

# 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

Update Notice 1 December 2016



## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Po'oi Kaho** from Room 7 and **Alyssa Yee** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Po'oi and Alyssa for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## What does 'Resilience' mean to you?

Over this year we have asked many groups within the school - parents, students and staff - what they believe 'resilience' would look like for our children at Good Shepherd and what it might look like for themselves, in whatever role they play in our students' lives. We are looking forward to collating this information to come to a common understanding of 'resilience' for our community and putting in place some programmes to build resilience in 2017 and beyond. If you would like to offer your thoughts on this subject to add to the data we have already collected please email Mrs Hahn at [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz).

## School Attendance Dues

**All accounts were required to be settled by today, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.** We would appreciate your prompt attention to settlement of any outstanding 2016 Attendance Dues. If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Kathryn in the school office or the Principal Jane Hahn.  
**School Dues account: ASB Bank 12 3067 0208272 02**



## Welcome

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

**Sharelle Lemalu**

## School Pool

To ensure ease of access can all families with a pool key please check that the key you have unlocks the padlock on the pool gate, before Monday. The pool will be **closed** on these days for private functions:

**Sunday 11 December from 3pm**  
**Tuesday 13 December**

## Year 6 Pool Party

To mark the end of their time at Good Shepherd the Year 6 students will be having a pool party on Sunday 11 December 4-6pm. Please note that the school pool will be out of action for other families during this time.

## Library Books

Please return **all** books to the school library by tomorrow **Friday 2 December**.

Our annual stocktake will take place at the end of term and we would like all books back on the shelf. We will send a letter home in Week 9 if we think your child still has a book out. Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

## End of Year Mass Wednesday 7 December at 5.30pm in Good Shepherd Church

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. All students are to meet their teachers outside Room 9 in full school uniform at 5.15 p.m. Please note there will be a plate collection at Mass for the Parish.

We look forward to the whole school community being present on this occasion.

### Performance and Sports Assembly

Thank you to the many parents and whanau who were able to attend our special Performance and Sports Assembly yesterday. I think you will agree that we have some very talented students at Good Shepherd, and many of them are multi-talented. We would also like to thank those adults who have worked so closely with the children in these areas, Mrs Drummond, Mrs Hodge and Miss Gleeson for their work with the Drama Clubs, and all the parents who helped and supported in the sports area, particularly during the athletics events.

### 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.

**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.

**Assembly Friday 2 December at 2.15pm**

Room 2 will be presenting our assembly tomorrow.

## From the PTA

### THANK YOU!

To **Nicola Maddox** for organising the Olive Oil fundraiser! And to those who purchased.

**Everyone** who came to the final meeting last night – it was lovely having you all there.

### Last fundraiser for the year Monster Raffle!!

\*Please hand in your ticket money on  
**Monday 5 December!**

\*Each family is allocated 20 tickets to sell

\*Tickets are \$2 each

\*Winners announced at the Xmas concert 😊

\*Prizes galore!!

Three weeks to go – look forward to the final countdown with you all

**Carla and the PTA team**

## Thank you to ITM!

Almost a year ago, Good Shepherd School won a \$10,000 working bee for our school, thanks to **Auckland Rugby and ITM**. We would like to thank ITM for this wonderful gift – the prize money enabled us to put in four new seats outside Rooms 1 and 2, purchase a new pool cover for our swimming pool, refresh the cushion fall on the adventure playground and install a new power saver pump for the pool. As you can see from the photos below, this wonderful prize has helped us to maintain an attractive learning environment for our children and we have invited **Martin Day from Dayle ITM** to our school assembly this week to formally thank him and his company for their support.



# Eden Albert Cultural Festival

On Saturday the 26th November, Good Shepherd School participated in the Eden/Albert Cultural Festival at Rocket Park, Mt. Albert.

The groups that represented Good Shepherd were the Irish dancing groups and the senior Kapa Haka group. Mrs Hahn, Miss Gleeson, Matua Edwards and some of the teachers and students that weren't taking part came to support the groups.

The Good Shepherd Irish dancing groups were the first to go on stage. They started off by giving the spotlight to the Years 0-3 Irish dancers, the students put on three adorable performances with the time that they had and they didn't waste a single second without smiling!

The Year 4 Irish Dancers were up next, they gave the audience a spectacular dance that had a fairytale theme to it. The girls costumes were stunning, it was perfect for their act and the crowd of people loved it.

There was one performance between the GSS Irish Dancing groups and the GSS Senior Kapa Haka group, so that gave Matua Edwards a bit of time to organise and prepare the Year 5 and 6 students and give them a few encouraging words. The Kapa Haka group made their way onto the stage and started their performance with '*Karangatia Ra*', then '*Ka Pioioi*' and ended with the haka '*Tika Tonu*'. They gave it their best and turned out to be loud and strong.

After that, most of the students headed home and some stayed till the end of the festival to check out the food stands. The performers all did Good Shepherd proud!

## Erylle San-Gabriel (Student Journalist)

As you can see from Erylle's item above, Good Shepherd put on two great performance groups at the Cultural Festival last weekend. The Irish Dancing group can only happen with the help of three very generous parents who coach, choreograph and outfit the large group of children who are part of this group. Thank you to **Clare Fala**, **Liz Hanrahan** and **Catherine McArdle** for your work here.

Thank you too, **Matua Edwards** and **Ms Gleeson**, for your work with the Kapa Haka groups that resulted in such a powerful performance on Saturday.



# GSS Yearbook

2016 edition

We have limited numbers this year of our 2016 GSS Yearbook available for purchase. It is important that you get in quick.

The school will not reserve yearbooks.

**\$20.00 cash or cheque only**

There are no online payments

**On sale outside the school office  
30<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**8:30-8:45am and 3:00-3:15pm**

**If you have any queries regarding the yearbook please contact Miss Gleeson**