

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



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Newsletter 16, 22 September 2016

## **From the principal...**

Mālō e lelei!

Greetings to you all!

End of term is a natural time in a school to reflect on the learning that has occurred over the last nine weeks, and to think ahead to what we would like to achieve over the last quarter of the year. Your children will be deliberately thinking about their achievements and setting goals for their learning next term. At another level, we as a professional staff and board of trustees, are looking at our progress towards achieving the strategic objectives we have set for the year and planning actions for term 4. Today I would like to report to you progress on one of our Charter strategic goals:

### **Strategic Goal: Independent Learning**

Our students are provided with a stimulating learning environment that allows them to develop to their individual potential.

*Good Shepherd School Strategic and Annual Plan 2016 - 2018*

To achieve this goal we planned to focus on:

- students taking responsibility for their learning, especially in the area of writing
- developing the ability in all our children to speak Te Reo Māori, the language of Aotearoa New Zealand
- developing the use of digital technologies to support and deepen learning
- further developing our physical environment to support effective independent learning.

It is my pleasure to update you on our progress:

- Teachers have once again worked closely with our external facilitator, Murray Gadd, on effective writing programmes and motivating children to write.
- Good Shepherd School will be working closely with seven Catholic primary schools and four Catholic colleges as part of the Central Catholic Community of Learning in 2017 and beyond.
- A programme of Te Reo Māori is delivered throughout the school and our Kapa Haka group will be performing at the Albert/Eden Cultural Festival in November.
- Teachers continue to participate in professional development in the area of deepening learning through the use of digital technologies.
- With the support of the PTA we are looking at how to best use our classroom space and furniture to promote independent learning.

We are looking forward to making further progress to achieving our strategic objectives in this and other areas in term 4. Meanwhile, we wish you and your children a well-earned break over the next two weeks. Enjoy your time together!

Faitapuekina koe 'e he Eiki

God bless

*Jane Hahn*

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Lucia Katongo** from Room 3 and **Ella Barnao** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Lucia and Ella for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## First Holy Communion and Confirmation School/Parish Mass Sunday 18 September

Thank you to our wonderful community for your support and involvement in the very special occasion of our School/Parish Mass this term. It was a doubly blessed occasion because it included the First Holy Communion and Confirmation of many Good Shepherd children who have worked hard to prepare for this step in their faith journey. They took part in the ceremony with great reverence and joy, and were a credit to their parents and families, to those who helped to prepare them, and to the school. The sacramental programme could not take place without the support and hard work of a number of people. We are very grateful to the following:

- Bishop Pat Dunn, Fr Philip and Fr Lito for their support
- Mary Griffin and the parish team for working with the children preparing for the Sacraments
- Melissa Down for liaising between school and parish
- Leonie Lewthwaite for liaising with parents of the candidates
- Parents of last year's Sacramental programme children for preparing and putting on the afternoon tea
- Parents and caregivers of this year's candidates for your support of your children as they took this important step

The children's singing from the church loft was beautiful and the majority of our families showed their support of our Catholic Special Character by their presence at this special occasion, or by sending their apologies for non-attendance.



## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new students who have started with us recently:

**Daniel Peterson**

**Elijah Puyat**

## Term 3 Pūmanawa Programme

It was great to see so many parents and whānau at the Pūmanawa open afternoon yesterday. The feedback was very positive on this initiative that allowed children to choose a learning area that they were interested in or wanted to learn more about, and spend time each week exploring their subject. Thank you to all the teachers who worked very hard to prepare and deliver these programmes. As with everything we do at Good Shepherd we will be reviewing the initiative to see if it has achieved what we wanted it to achieve and we welcome any feedback from our parent community – please email [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz) if you would like to comment on the Pūmanawa programme.

## Catholic Special Character Review

Every year we review one dimension of our Catholic Special Character. The review process includes the gathering of data, analysing the information, developing a plan of action, implementing this plan and then reflecting and evaluating.

In 2016 we are focussing on the **Partnership** aspect of **Catholic Community**.

We are very interested in the views of our community and hope that you take this opportunity to share those views with us through this survey.

Please use the link below and complete the survey by the end of the first week of term 4.

[Survey Link](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## End of Term 3

School finishes at **3.00pm** on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Term 4 commences on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We wish all our students and families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all again for the last term of 2016.

## School Council works to 'Keep Little Hearts Beating'

Thank you for all your support for this project to help purchase a LifePod incubator for premature babies in a developing country. So far we have raised **\$1,503.20** towards the \$2,000 needed for one incubator. Don't forget that our 'LifePod Fridays' are continuing – bring in a gold coin donation and place another 'little heart' on our poster.



Thank you for your help in  
keeping Little Hearts Beating



## Good Shepherd School Athletics (whole school)

**Wednesday 2 November - Week 4**

**Saving Day - Wednesday 9 November - Week 5**

Venue – Three Kings Reserve (Margaret Griffin Park is unavailable)

Time: 9-3 approx. If parents are able to help on the day, could they please email Heather McLeod:

[hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property currently on display in the office entrance. All items not claimed will be disposed of.

## 2017 Term Dates

Term 1: 31<sup>st</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2: 1<sup>st</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3: 24<sup>th</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: 16<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Class Photos

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** (week 3 of Term 4).

Order envelopes will go home with the children in the first week of Term 4.

## PTA Calendar Fundraiser

### - Coming Soon!!

The children are currently working in class to create their fabulous artwork that will be used to make 2017 diaries/calendars and greetings cards or notebooks. You will be able to view the art during the first week of next term, in the school office.

**Art calendars and other art products can be ordered through order forms which will be sent home on the first day of Term 4.**

Close off day for orders and payments is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Week 2.

## School uniform

Students will change to wearing the summer uniform from the start of Term 4, 2016 and through to the end of Term 1, 2017. Summer uniform also includes a sunhat which must be worn for outdoor play. The school uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am during term time. Arrangements for purchasing uniform items outside of these hours can be made by phoning or emailing the school office.

## Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

We are currently processing our enrolments for 2017. We appreciate your efforts in letting us know about siblings who are coming up for enrolment at Good Shepherd and ask that you encourage any family and friends who are thinking about enrolling their children at our school to let our office know as soon as possible.

## Seventh-Day Adventist School Performance

On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> September, Good Shepherd walked to the Seventh-Day Adventist School to see a performance of "Noah and the Ark".

As soon as the whole school reached the gate they were greeted by two people who gave the teachers a programme that showed the actors and choir who were taking part.

The students went inside the big room filled with chairs and in front, a big stage covered with green curtains. The children sat down and a woman came from the side of the stage and said that the play would then begin, then the lights faded out.

During the performance, the choir sang songs in between gaps of setting up the stage, the actors sang some songs too, when it was near the end of scenes. They used lights, their voices and their bodies to create certain scenes allowing you to feel the reality of it all. At the end, the performance was amazing and everyone applauded.

Good Shepherd exited the room and walked back to school excited and motivated to do our own production.

*By: Erylle San Gabriel (Student Journalist)*



**Congratulations** to the Kaho family on the birth of Hopoate, a brother for Po'oi, Room 7.

**Congratulations** to Anton Van Aken who was awarded Most Improved Player for his 10<sup>th</sup> grade Western Springs Team at the end of their club season.



### **Walking School Bus Award**

The winner is Ava Murphy from The Rocket Snails walking school bus for taking responsibility and concentrating while crossing roads and for being proactive in spotting traffic driveway hazards and letting everyone know.



## **From the PTA**

What an amazing term it has been!

We are so pleased to let you know that the Quiz Night raised \$9,300, which will go towards new turf outside Rooms 8 & 9. Fantastic! A big thank you also goes to the amazing sponsors who supported us with Quiz Nite. A full list of the sponsors is shown on the last page of this newsletter.

Keep your eyes peeled for the 2017 diaries and calendars, being organised by Emma Smoldon. Our teachers have been doing an amazing job creating art for this PTA fundraiser. Look out for information in the first week back at school.

We wish you all a truly wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

*Carla and the PTA team*



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## **BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 7.30PM**  
**CLARE INN, 278 DOMINION ROAD, MT EDEN**

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST DR ERICA WHINERAY KELLY**  
**BREAST CANCER SURGEON – FRACS**



Erica is an oncological breast cancer surgeon and advocate based in Auckland. Erica co-chaired and is the Managing Director of both Auckland Breast Centre (ABC) and Focus HealthCare.

Erica is also a consultant and surgeon at whiter for the national breast screening programme, a member of New Zealand Global Women, Australasian and European breast cancer organisations. Outside this, Erica is a mentor to a number of students, and is married with two children.

**\$45.00 PER PERSON – TICKET PRICE INCLUDES**  
GIDDIE BAG FOR EVERY TICKET PURCHASED (VALUED OVER \$70) + LUCKY TICKET PRIZE + RAFFLES + SPOT PRIZES + MIDDLES + GUEST SPEAKER – DR ERICA WHINERAY

This is an event for everyone – please bring your husband, partner, sister, brother, mother, father, cousin, friends... bring everyone!

Book your tickets from: [mothersuperiors55@gmail.com](mailto:mothersuperiors55@gmail.com).

For more information, please contact Catherine – 027 4946603

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



Cartoons  
Cartoons  
Cartoons are fun.  
Cartoons are amazing.  
Cartoons are exploding your mind.  
Cartoons.  
-Alessandra

Soccer  
Soccer  
I play soccer.  
My team is called the Bears.  
I play my games on Saturday.  
Best Sport.  
-Harrison

Lucy  
Lucy.  
I have blue eyes.  
I play at the playground.  
I love goodie, goodie gum drop.  
Ice cream.  
-Lucy

Squirtle  
Squirtle.  
Squirtle is the  
best pokemon ever.  
I have a squirtle, it is great.  
Hard shell.  
-Vincent

French Quiz  
French quiz  
It has questions  
It is about French words  
It has wires and a buzzer  
Au Revoir  
-Aiden

Blastoise  
Ultra  
balls and greats balls.  
Blastoise is so  
awesome.  
He is the king of all  
water  
types. Cool.  
-Otis

**In Room  
Seven, we  
have been  
learning to  
write  
Cinquains.**

Matila  
Funny  
I have brown eyes.  
I am good at netball.  
I like playing with all my friends.  
Awesome  
-Matila

Sanjay  
Sanjay.  
I have brown eyes  
I like eating ice cream  
I really, really love robots  
a lot.  
-Sanjay

Super heroes  
Super  
Cool and awesome.  
There are many of them.  
They fight bad guys to save people.  
Cool gears.  
-Kevin

Po'oi  
Po'oi  
I am sporty  
I love eating burgers  
I like playing tackle  
rugby  
Awesome.  
-Po'oi

Room 7  
My class.  
The best classroom  
in the school. They provide  
the best teachers for our learning.  
The best!  
-Rielly

Puppies  
Puppies  
are really cute.  
So very fluffy too  
So very cuddly and so  
so cute.  
-Emelia

Cinquains are made up of 5 lines.  
The first line has 2 syllables,  
The second line has 4 syllables  
The third line has 6 syllables,  
The fourth line has 8 syllables and  
the last line has 2 syllables.

Pokémon

Squirtle  
Squirtle is a  
Pokemon. He is strong.  
Squirtle lives under water.  
Awesome.  
-Xavier.P

Minecraft

Buildings.  
They are awesome  
creations and structures.  
The rarest to get is iron  
Minecraft.  
-Peter

Rugby

Good games  
I like rugby.  
Richie McCaw is cool.  
My favourite team is the All Blacks.  
Rugby.  
-Luka

Alana

Funny.  
I have blue eyes.  
I love lego so much.  
I like to sing because it's fun.  
I'm cool.  
-Alana

Cats

Nice cats.  
Cats like to eat.  
Cats like to chase toy mice  
Cats like to play with bright toy lights.  
Fluffy.  
-Seini

Eli

I am  
Silly and fun  
I love minions so much and  
like to play games on the iPad  
so fun.  
-Eli

Soccer

Soccer  
Soccer is fun.  
Soccer is good for me.  
I like watching the soccer with  
my dad.  
-Nathan

Liam

Liam  
I like playing  
handball. I like soccer.  
I am good at being goalie.  
That's me.  
-Liam

Friends

Funny  
Friends are awesome  
My friends are very fun.  
I love my friends, they are helpful.  
Awesome.  
-Vaiola

Matthew

Matthew  
I love ice cream  
and chocolate and maccas.  
My favourite thing in the world is  
people.  
-Matthew

Sparkles

Sparkles  
are glittery,  
and are very shiny.  
You can never ever have too  
much shine.  
-Kayano

Xavier

Xavier  
I have brown eyes.  
I am good at playing soccer.  
Brown hair.  
-Xavier R.G

Me

Love Sweets  
Has dark brown eyes  
I am good at drawing  
I like to go to the movies.  
Playful  
-Skylar

Racing

Racing  
Racing is fun  
In racing you run fast  
In racing you can race other  
children.  
-Rosa



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