rhyme. The first line has 5 syllables, the second has 7, and the third has 5 again. Here are some examples of our work!

Transport

The trains are rumbling
Trucks are shaking very hard
Cars are very fast.

- Nathaniel T.

Burgers

Hamburgers are yum
I always pick out the greens
Then it's delicious!

- Ciaran F.

Wind

Whirling, spinning wind
Whizzing and zipping around
Rolling everywhere.

- Elliott H.

Summer

Summer is so hot
Summer is warm and sticky
I saw a blackbird.

- Titi F.

Zombies

They rise from the dead
They growl and eat human brains

So watch out for them.

- Marcuse S.

Getting Sick

Coughing and sneezing
Lying in bed all day long
It is so boring!

- Alyssa Y.

The Light

The sun shines brightly
Vampires don't like the light!
Darkness covers light.

- Chanelle M.

Me

I love to play sports
Rugby is my favourite
I play for Eden.

- Joshua W.

Star Wars

Bad guys invading
X-wing fighters are fighting!
Darth Vader is here!

- James J.

Parties

Who likes dancing round?
Balloons, candy, cake, candles
Celebrating me!

- Eva F.

Ghosts

Creepy scary ghost
In the night I am afraid
I am scared of ghosts!

- Cameron M.

Beach

I went to the beach
I saw birds fly very high
I walked on the sand.

- Setaita L.

From the PTA

QUIZ NIGHT 10 SEPTEMBER 7pm

We are officially fundraising for new all-weather courts – help us score our fundraising goal!!

Buy your tickets on the attached form and let's 'game on'!!!

Sweet Enough Cook books

CONGRATULATIONS JUSTINE GREGAN for winning the 'slice of the week' last week! Buy your copy of the amazing **Sweet Enough** cook book and go in the draw to win a slice or cake fresh for Friday afternoon tea – simply contact elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com!

Who is excited?.....

About the next PTA meeting? Join us next Wednesday 17 August in the staffroom at 7.30pm – we will also be squeezing in a SGM to change the words of the PTA constitution in regards to the accounts so we'd love your support.

Entertainment Books

Still plenty of time to cash in on this handy book - contact Alanah on 021 348 327 to purchase your copy.

Yummy Stickers

Are you munching on those yummy apples? The yummy sticker promo finishes near the end of this term so hand in your sticker filled sheets soon.

We are on Facebook!

With the aim of sending reminders and updates of things coming up at school. Your child may never attend mufti day in uniform by accident again! Good Shepherd School PTA.

Plenty of exciting things on this term – we hope you are all well.

Carla and the PTA team