

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 9 February 2017



SAFETY NOTICES FOR BUILDING Canopy Project at Good Shepherd School

Next week our contractors will begin construction on the canopy that will provide cover on the area between Room 9 and the administration building. This will involve a few weeks of this area being fenced off as the contractors drill and construct the canopy. There will also be some movement of vehicles across the school field to the construction area. A full health and safety plan will be followed and the noise of the construction site monitored closely for its impact on our students and staff.

Please be aware of this construction site and if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to talk to us.

Powhiri to welcome Monsignor Bernard Kiely to Good Shepherd

**Parish/School Mass for Term 1:
Saturday 18 February 5.30 p.m.**

This year we are having our first Parish/School Mass for the year on a Saturday evening, to coincide with the welcome to Monsignor Bernard Kiely to our Good Shepherd community. This will be a wonderful occasion with the children being involved in the powhiri and taking responsibility for the singing in the Mass. As a parish school it is an expectation that all Good Shepherd children and their families attend this Mass. The children must wear their school uniform and report to their classroom teachers at 5.30 p.m. to prepare for the welcome. Mass will commence at 6.00 p.m. and will finish at approximately 7.00 p.m. Mass will be followed by supper in the hall. Please bring along a contribution for the collection and a plate of finger food for the supper (rooms 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 please bring savoury and rooms 2, 4, 6, 8 a sweet contribution).

Thank you for your support of our Catholic special character.

Year 6 Camp 2017

Thank you to all our Year 6 parents for your support in ensuring another successful Year 6 Camp at the Marine Education and Recreation Centre at Long Bay last week. This is a unique experience for our senior students that has significant impact on their learning and development. We could not offer such a rich learning experience without your support in sending your children to school a day earlier, providing transport to and from MERC, coming along to the liturgy and barbecue on Tuesday night and helping to clean up at the end of camp. We would especially like to thank the wonderful group of parents and caregivers who stayed at camp with the children and teachers, helping with the activities and cooking and generally caring for all the children. From your feedback we know it was a great experience for you as well but we are very grateful for your generosity in taking time off work to spend the week at camp. Finally, we need to say a big 'thank you' to our teachers, Melissa Down and Sarah Gleeson, who took such great care of our children 24 hours a day for the five days.



Leadership Assembly

On Friday 10 February at 9.00am, the Good Shepherd School leadership badges will be awarded. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend this assembly.

Sacrament of Baptism

For any number of reasons, some children have not been baptised and we would like to continue to support those families interested in their children taking this important step in their faith journey. The school is working closely with the parish team who offer Baptism on the last Saturday of every month (other than December and January). Please contact Miss Down at mdown@goodshepherd.school.nz if you would like more information or support throughout the process.

Connolly Swimming Carnival – Rooms 5-9 Wednesday 15 February, 9am -1pm

The carnival is on Wednesday 15 February, from 9am until 1pm at Westwave Pool and Leisure Centre in Henderson.

If you are able to help at our Connolly Swimming Carnival, could you please email Heather McLeod on hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz
Please indicate if you are willing to get into the pool.

Good Shepherd School Cultural Calendar

"The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people."~unknown

Good Shepherd School would like your help to create a **Good Shepherd School Cultural Calendar for 2017**.

The calendar aims to raise awareness of key cultural events and days that are important to our families and community.

How can you help? We would like you to take the time to identify key cultural celebrations and the dates that are important to your family and heritage. Once you have identified the event/s with the correct date/s, please forward to admin@goodshepherd.school.nz by the end of Week 3 of Term One.

We will then collate the celebrations onto a calendar to be used in our classrooms to celebrate and share the rich diversity of our school. Teachers will display the calendar in the classroom and if your child wishes to do a mini lesson or share information about these events they will have the opportunity; please let the teacher know as they arise.

Sushi and Moosie

There will be **NO** sushi or moosie sold tomorrow. Sushi and Moosie orders will start next week.

Important Dates

10 February	9:00am Leadership Assembly
15 February	9:00am Connolly Swimming Carnival
18 February	5.30pm Parish/School Mass
28 February	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones GSS BOT Meeting

Some reminders for the beginning of the year:

We are sun smart!

School sunhats are compulsory for all children as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office. Children without school sunhats will be required to play only in shaded areas during break times. We also encourage all children to put on sunblock in the morning and to re-apply this before going out during break times. Sun block is available in all classrooms and teachers will also be re-enforcing this message.

Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is for children to be at school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend. **EVERY DAY COUNTS.**

Our school day starts at 8.50 a.m. Any one arriving after this is asked to report to the school office. Please aim to have your children at school before 8.45 as this gives them a positive start to the day.

Car Park Safety

The chain into the Telford Avenue car park is put up every day between 8am and 9am and then again from 2.45pm to 3.30pm to keep all cars out of this area. This is to keep our children safe during those busy pick up and drop off times. All children are required to wait on the church steps to be picked up in the afternoon and we appreciate your promptness in doing this. Don't forget we have some excellent Walking School Buses at Good Shepherd so please contact us if you would like some more information on these.

Class Masses this term

Once a term each class attends the 9.00am Mass with the parish. Class Masses for the rest of the term:

- Thursday 16 February Room 9
- Thursday 23 February Room 8
- Thursday 2 March Rooms 1/2
- Thursday 9 March Room 6
- Thursday 16 March Room 3
- Thursday 23 March Room 5
- Thursday 30 March Room 4
- Thursday 6 April Room 7

You are warmly invited to join the classes at these Masses.

Whole school prayer

The timetable for the rest of the term is:

- Monday 13 February Room 2
- Monday 20 February Room 6
- Monday 27 February Room 1
- Monday 6 March Room 8
- Monday 13 March Room 4
- Monday 20 March Room 5
- Monday 27 March Room 7
- Monday 3 April Room 3
- Monday 10 April Room 6

Year 3 Flippa Ball Players Needed!

Calling all Year 3 students who might be interested in playing flippa ball this term. We are holding a 'have a go' session on Saturday 11 February at 4pm at Three Kings School Pool.

Games will be held on Sunday afternoon at St Cuthbert's College with practices on Saturday afternoon. Any questions contact Sarah McHardy at sarah_judd@slingshot.co.nz

Communication

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. This means that we welcome our families into the school and classrooms and will endeavour to be available to you if you would like a quick catch up. For anything longer we appreciate you ringing the school office to make an appointment. Remember, if you have any worries or concerns we are only a phone call away.

New student management system

We have recently installed a new student management system at school. As with any new system it will take some time to fully familiarize ourselves and we thank you for your patience at this time. Next week we will be sending out family contact update sheets for you to complete. These will also require you to update all medical information for your child.

Good Shepherd PTA Meeting

The PTA is a very important part of Good Shepherd School and is a way you can become more involved in your children's learning and help to make our community even stronger. The PTA works not only as a fundraiser for important learning resources for the children but serves as a valuable means of communication between home and school.

You are warmly invited to the first meeting for 2017 on Thursday 9 March at 7.30pm and parents new to the school will be especially welcomed

Guitar Lessons at Good Shepherd School

This year we will again be offering our families the opportunity to learn to play the guitar during school hours with the New Zealand Modern School of Music. The lessons will once more be with Michael Collier and if we have too many applications preference will be given to senior students. Guitar enrolment forms are available at the school office.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

In Term 1, we are offering chess coaching at the **BEGINNER** level for Years **4-6**. The first set of 10 lessons for 2017 begins Friday 17 February at lunchtime. Enrolment forms went home this week. The cost is \$30. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

Chess in the Library-Monday Lunchtime

During lunchtime on Mondays, the library will be open to chess players or those wanting to learn chess in Years **3-6**. Mrs Pool will be available to coach students. Come and learn what chess is all about, improve your skills or challenge someone to a game.

All ability levels welcome. There is no cost.

St Peter's College Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

OPEN DAY
For Year 7 Enrolments in 2018
Tuesday 28th February 2017
9.30am or 1.00pm
**in the College Hall (main school entrance –
Mountain Road)**

Walking School Bus Week

Friday 3 March- **GIANT WALK** into school - How many people can we get walking together?

Good Shepherd has registered the whole school to walk together on a Giant Walk into school on **Friday 3 March**.

Instead of being driven all the way to school ask your parents to drop you off on a route so you can join in for a day or instead of walking your usual way to school walk a bit out of your way so you meet up on route, instead of biking or scootering join a bus and walk for the day.

Maps and details of the 4 routes are on the school website - <http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz/69/pages/47-wsb-groups-info>

Info on walking school buses is also on the school website - <http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz/69/pages/44-walking-school-bus-wsb>

A walking school bus (WSB) creates a safe and social journey to school and is just like a school bus except this requires a caregiver to walk to school each day on a specific route with groups of children. The WSB can collect children from a few dedicated stops along a planned route to school, ending at the church steps in good time for the children to start their day.

There are many advantages: a WSB provides a more connected community and some great friends for both parents and children; helps reduce traffic congestion around the school gates with fewer cars on the road; is a great start to the day and the exercise before school boosts concentration.

Auckland Transport takes an active role in supporting the WSB groups from setting up the walking bus, showing safe routes to your school and providing funding for rewards and incentives throughout the year. They also support the WSB and provide guidelines for walkers around children's behaviour, which the children pledge to follow, and an adult to child ratio. If each caregiver commits to walking one day a week to school (you walk 1 day, your child can walk up to 5 days) the supervision is shared, the ratios are usually met and everyone benefits!

If you are interested in joining one of our existing WSBs or setting up a new one, there are brochures available at the school office. The office can also put you in contact with a current parent volunteer to discuss how it all works

You can also find more information on walking school buses at the Auckland Transport website <https://at.govt.nz/cycling-walking/school-travel/walking-school-bus/>

[The Link Between Kids Who Walk to School and Concentration](#)

"The process of getting yourself from point A to point B has cognitive effects and there is a deep connection between the way we move our bodies and the way our minds work. A 2013 Danish study found that kids who walked to school performed measurably better on tasks demanding concentration, such as solving puzzles, and that the effects lasted for up to four hours after they got to school."



Good Shepherd School
Walking School Bus routes

Map Description: A map of the school area showing four walking school bus routes: 1. **Rocken Snails** (green line) starting from the intersection of Sandringham Rd and Duncan Ave, walking along Harestock Rd, Sandringham Rd, Calgary St, Araki St, Halsewood Ave, and then Pine St to the school. 2. **Northman Equippers** (red line) starting from 21 Wood Terrace, walking along Wood Terrace, King Edward St, Cambridge Rd, Goring Rd, Balmoral Rd, and Pine St to the school. 3. **The Antennas** (blue line) starting from the corner of Dominion Rd and Leitchape Rd, walking along Dominion Rd and then down Bellard Ave to school. 4. **The Seamanettes** (yellow line) starting from the corner of Charter Ave and Maitland Ave, walking along Maitland Ave, Balmoral Rd, Manly St, Karamoyne Rd, Maitland Ave, Dominion Rd, and then down Telford Ave to school.

Legend:

- Rocken Snails Walking School Bus 8:00am meet outside 7 Duncan Ave, then walk along Harestock Rd, Sandringham Rd, Calgary St, Araki St, Halsewood Ave and then Pine St and down the walkway into the school.
- Northman Equippers Walking School Bus 8:00am meet outside 21 Wood Terrace, then walk along Wood Terrace, King Edward St, Cambridge Rd, Goring Rd, Balmoral Rd and Pine St and down the walkway into the school.
- The Antennas Walking School Bus 8:00am meet at the corner of Dominion Rd and Leitchape Rd, then walk along Dominion Rd and then down Bellard Ave to school.
- The Seamanettes Walking School Bus 8:00am meet corner of Charter Ave and Maitland Ave then walk along Maitland Ave, Balmoral Rd, Manly St, Karamoyne Rd, Maitland Ave, Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school.

Contact Information:

If you are interested in joining please contact:

- Dianna Yee Aker at dianna.yee@goodshepherd.school.nz
- Sarah Telford at sarah.telford@goodshepherd.school.nz
- Lu Barry at lu@goodshepherd.school.nz
- Andrea Hervey at andrea.heyve@goodshepherd.school.nz

For more on the Walking School Bus programme, visit AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus



Learning Strand - JESUS - HEHU KARAITI



FAMILY WHANAU BOOKS/WEBSITE

It is important that we share students' learning and key ideas with you and your whanau, to support and nurture the home environment with access to ideas and scripture readings. Each family has access to the Family Whanau Book when they first arrive at Good Shepherd School. It is also available on the Faith Alive site,

<http://www.faithalive.org.nz/families/>

Learning Strand - THE HOLY SPIRIT - TE WAIRUA TAPU

Family Whanau
Sheridan Syndicate

Room One	Year One	<p style="text-align: center;">Lesson Focus: Jesus – My Friend</p> <p>Catholic belief is that Jesus of Nazareth, called Christ, is both human and divine. As a human being Jesus was born into a particular society and culture, and lived in a certain geographical location, at a precise time in history. To properly appreciate his message we need some understanding of these realities of Jesus' life. In learning of Jesus' friendship with his disciples we can come to appreciate his calling us into friendship with him today.</p>
Room Two		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Make a place in children's bedrooms for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – pictures of Jesus and his life – pictures from magazines of people from Middle Eastern countries – a picture of Jesus that reminds them that Jesus is their special friend </div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Take time to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – point out to children in the supermarket the food Jesus might have eaten, eg pita bread, olives, fish, grapes, lemons – play guessing games naming the 12 apostles – thank Jesus for being your friend – explore an atlas and find New Zealand and Israel – bedtime stories about the life of Jesus from Children's Bibles – the story about Jesus and the children from a Children's Bible  </div> </div>
Room Three	Year Two	<p style="text-align: center;">Lesson Focus: Jesus Showed His Love in Different Ways</p> <p>Jesus showed his respect and love for the <i>tapu</i> of people in many different ways; talking, listening, sharing meals, touching, healing and, eventually, dying for them. We are called to follow Jesus' example. Our best resource for this is the stories of Jesus in the Bible.</p>
Room Four		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Remind each other that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – showing respect for each other is one of your family values – listening for feelings as well as facts when people are speaking is important </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Play together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a Bible Search and find Game to help children become more familiar with different parts of the Bible, eg Mark's Gospel, Old Testament stories – 20 question games about Bible characters with yes/no answers only, eg Noah was swallowed by a whale! </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Take time to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – invite a family member or friend to share a meal or an outing – place your family Bible in a special, prominent place at home and use it for stories regularly </div> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Talk about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ways our family shows love and respect for the <i>tapu</i> of people – what makes a good listener and how people feel when they have been listened to  </div>

Connolly Syndicate

Room Seven	Year Four	<div data-bbox="323 297 1484 443" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> <p>Lesson Focus: Jesus Came to Show People How to Live and Lead them to God Jesus invites people to grow closer to God – grow in <i>holiness</i> – <i>tapu</i> and <i>mana</i> by sharing in his life through the gift of God's <i>grace</i>. By accepting this invitation Christians share in Jesus' mission of worshipping God, and bringing about the <i>Kingdom or Reign of God</i> – Te Rangatiratanga, 'on earth as it is in heaven'.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="323 477 1165 1081" style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> <p>Take time to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recall and reflect on all the invitations you have had recently to become holy, eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * offers to come and share something enjoyable, * offers to be involved in helping others, * opportunities to learn and understand Jesus' message better, * times to spend in prayer and reflection with God, * opportunities to form deeper relationships with others - talk about what <i>grace</i> – <i>Mana Atua</i> means, eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * God's life and activity in the world, * God's presence and action in people's lives, * God's gift to all people given freely so they can be friends with God, * God's way of letting people share in God's own life, God's <i>Tapu</i> and <i>Mana</i> * God's favour for each person - recognise moments and times of <i>grace</i> in your lives, eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * experiences of all good things and events, * experiences of loving words and actions, * experiences of deeper understanding of life and the world, * times of strength and courage, * times of great joy and happiness </div> <div data-bbox="1189 477 1484 840" style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> <p>Plan to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - arrange a way your family could work for what the Kingdom of God is about – justice – <i>tika</i>, peace – <i>rangimarie</i> and mercy – <i>aroaha</i> - make a poster or family table mat with each family member's face and name on it </div> <div data-bbox="1197 862 1476 1041" style="text-align: center;"> </div>
Room Eight		
Room Nine		
Room Five	Year Six	<div data-bbox="323 1227 1508 1355" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> <p>Lesson Focus: The fullness of God's Revelation Jesus Christ, the Son of God, revealed to the world that God is <i>Abba</i> – loving Father or <i>Matua</i>. In his mission on earth Jesus called on people to repent, through the <i>grace</i> of the Holy Spirit – <i>Mana Atua</i>, and to live lives of <i>faith</i>, hope and love. Jesus' whole life was a response of love – <i>aroaha</i> for God and for people.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="323 1388 981 1937" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>Talk about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the important things your family believes in, eg the right to be free, the importance of caring for yourself and others, the importance of telling and living by the truth, the right of each person to be respected, the importance of thinking for yourself and accepting responsibility for your actions - relate the things you talked about to important things you believe as Christians, God created and loves all people, Jesus is God's only Son, Jesus made God known in the best way, Jesus lived on earth and showed people how to live, Christians live with <i>faith</i>, hope and love, Jesus' life was full of love for God and for people and that is why he died - how what Christians believe influences the way they live - all the ways people can show love – <i>aroaha</i> for each other at home, eg doing little things for others cheerfully like putting on their electric blanket, pegging out the washing, carrying in the groceries from the car, reminding people of something they need to do, ringing an elderly relative to say hello, making a hot drink for a tired parent </div> <div data-bbox="997 1388 1508 1960" style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;"> <p>Take time to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pray as a family that each member of your family will have the strength to live by what they believe - name people you know who live with <i>faith</i>, hope and love and identify the ways this can be seen in the way they live their lives, tell them about this conversation - reflect on how you live your own life – what are your priorities? what do you think about first/most each day? - imagine you had to write 5 rules for life that people could live by – what would you include? - have a conversation with an older person about what is important to you and how you want to live your life </div> <div data-bbox="1268 1780 1484 2004" style="text-align: center;"> </div>
Room Six		

Room 3 and 4 love their new learning environment!



We love having lots of different styles of furniture to suit all of our individual needs.

From the PTA

THANK YOU!

To Maria Gribble who has very generously volunteered to co-ordinate the Sushi again this year – thanks to Maria the kids will get to order Sushi!

Room Reps

The following people have put their hands up to be the Room Representative and pass on valuable information when needed. Thanks team! Leonie Lewthwaite is on the lookout for people to fill the other gaps so please let her know if you can help via email leonie.lewthwaite@gmail.com or mobile 022 020 1436

Clare Fala - Room 5

Maria Gribble - Room 7

Francesca Lipscombe - Room 9

THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL FAIR – SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Our Fair is held every two years. The wonderful Kate Saunders has stepped down as Fair Co-ordinator and we are on the lookout for a new volunteer for the Fair in November this year. The Fair makes a huge contribution to our fundraising and has helped to fund amazing things like the library software, library shelving, garden shed, new furniture in Rooms 3 & 4. Please read the attached flier and get in touch ASAP if you would like to make a real difference to our children's lives.

Sushi

We have a new system for Sushi which starts NEXT week. Please read the attached for details.

Orders will now be placed on Thursday for lunch delivery on Friday.

Welcome Powhiri

Good Shepherd School are hosting a supper in the school hall after the Powhiri and Mass on Saturday 18 February. We need some volunteers to set up at 5pm, serve and clean up. If you can do one of the above, please let Carla know on rbc@xtra.co.nz or 027 210 2124. We are looking for five people for each slot. Thanks team!

Carla and the PTA team