

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



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\* 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 14, 25 August 2016

## *From the principal....*

At last week's PTA meeting I presented a report that included, among other things, some comments on the recent visit to Good Shepherd School by the Education Review Office (ERO). ERO are guided by their document *School Evaluation Indicators: Effective Practice for Improvement and Learner Success* as they look at the full range of organisational conditions that contribute to, or inhibit, student achievement. They have identified six key domains that have most influence on student outcomes, and one of the most important is making **educationally powerful connections and relationships**. This includes factors such as engaging reciprocal, learning-centred relationships with parents and whānau, good communication between home and school, and community collaborations. Your active participation in the parent/teacher/student conferences that took place this week is one of the signs that we are doing well in this domain. As usual we had nearly 100% attendance by both parents and students and we thank you for coming along and for all the home support you give your children.

PTA meetings are a great opportunity for the school to share in more detail what is happening during the school day for your children. Parents have a chance to ask questions and discuss the information that comes to you through these newsletters and the school website, such as the attached student achievement report *Towards End-of-Year National Standards June 2016*. The PTA is just one of the vehicles for creating *educationally powerful connections and relationships* and I invite you to consider coming along to the next meeting in term 4.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki God is watching over you.

**Jane Hahn**

## **Help! The Good Shepherd Garden Club Needs You!**

You have probably noticed and enjoyed the lovely gardens we have around our school. These are the work of a dedicated group of children and parents who meet regularly as the Good Shepherd Garden Club. We have a number of parents who have been very involved in the Garden Club over the years but who are now unable to spend as much time because of work commitments, and we are looking for one or more people who can take over the co-ordination of this great work. You will be well supported by the generous parent helpers who come along when they can and by those who, although no longer available to co-ordinate the group, are very willing to offer advice and guidance. Pre-schoolers are very welcome to come along too – there are many of our students who became familiar with the school through their regular work with the Garden Club!

**If you can help at all please contact Ms Scanlan or Mrs Hahn – we'd love to hear from you!**

## **Remember – Mufti Day Tomorrow**

'Keep Little Hearts Beating' Mufti Day tomorrow **Friday 26 August**. Bring in a gold coin for the great fundraiser organised by the School Council. You could also bring in an extra gold coin for the regular 'LifePod Friday' poster and as an entry into the LifePod colouring competition.



## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Anija Irvine** from Room 5 and **Imogen Prentice** from Room 2 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Anija and Imogen for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Reminder about hygiene

As is often the case at this time of year, there have been quite a few instances of sickness in our school community. This is a good opportunity for you to remind your children about the simple rules of hygiene, such as washing their hands well after using the toilet and before eating, keeping fingernails well groomed, and covering their mouth and face either with a handkerchief or their arm when coughing and/or sneezing. A reminder too that children should only attend school if they are well enough to benefit and participate. This will also reduce the chance of illness spreading.

On a happier note – isn't it great to enjoy the early blossoms and the increasing hours of daylight!

## Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Anton Van Aken** from The Rocket Snails walking school bus for really stepping it up as a leader and for leading and working hard at crossing safely on Halesowen Avenue.



## Good Shepherd School Speech Competition

Last week on Wednesday it was our speech finals. We were very pleased to have our two judges Mrs Dale from Marist College and Dominic Bowden a TV presenter from TV3 and America. They did a great job and loved hearing all the fantastic speeches.

Well done to all the speech finalists, all of your speeches were really good. But an extra well done to the winning speech 'Four Words', by Xavier Setefano. Good luck to Xavier as he will be representing us in the Eden/Albert Cluster Speech Competition later this year.

**Alexandra Reeve (Student Journalist)**



St Mary's College, Ponsonby

## St Mary's College - Teacher Aide

We are looking for an energetic Teacher Aide to join our busy team, for 1 day per week working in classrooms & small groups to assist teachers & high need students.

Applicants need to have good interpersonal skills & be able to work in a team environment. This is a fixed-term, part time position, commencing 10 October 2016. Closing date 2 September 2016.

Please complete a non-teacher application form on website [www.stmaryak.school.nz](http://www.stmaryak.school.nz) & send with a covering letter and CV to [pa@stmaryak.school.nz](mailto:pa@stmaryak.school.nz)



## EPro8 Challenge:

On Thursday 18 August 16 Year 5 and 6 students represented Good Shepherd in the EPro8 Challenge.

This is an event that has the teams competing in different challenges involving engineering, electronics, problem solving, mathematics and creativity.

Our four teams competed against 11 teams from different schools around the Central Auckland area.

Our teams competed extremely well and completed a number of the challenges.

We have two of our teams – ‘GSS Dream Team’ and ‘GSS Grizzlies’ who ended in the top 4 of the 11 teams in our heat and so will be moving onto competing in the semi-final in week 8 of this term. We wish the best of luck to both teams.



Check out the video from our teams competing at the EPro8 Challenge on our school website [www.goodshepherd.school.nz](http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz)

Learning Strand – GOD – Te Atua – Io Matua Kore  
The Father Almighty.  
Family Whanau

Room One

Year One

**Lesson Focus: God is Creator**

God is the Creator of all that is, 'seen and unseen'. Each person is God's unique creation made in love for love. We are each part of what God made and 'saw that it was good'. We are called to respect our own dignity – *tapu* as persons made in God's image, the dignity of others and the value of all parts of creation. We are sacred and *Holy* because we share in the *Tapu* of God. We are also called to respond with praise and worship of God.

**Take time to**

- gaze at the moon and the stars and talk to God
- watch the sunset and feel God's presence near
- care for your pet because it is part of God's creation
- make up your own songs, rhymes and prayers of praise for creation
- whisper to God how much you love God and all the gifts in creation

**Make a display at home of**

- magazine pictures or photographs of creation
- family photos – bless and name people
- beautiful things from creation, eg shells

Room Two

**Imagine**

- what would life be like without our senses?
- what God would say when you care for creation?
- what will happen to the world if we do not care for it?

**Talk about**

- what God is like
- how God cares for . . . ?
- planting things and caring for them
- why people are God's best creation

**Plan to**

- do something to care for creation
- remind each other to care for God's gift of creation
- show how much you love each other in a special way
- feed the birds in winter
- read the Creation story from the Children's Bible at bedtime
- enjoy God's creation all around you this week

**Games to Play**  
I spy something God created  
My Favourite things



Room Three

Year Two

**Lesson Focus: Our Gracious God**

God is *gracious* – a great giver of gifts. The greatest of these gifts of love is Jesus who revealed that God is Abba – his loving Father – *Matua*, who is also our Father. Our response to God's gifts of *grace* is to truly appreciate them and to live lives of gratitude.

**Take time to**

- leave little messages of love for family members in unexpected places, eg in lunch boxes, under pillows, on answerphones, faxes and on e-mail
- demonstrate to children that you are contented with what you have and that it is not things that make you truly happy, but loving people

**Pray together**

- a *Litany* style prayer for creation in family prayer, eg For green grass – We thank you *gracious* God, For trees to climb – We thank you *gracious* God



Room Four

**Talk about**

- ways your family shows graciousness to each other
- how to receive and acknowledge a compliment graciously
- what *gracious* people do when they receive a card or present
- ways people show gratitude

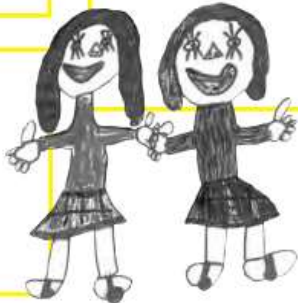

**Affirm family members**

- when they show they are grateful to others

**Encourage children**

- to notice little things people do for them and say thank you for them



Room Seven	Year Three	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: God is Present in the World</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">God is present in the world in creation, and speaks to people through the scriptures especially when they are proclaimed in the Church. God is active through people who accept his gift of <i>grace</i> – <i>Mana Atua</i> and God's activity in the world is expressed through different cultures.</p>
Room Eight		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="359 309 866 533" style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Plan to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- go for a family walk and take time to enjoy God's presence in creation</li> <li>- buy or find a family Bible and place it where it can be seen and used</li> <li>- listen to Vivaldi's 4 Seasons CD and enjoy it together</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="906 309 1461 622" style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Bring your children's attention to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- people from different cultures and talk about ways people show respect for different cultures, eg               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* by admiring the differences in the way they look, speak and behave</li> <li>* by showing an interest in what is different about them,</li> </ul> </li> <li>- St Paul's blessings in 1 Thessalonians 5:28, 2 Corinthians 13:13</li> </ul> </div> </div> <div data-bbox="359 562 818 808" style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Think about</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- your favourite aspects of each season and remind each other when you see them</li> <li>- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and reflect on what time it is in your life</li> <li>- ways your family can care for different parts of creation</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="818 517 1117 819" style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
Room Five	Year Five	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: God is Faithful</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">God is always faithful – <i>pono</i>. This is one of the basic messages in the Scriptures. God calls people into a relationship sealed with a <i>covenant</i>. People may go back on their word and so awful things can happen, but God's love – <i>aroha</i> is constant. In the new <i>covenant</i> of Jesus, Christians are called to trust in God, and to build up God's <i>Kingdom or Reign</i> – <i>Te Rangatiratanga</i> on earth.</p>
Room Six		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="359 1171 1026 1742" style="border: 1px solid magenta; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Talk about</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the importance of being faithful – <i>pono</i>, eg doing your homework and the other tasks that are your responsibility without having to be reminded, sticking with your mates when times are hard, keeping the promises you make with others, doing what you say you will do</li> <li>- people you know who are good models of faithfulness</li> <li>- what is meant by the word <i>covenant</i> – which is a sacred and serious agreement or contract, and name some examples that you know of, eg <i>marriage</i> contracts, peace treaties, the <i>Treaty of Waitangi</i></li> <li>- how situations change and people break contracts, and recall that God is always faithful to the promise that God will always be with people</li> <li>- times in your lives when you have had to break promises and how you have dealt with this</li> <li>- the difference that belief in God makes to your life</li> </ul> </div> <div data-bbox="1050 1171 1461 1619" style="border: 1px solid magenta; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>At family prayer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- invite children to recall the story of God's call – <i>karanga</i> to Abraham and Sarah in the book of Genesis and discuss God's promises to them</li> <li>- pray the Hail Mary and draw children's attention to the words of the angel and Mary's old wise cousin, Elizabeth, which are included in this prayer</li> <li>- talk about Mary's faithfulness to her call to be the Mother of Jesus</li> <li>- pray for people who are dealing with broken promises</li> </ul> </div> </div> <div data-bbox="871 1514 1010 1697" style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>
Room Nine		

# Art work in Room 1

The children in Room 1 have been learning basic line drawing.



We have read the book "The Cat's Party" and practised different ways of drawing a cat, exploring shapes and sizes.

After practising their drawings the children worked on a final piece using black markers and watercolour. To finish their work they wrote birthday party invitations inspired by the story.



The children are doing a great job learning new drawing skills!

# From the PTA

## **THANK YOU!**

To those of you who made our SGM/PTA meeting – your presence was greatly appreciated!

## **QUIZ NIGHT draws near!**

We've had some amazing donations for the auction and raffles – thanks heaps everyone! Things for you to do:

1. Buy your ticket quick smart – you don't want to miss out
2. Make your platter look like art – that's what the kai is all about
3. Help us out and play your part – check out the list, it's got some clout
4. Get your costume, show some heart – there's prizes to be won without a doubt!

#translation: Buy your tickets, think of a platter, check out the attached helpers roster and figure out a costume for your team. ☺

## **Parents Morning Tea**

Please join us for morning tea on Friday in the staffroom at 9am after morning prayers. There's yummy baking and kiddies are warmly welcomed – don't be shy – it's a lovely way to get to know a few faces and we would love to see you there.

## **Sweet Enough Cook Books**

Congrats to Dianne van Aken on winning the slice – thanks for your support. Sales for these great cook books end this week – get in quick and get yours by emailing [elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com)

## **We are on Facebook!**

Simply search Good Shepherd School PTA and request to join. It is a closed group, full of reminders of up and coming events.

Need to know something – catch one of us at school or flick me an email to [rbcp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rbcp@xtra.co.nz).

Over halfway through the term – whoa! We hope you are all well.

Carla and the PTA team