

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

Yesterday I visited three Catholic schools around Auckland with a group of teachers and parents from Good Shepherd. We were interested to see how other schools are using their resources to create learning spaces more suited to 21st century learners, who are described in our New Zealand Curriculum's vision as young people:

- who will be creative, energetic, and enterprising;
- who will seize the opportunities offered by new knowledge and technologies to secure a sustainable social, cultural, economic, and environmental future for our country;
- who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners.

<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/The-New-Zealand-Curriculum>

The physical environment of schools is changing to accommodate the complex demands of this 21st century education. New schools, and new buildings for existing schools, reflect this thinking and provide opportunities for students to engage in independent learning, small group or large group work, and for teachers to work co-operatively across spaces and learning areas. Students are able to access appropriate technology for anytime, anywhere learning. Good Shepherd, like many schools, is exploring ways we can modify our existing buildings to provide the flexibility demanded from new teaching methods. We are also looking at how furniture can encourage motivation and engagement in learning by providing comfort and choice to students. Our rooms 3 and 4 provide an ideal opportunity for this because of the removable wall between the classes, and this year Mrs McLeod and Miss Briggs have been developing a more flexible learning space to provide the best opportunities for their students to learn. Some of the proceeds from the PTA fair last year will be allocated to providing suitable furnishings that will encourage a collaborative, cooperative and self-motivated learning environment. All changes at Good Shepherd School will be monitored closely to ensure the best outcomes for our children.

It was interesting yesterday to see where different schools are in this development and to hear their stories. If you have any questions or would like to discuss innovative learning environments please do not hesitate to drop by my office. It is an exciting time to be involved in education – whether as a teacher, a parent or a learner.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

God is watching over you

Jane Hahn

Welcome

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



Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh
Luca Kennedy-Woods Yonnie Berwick

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

Srishikha Tarun	Miranda Flexman
Ryansun Kanthi	Seth McGlynn
Maxine Barry	Emelia Fergus
Gina Smoldon	Liam Bowles
Lachlan McHardy	Eli Turner-Padgett
Sophie Sella	Liam Turner-Padgett
Jackson Dando	Hannah Saunders
Stephen Arceo	Seihara Andrews
Olivia D’Rose	Carson May
Leo Gribble	Matthew Blanch
Willow Irving	



Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Genevieve Vogels** from Room 2 and **Elliott Humphrey** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Genevieve and Elliott for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Good Shepherd School Athletics

Mrs McLeod and her team would like to send out a big ‘thank you’ to all those parents who so generously gave their time to help out at the athletics last week. You were awesome!

A team will be selected to represent the school at the Eden/Albert interschool athletics next week. You will be advised by letter if your child will be travelling with this team.

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.

Year 6 Camp 2017 Meeting

Tuesday 15th November at 6.00 pm in the staff room

There is a meeting for all parents of current Year 5 students to discuss details of the camp. Please come along with any questions you may have.

Good Shepherd School Cultural Celebration Day Wednesday 16 November

Next Wednesday we are celebrating the many different cultures that make up the Good Shepherd community. Children are invited to come to school in clothes that reflect their cultures (this is not just a ‘mufti day’) and each classroom will be looking at ways of sharing the wealth of different experiences our children and their families bring with them. Please talk to your classroom teacher if you would like to be involved in this celebration.

Swimming Pool Keys

Twenty-eight keys will be available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer, from **Monday 21st November**. Further details will be communicated in next week’s update notice. In fairness to all families we are not accepting reservation for keys or allocating keys prior to Monday 21st November.

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.

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.

School Attendance Dues

If you are paying by term, the instalment for term 4 is due next 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.

It's Sanitarium Weet-Bix
Kids TRYathlon time again!!

Entries close Monday 14th November

The Manukau Weetbix Tryathlon is being held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at Mountfort Park in Manurewa. This is open to all children who are 7 years old or older on the day of the event. If you are interested in entering your children and participating in this fun event, please contact the school co-ordinator, Eddie Sella at eddie.sella@xtra.co.nz or on 021 634 300.

Room 8 Mufti Day

Today Room 8 children enjoyed coming to school in mufti, thanks to Liam Bowles' family who put in the winning bid for a class mufti day at the Quiz Nite. Thank you to Liam and his family for your generosity in purchasing this prize for the class.

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 17 November	Room 9
Thursday 24 November	Rooms 1/2
Thursday 1 December	Room 5
Thursday 8 December	Room 6

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.

Uniform shop closing date

The last day for uniform purchases this year is **Thursday 24th November**. The shop will be open from 8.30-9.00am on the 17 & 24 November.

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

NZ Football

New Zealand Football are delighted to offer schools a **2 for 1 (silver) ticket** offer to the All Whites v New Caledonia match, which takes place Saturday November 12th at QBE stadium in Auckland.

Please click on the Ticketek link below and enter **password: nzf10** Please click on SILVER tickets for the 2 for 1 offer.

<http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/events/NZALLWHI16/venues/ANH/performances/EANH2016932/tickets#>

Be there to help shout our TEAM home and enjoy what will be a fantastic afternoon of football.

Travelwise

On Wednesday, our Travelwise leaders went along to The Cloud to celebrate the participation of those schools involved in the Travelwise programme.

On our trip, we participated in a scavenger hunt around and through the Maritime Museum and Wynyard Quarter areas. It was a day full of fun and excitement as we worked together to complete the scavenger hunt!

We also received a Silver Award for our participation in the Travelwise programme for 2016!

Thank you to all those who help and support the Travelwise programme at Good Shepherd!



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 Heparā 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

Parents Morning Tea

Tomorrow, in the Staffroom after you drop the children off in the morning.

Please do join us for some coffee and yummy baking – we'd love to meet you or catch up – babies and toddlers most welcome!

LAST WEEK TO ORDER OLIVE OIL!

This amazing fundraiser ends next Wednesday – please see the order form attached and get your order in!

Orders close Wednesday 16 November

Let us say thanks!

Time to get some Christmas cheer!

Here in the Staffroom -30 Nov, 7.30pm

A way for us to thank you all

Nom nom nom, nibbles and drinks

Kome one, come all!

See you there, rsvp Carla rbcp@xtra.co.nz

Hope you have had a great week!

Carla and the PTA team

COMING UP IN TERM 4

11 November	PTA Parents' morning tea
15 November	6.00pm Year 6 Camp 2017 Meeting
16 November	Cultural Celebration Day
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

Firewise in R2

This term Sheridan has learnt how to be 'Firewise.' We now know what to do if we find matches or lighters and we know what to do if there is a fire at home. One of the most important messages for us is...

"Don't play with matches or lighters."

We learnt that everyone needs smoke alarms at home and families need to plan in advance for a safe meeting place in case there is a fire. If the smoke alarm goes off we have to...

"Get Down, Get Low, Get Out Fast."

Room 2 made a mural to show what to do if we hear a smoke alarm. When the Fire Fighters from the Balmoral Fire Station visited us, they got us to practice crawling under a smoke screen. They told us to be careful on *Guy Fawkes* night, as it is their busiest night of the year.



Firewise

If there was a fire I would get down and crawl out fast and then go to my safe meeting place and call 111. Don't play with matches because they could make your home catch on fire and that is dangerous. If you see matches, give them to an adult, don't play with them.

by Daniel Peterson R2

Don't Play With Matches

Matches are dangerous and lighters are dangerous too. Give lighters to an adult and don't play with lighters and matches. You will get on fire and fire will come on your house.

by Ryansun Kanthi R2

The Fire...

I was asleep. I heard a loud sound. Beep, Beep! The bedroom was dark. I quickly crawled out of the house. I called 111 for the firemen to come and they came. They hosed down the fire.

By Srishikha Tarun R2



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:

