

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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Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Ananyaa Prem** from Room 1 and **Shane D'Souza** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Ananyaa and Shane for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



OSCA News

Thank you to all those families who responded to our OSCA survey. The survey is now closed and we will report the results back to you when they have been analysed.

Swimming Pool Key Hireage

Twenty-eight keys are available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Please see the attached swimming pool key hire form for details. Keys are available for purchase from **8.30am on Monday 21st November 2016**. **Please note we are only accepting cash or cheque payment (no online payments)**.

Keys will be allocated to the first 28 families who present a completed hire form and cash or cheque payment. In fairness to all families we are not accepting reservations for keys or allocating keys prior to Monday 21st November.

Uniform shop closing date

The last day for uniform purchases this year is **Thursday 24th November**.

Special event at Good Shepherd Church Friday 18 November

Tomorrow at 1pm there will be a Nuptial Mass at our Church. This will be a big event with lots of cars arriving and leaving during the afternoon. Please be aware of this if you are visiting the school at any time during the period 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Although the time frame for this kind of celebration is flexible, we are hoping that the car parks will have cleared by pick up time after school. Please be aware, however, that we cannot guarantee this.

Awards and Performance Assembly Wednesday 30 November at 2.00 p.m.

At this time of year we have a number of athletics certificates to present and we would also like to give some of our performance groups another opportunity to perform in public. You are all invited to this extra assembly in week 8.

School Attendance Dues

If you are paying by term, the instalment for term 4 is due this week (week 6). **All accounts are required to be settled by 1st December 2016**. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Kathryn in the school office.

End-of-Year Celebration Mass Wednesday 7 December at 5.30 p.m.

This is a very special event as we come together as a whole school community to celebrate the year and to pray for God's blessings on those students moving on to intermediate school from Good Shepherd. We look forward to the whole school community being present on this occasion.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea Tuesday 22 November 10.45 – 11.30 a.m. in the school staff room

At Good Shepherd we are blessed with an army of generous parents and family members who give up their time in so many ways to support the children of our school. Please give us the opportunity to say 'thank you' by coming along to this morning tea if you have been in any way involved in supporting the school.

Masses

Every week one of our classrooms joins the parish community for Mass on Thursday morning at 8.55am. You are warmly invited to come along to these Masses. The following classrooms are timetabled for term 4:

Thursday 24 November	Rooms 1/2
Thursday 1 December	Room 5
Thursday 8 December	Room 6

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 \$1,546 towards the \$2,000 needed for one incubator and we are sure we will be able to raise the \$454 needed by the end of the year. We will do this through:

1. Our 'LifePod Fridays' – bring in a gold coin donation and place another 'little heart' on our poster.
2. A special mufti day on Friday 25 November – more details to come.

Thank you for your help in keeping Little Hearts Beating

COMING UP IN TERM 4

18 November	Room 6 Assembly
21 November	Swimming Pool Keys
22 November	10.45-11.30 Parent Helpers Morning Tea
24 November	Eden/Albert Athletics
25 November	Mufti Day – Keep Little Hearts Beating
26 November	Albert/Eden Cultural Festival
29 November	BOT Meeting
30 November	2pm - Sports and Performance Assembly
2 December	Room 2 Assembly
7 December	Weetbix Tryathlon End of Year Celebration Mass
13 December	Class picnics
15 December	Christmas Concert
16 December	End of term 4

Eden Albert Interschool Athletics

We wish the children representing Good Shepherd well as they travel to the Eden Albert Athletics competition at Three Kings Reserve on 24 November.

Assembly Friday 18 November at 2.15pm

Room 6 will be presenting our assembly tomorrow and you are all warmly invited to join us.

School Roll 2017

As you are aware, there is pressure on our roll and we thank you for your diligence in informing us if you have a preschooler expecting to start at Good Shepherd next year. It would be useful to know those expecting to start in 2018 and beyond now too. If you are not expecting your child or children to return to Good Shepherd School next year, please inform the principal in writing as soon as possible so that we can make the place or places available for other families.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

Chess coaching has now finished for the year. We hope to offer chess lessons again early next year. The first set of 10 lessons will be at the beginner's level. They would be suitable for children in Years 4-6 who are new to chess or have not yet passed their Level 1 badge.

New Zealand Junior Chess Badges

Congratulations to the following child who recently gained a badge.

Emma Smoldon Level Two

Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2016

Saturday 26 November

9am-3.30pm

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 activities, and the on-site cafe. Our children are performing on the Outside Stage at the following times:

2.00pm Irish Dancing Group

2.20pm Kotahitanga o Te Heparu Pai - Senior Kapa Haka Group

If your child or children are involved in either of these groups, you will receive a separate notice with more details shortly.

From the PTA

THANK YOU!

Andrea Hannay & Emma Chan for a delicious parents morning tea!

Nicola Maddox for a sterling job on organising the Olive Oil!

And you, whanau, for ordering!

To all those who have helped with Sushi – it is appreciated by everyone who orders!

Sarah McH Maria, Emma C, Helena, Kirsty-Anne, Francesca, Anna, Hannah, Anna S, Leonie, Gina & Bridget.

Sarah McHardy for organising the Yummy Stickers fundraiser – and for all those who collected stickers! It's such a fantastic way for us to get free sports gear for our kids. Just by collecting your stickers, this is what we got! AWESOME!

Keep track of your nippers easily

Simply by ordering some Stuck on us stickers. It's easy to do online and we get a portion of all sales. Check out the flier in your child's school bag yesterday and call in to the office to view samples.



Holey Father's Clean Up

Join the Holey Fathers in an end-of-year working bee on Saturday 19 November, 1pm. If you can help provide afternoon tea for the workers, that would be awesome – just bring it to school at 3.30pm. Contact Lisa for more details lisa.paniora@xtra.co.nz

PTA Christmas end of year drinks

In the staffroom, 30 November, 7.30pm. We would love to see you – new and old parents, those who know us, those who don't. We promise we'll bring you some Christmas cheer – let Carla know if you can make it – rbcp@xtra.co.nz

Hope you have had a great week!

Carla and the PTA team