

# 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

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## *From the principal...*

Namaste, and welcome back to the final term of 2016! Term 4 is always so exciting, with the athletics and summer sports programmes, end-of-year celebrations and preparation for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. During the term your children will be involved in a number of activities outside of school, including community celebrations, inter-school competitions and cultural festivals. In the classrooms we are focusing on the inquiry topic **Exploration – Where in New Zealand?** Children will develop an understanding of how places in New Zealand are significant for individuals and groups. The next ten weeks will fly by!

Last week I had the privilege of attending the ULearn Conference with two of our teachers. The conference brought together educators from New Zealand and overseas to present and discuss how we can develop the particular skills and competencies required by students to participate in a 21<sup>st</sup> century world, how to encourage innovation and creativity, and how to use digital technologies to best support learning. It is an exciting time to be involved in education!

I hope you have time to visit that wonderful celebration of the Indian culture, the Diwali Festival, in Auckland this week. It's a celebration of our ethnic diversity and a chance to enjoy and experience traditional and contemporary Indian culture in its many exciting forms.

Bhagwan Tera Bhala Kare  
God bless

*Jane Hahn*

## **Get Ready Week**

Get Ready Week 2016 is all about making sure Kiwis are prepared for emergencies – whether they are at work, at home or at school. The theme for Get Ready Week 2016 is Prepared Kids.

We will have an earthquake drill at school on Friday and we encourage you to talk at home about your plans for an emergency.

## **Class Photos**

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

Order envelopes were sent home earlier this week. Sibling order envelopes are available at the school office.

Please return order envelopes by 9am 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016. After that, orders can be placed directly with PhotoLife.

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Christina Wang** from Room 2 and **Siena Carter** from Room 8 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Christina and Siena for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Welcome

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

Daniel O'Reilly  
Phoebe Carlsen

Luke Kaho

## Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in October 2016:

Annika Delacey  
Xavier Fala  
Benadiks Kanthi  
Mishael Bacus  
Curtis Tibbles  
Daniel Nuku  
Rielly Reeve  
Siena Carter  
Ben Wright  
Elyssa Matafi



Imogen MacRae  
Imogen Prentice  
Liam McKinnel  
Phoebe Carlsen  
Joey Mirfin  
Daniel Barry  
Rohan Sharma  
Sanjay Beeramathy  
Shane D'Souza  
Sasha Dickie

## Reminder: Breast Cancer Fundraiser this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Clare Inn

Your chance to listen to renowned Breast Cancer Surgeon – Dr Erica Whineray Kelly.

\$45 per ticket - \$10.00 per ticket will be donated to the GSS PTA.

Email to book your tickets:  
[mothersuperiorsgss@gmail.com](mailto:mothersuperiorsgss@gmail.com)

Door sales from 7.00pm. LIVE MUSIC from 7.30pm & every ticket purchased receives a goodie bag valued at over \$70.00.

## PTA Calendar Fundraiser

The children have worked in class to create their fabulous artwork that will be used to make 2017 diaries/calendars and greetings cards or notebooks. You are able to view the art this week in the school office.

**Art calendars and other art products can be ordered through order forms which were sent home earlier this week.**

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

## 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)

## ASB School Banking

Application packs are available at the school office for students wishing to participate in ASB School Banking via their own ASB Headstart account. Our school banking day is **Friday** and each week students can drop off their deposit envelope into the secure drop box at the school office.



## ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website:  
[www.catholicschools.org.nz](http://www.catholicschools.org.nz) (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2016 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2016**.

### Can Collection

Thank you to the four Catholic Secondary and 16 Catholic Primary Schools as well as the Pompallier Centre for a fantastic effort in 2016, collecting a massive **8000 cans**. These were delivered to the Mercy Centre in Ponsonby and St Vincent de Paul Society.

A website that holds important information about the project going forward is below. This includes donation and registration information.

We are always looking to grow so please sign up to get involved in a great community giving event.

Website

- <https://sites.google.com/site/cans4christmas/>

Donations

- <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/cansforchristmas>

**Billy Hadnet, Cans for Christmas co-ordinator.**

## From the PTA

### Welcome back!

2017 is looming so grab a calendar, diary and some gorgeous cards – just fill in the form sent home with the children earlier this week. The artwork for these have been done at school by your child so it is a special gift indeed. Let Emma know if you have any questions!

### A story about Sushi....

Every Friday the kids have the opportunity to order sushi. Orders are placed in the cute little mailbox in front of the office, before school. Then a lovely GSS parent tallies together the orders, places them and later in the day comes and distributes the delicious goods to each class.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

We have some slots which *need* filling - let me tell you what the job involves:

#### Friday am, approx. 8.30 – 9.30am

- Open the envelopes and fill in the order forms. This can be done by hand, or on the computer.
- Tally up the total orders, grab the money and head to the sushi shop to place the order (in the Balmoral shops).

#### Friday pm, approx. 12.15 – 1.15pm

- Collect the sushi from the shop.
- Put the right sushi packs in each classes bin as per the order sheet.
- Wait for a class rep to come and take the bins back to their class.
- Wait to make sure everyone got what they wanted/do any last minute troubleshooting.

#### BOOM – DONE!

Please volunteer for a session – the more people helping will mean it'll be a 'once a term' job for everyone and our children get to keep eating sushi. Please ask Maria about available slots - [jkgirlnz@gmail.com](mailto:jkgirlnz@gmail.com)

Your kids will love you for it!



And finally – please join us on Tuesday for our last meeting of the year. We'd absolutely love to see you – the wine will be chilled!  
Staffroom, **7.30pm, Tuesday 18 October.**



**Thank you all.**

**Carla and the PTA team**

## Learning Strand – Communion of Saints TE KOTAHITANGA O TE HUNGA TAPU

### Family Whanau

Room One	Year One	<p><b>Lesson Focus: Mary</b></p> <p>As a Church one of the ways we honour Mary, the greatest of the Saints, is as the Mother of Jesus. We reflect on how Mary's <i>holiness</i> was magnified by her encounters with the <i>holiness</i> and power, the <i>Tapu</i> and <i>Mana</i>, of God.</p>
Room Two		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Take time to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- make a special place at home with an image of Mary in it to use at family prayer time</li> <li>- read the Mary stories from a Children's Bible at bedtime</li> <li>- talk about Mary as the mother of Jesus and name some of the things she did for him</li> <li>- show mothers they are appreciated by their families</li> <li>- talk about how important it is to show special respect for your parents and grandparents</li> </ul>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Plan to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- leave a message of love under someone's pillow</li> <li>- tell children a story about something your mother did to show you she loved you</li> <li>- pray as a family giving thanks for all parents do to make life good for children</li> <li>- include the Hail Mary in family prayer this week</li> </ul> </div> </div>
Room Three	Year Two	<p><b>Lesson Focus: Saints and Inspiring People</b></p> <p>Those officially declared by the Church to be Saints because of their <i>virtues</i>, the <i>holiness</i> – <i>tapu</i> and <i>mana</i> of their lives, are now with God. They act as models for the members of the Church on earth, and are linked to them through prayer. The saintliness of ordinary people can also inspire others and lead them to God.</p>
Room Four		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Spend time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- making a family "Saints' Place" at home with books, pictures and statues of saints and use this as a focus for family prayer</li> <li>- reading stories of the saints this week at family story time</li> <li>- talking about inspiring people you know or have read about</li> <li>- finding the feasts of Saints you know on the <i>Columban Calendar</i> and marking them and praying to the Saints at family prayer time on their feast day</li> </ul>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Plan to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- decide on a few simple things you can do which can help you to become saintly, eg               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* ring up someone who is lonely and invite them to do something with you,</li> <li>* try something new,</li> <li>* say something encouraging to each other everyday,</li> <li>* work hard at something you are not good at</li> </ul> </li> <li>- buy a book about Saints for your family</li> </ul> </div> </div>

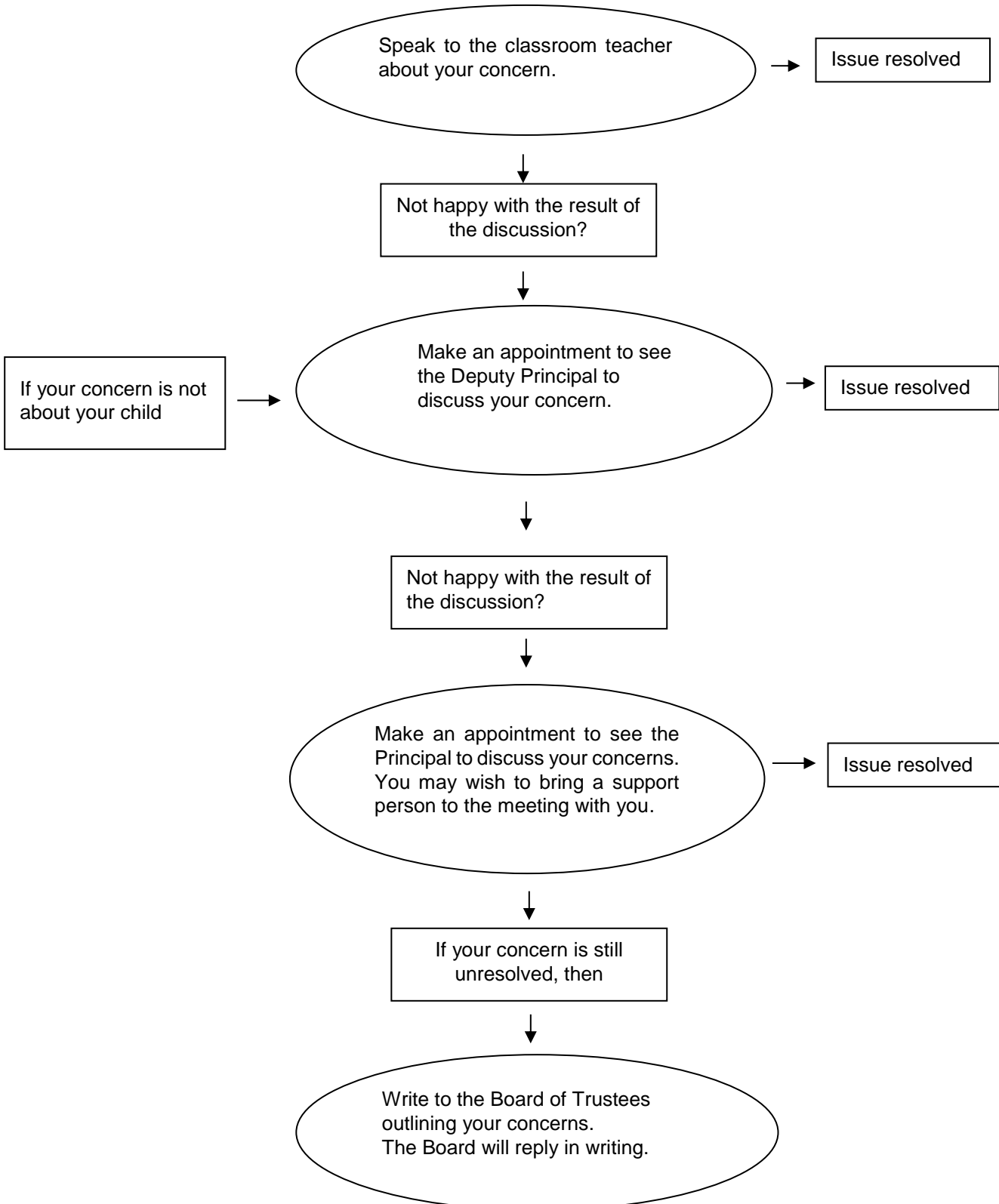
Room Seven		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: Life, Death and Christian Hope</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Suffering and death are part of life. Catholic beliefs about the resurrection of the body and life after death provide meaning and a reason for hope. The <i>rituals</i> of Catholic funerals and <i>tangi</i> provide consolation for the bereaved. The Church encourages people to remember those who have died and to pray for them.</p>
Room Eight	Year Three	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Take time to remember</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- situations when you have felt sad and how you coped with sadness</li> <li>- family members who have died</li> <li>- people you know who have died and recall stories about them</li> </ul> </div> <div style="width: 45%; border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Talk together about</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- what Christians believe about death, eg               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* in death, life is changed not ended,</li> <li>* the body of a person dies but the soul lives on forever with God in <i>heaven</i> or is separated from God,</li> <li>* people undergo <i>Purgatory</i> so they will be able to be with God in <i>Heaven</i></li> <li>* what happens to the soul of a person is determined by the way they live their life on earth</li> </ul> </li> <li>- what happens at funerals you see on television so children are familiar with the vocabulary, eg coffin, hearse, pall bearers, cemetery</li> <li>- how different cultures have differing burial <i>rituals</i></li> <li>- how we should support and care for people who experience death in the family</li> </ul> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
Room Five		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson Focus: Saints and Inspiring People</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catholics believe in the <i>Communion of Saints</i> – the unity or community of all members of the Church, those now living, those who are with God in <i>heaven</i>, and those undergoing purification before entering into the fullness of life with God. The living may pray to the saints for their intercession, and for those in <i>Purgatory</i>. The living and the dead are all joined in praise of God.</p>
Room Six	Year Five	<p><b>Take time to</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- talk about how the <i>Communion of Saints</i> is the bond of friendship between all who have been baptised whether they are living or dead</li> <li>- make a family list of relations and friends who have died and keep it in a place which reminds you to pray for them, include photographs as well if you have them</li> <li>- tell your children stories of their relatives who have died and the good things they did while they were on earth</li> <li>- notice and draw children's attention to family similarities, eg aunts, uncles, grandparents who are good at art, music or who enjoyed taking an active part in the Church</li> <li>- read and share stories of the Saints and people who are inspiring and discuss how they grew in <i>holiness</i> – <i>tapu</i> and <i>mana</i> by living the values of Jesus Christ</li> <li>- plan a celebration of a family member's Saint's day to honour the Saint and use a meaningful <i>ritual</i> which can be repeated each year, eg give the person a rose or special flower.</li> </ul>
Room Nine		<div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

## Concerns and complaints

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. We know that if a problem does occur, early intervention often reaps the best results, so take your concern to the appropriate person at the earliest possible convenient time. It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it.

### CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

If you are worried by something in your child's classroom here is what to do:



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### NOTICE OF EVENT CANCELLATION

The Catholic Discipleship College **SPRING FAIR**,  
scheduled for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
has been cancelled.

We apologise for any inconvenience.



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