

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...

Ash Wednesday this week marked the beginning of the Season of Lent. During the 46 days until Easter Sunday we focus on praying for and helping others, often through making a sacrifice of our own. One way you might consider helping those less fortunate than ourselves is through the Shine Light It Up Appeal (see an invitation to contribute later in this newsletter).

This week is also **Walking School Bus Week**. Children (and adults) walking, scooting and biking to school is a common sight at Good Shepherd and one which we want to encourage. It builds a healthier, safer community and of course it pulls cars off the road which is great for our environment. Let's see if we can get everybody coming to school at least part of the way on foot this Friday for our Giant Walk to School!

The Walking School Buses are just one part of Good Shepherd's contribution to **environmental sustainability**. Teaching our children to be aware of the impact of their actions on the environment, and the role of sustainability in protecting it, has been identified as a strategic objective by our community. As we know, Pope Francis is a strong advocate for environmental protection and in his Encyclical on the Environment he asks us to take urgent action to protect our 'common home'. In addition, ecological sustainability, including care for the environment, is one of the core values identified in our *New Zealand Curriculum* as necessary for our children to develop. Our work in this area, therefore, is important to us and we are asking for help from our community. If this is an area of interest to you, or if you can help in any way, whether it be as part of our Environmental Team or involvement in the Garden Club, our environmental sustainability leader, Kezia Vergis, would love to hear from you. You can contact her at kvergis@goodshepherd.school.nz. We would love you to be part of this exciting work.

God bless
Jane Hahn



World Day of Prayer Friday 3 March 2017


“Am I Being Unfair To You?”

A service prepared by women of the Philippines

You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at

Good Shepherd Church 7.30pm tomorrow, Friday 3 March 2017
to celebrate World Day of Prayer

Welcome

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

Carlo Eclarino

A Message from Msgr Bernard Kiely

At this time of the year many of our families are asking for our Parish Priest to sign Preference forms for Catholic secondary schools. Msgr Bernard will be available to sign Preference forms after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

Keeping our Children Safe

Thank you for your patience while our school becomes a building site. Everyone has been very cooperative in taking the slightly longer route into school through the gates by Room 1. The inconvenience will be well worth it when we have the new canopy covering the court area outside Rooms 8 and 9.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Luke Kaho** from Room 2 and **Allessandra Haydon** from Room 8 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you, Luke and Allessandra, for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Room 4 Assembly this week

You are warmly invited to attend this assembly on Friday at 2.15 p.m.



"Every five minutes NZ Police attend a domestic abuse incident."
It's time Good Shepherd School goes Orange for...

Light it Orange for Shine Week 4th – 10th March 2017



This year Good Shepherd School is getting behind Light it Orange for Shine to raise awareness of the sickening statistics of domestic abuse in New Zealand. On Friday the 10th March we encourage all students and family members to wear orange, anything orange, an orange ribbon, an orange t-shirt, or even an orange wig. Make your stand against domestic abuse in our community with the colour orange. We would also like to encourage families to make an optional donation for the organisation, especially on Friday 10th March. The donations will be collected during the Light it Up Week in classrooms in the morning and given to

the Shine Organisation to help the charity make a difference.

This year Light It Orange also have their own **Fundraising Page**, to make a secure online payment please click the link below:

<https://lightitorangeschools.gofundraise.co.nz/page/goodshepherdprimary>

Shine directly helps thousands of adult and child victims of domestic abuse to be safer. Shine motivates hundreds of family members who hurt their families to change their behaviour. They help thousands more by supporting and training other professionals to effectively intervene and support victims of domestic abuse. Shine is a non-profit organisation focusing on domestic abuse in New Zealand.

Sports News

Eden/Albert Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented Good Shepherd at the inter-school swimming sports this week. Reaching this level of competition is a great achievement for everyone in the team.



Certificates for the Connolly Swimming Carnival will be presented after whole school prayers on Monday 6 March and, as always, you are warmly invited to attend.

Eden/Albert Cricket Zones

Good luck to our boys' and girls' teams as they travel to this interschool competition on Tuesday next week. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help as coaches, managers and umpires on the day. It is with your help that we are able to offer our children these wonderful opportunities.

Netball

The netball season is nearly upon us! Look out for the separate notice about netball that came out this week. It's a great sport for both boys and girls and our teams have traditionally done very well in the interschool competition. Thanks to Marieke Zieleman for taking on the coordinator's role this year.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in March 2017:

Sabine Andrews	Matthew Clement
Kacee Conway	Noah D'Rose
William Erickson	Matila Fa'apopo
Emily Flexman	Luka Hale
Molly Hanrahan	William Harris
Alana Jackson	James Jansen
Po'oi Kaho	Filomena Kautoke
Adam Lobo	Carissa May
Eli Millar	Daniel O'Reilly
Genevieve Olliver	Xavier Prentice
Ruby Saunders	Asher Sutton



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 9 March	Room 6
16 March	Room 3
23 March	Room 5
30 March	Room 4
6 April	Room 7

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

Whole school prayer

Room 8 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

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

HOLEY FATHERS – ANNUAL HOT HOUSE CHALLENGE



The Holey Fathers social club for GSS dads invites all our kids, staff and their families to the 9th Annual Hot House Challenge fun run event, kicking off at 2:30pm on Saturday 18 March at the school. This free event for the kids combines a cross-country with an obstacle course and there's also the inter-house tug of war! Every kid earns house points and the chance to help win the coveted Hot House Challenge Trophy for their school house.

Our huge inflatable 25m CRAZY CRUISER waterslide is always a massive hit with the kids, and it's back again this year. There'll be music, a sausage sizzle, and cold drinks and hot coffee will be available. Bring a picnic and your own refreshments and hang out with other Good Shepherd families after the event. Don't forget your water pistols (and a spare t-shirt for the kids)! It's going ahead rain or shine, so make sure your family is part of the fun.

Walking School Bus Week! Monday 27th February-Friday 3rd March 2017!

Come and join a Walking School Bus and enjoy the fun of getting dressed up and walking to school with your friends!

This year we are trying to get as many children as we can to join our Giant Walk on Friday 3rd March. It would be great if you could drop your child further down from school and join a Walking School Bus.

The class with the most people to join our Giant Walk on Friday will win some awesome prizes!

Route for walking school buses are on our school website.

<http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz/69/pages/44-walking-school-bus-wsb>



Environmental Club

Hello, I am Marcuse and I am Alyssa, and we are the Environmental Leaders of Good Shepherd School for 2017.

We are responsible for taking care of our beautiful environment. At our school we have different clubs such as Gardening club, Travelwise, Walking School Bus and Wastewise.

It is important to take care of our environment otherwise things like pollution happens and people will start littering without knowing the consequences, so it's our duty to make sure people are taking care of the environment.

Our environment is precious and it is God's creation. It is important to keep our school clean and healthy, so that our duty is not for nothing.

We are very excited to start working with our team to make Good Shepherd more environmentally sustainable.

By Alyssa and Marcuse.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Upcoming Chess Tournaments

The Chess Power Balmoral Cluster tournament will be held next Tuesday 7 March at Maungawhau School. If you are interested please return your permission slip (available from office/Mrs Butcher) by Friday morning. This is open to Year 5 & 6 students.

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

A reminder that chess coaching continues tomorrow, Friday 3 March at lunchtime. Enrolled students should go to the Meeting Room at 1.10pm.

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.



Connelly Swimming Sports By Ava Murphy

At 9:30 in the morning the whole school assembled on the field. After all the teachers called the roll, we followed Room Six to the bus stop where there were three big, new buses waiting. We got on the bus with Room Six and some of Room Four. Half way there we were stopped by the police. We were waiting for what felt like hours. There was a terrible accident. Finally we arrived at West Wave.

As soon as we got in the pool area, it felt like twenty degrees hotter than outside. "Year 6 girls come in front of the pool." called Mrs McLeod. Luckily we got in the pool first. Splash, splash, splash! Swish, swish, swish! Competitors went into the pool for their competitions group by group.

Then it came to the relays. It felt like 50 degrees hotter because we had just been outside. As soon as Miss Gleeson said "Go!", I started sprinting down the lane. It felt like I was in the Olympics. I could hear loud cheers. People were waving tinsel and chanting. It also felt like I was competing against an Aussie. When I saw the swimmer in the next lane was catching up, I started gassing. Who wouldn't? As soon as I touched the wall, Ashley went. Wow! It looked like she was going about fifty kilometres a minute. Gee! Wasn't she fast?

My house ended up winning the relay. We were so happy. We had a boiling hot bus ride back to school. When we got back to school the whole field was full of parents and children.



From the PTA

THANK YOU!

To Andrea Hannay & Emma Chan for organising the Parents' Morning Tea tomorrow. These two ladies have new babies and we really appreciate the time and effort you make to bring people together.

PARENTS MORNING TEA

Dear Parents,

*A reminder that there will be a Parents' Morning Tea in the staff room after prayers this **Friday, 3rd March**. The invitation is open to all Good Shepherd parents and is a great chance to connect with the parent community at Good Shepherd School. Preschoolers welcome to join. We hope to see you there!*

Regards,
Emma & Andrea

PTA MEETING – THURSDAY 9 MARCH

Please join us in the staffroom at 7.30pm for our first meeting for 2017. We promise wine, nibbles, a quick meeting and a good chance to find out what's new at GSS.

We are on Facebook! Search **Good Shepherd School PTA** and request to join. It's a handy way to know what's on.

Ciao for now – until next time!
Carla and the PTA team

Good Shepherd School Fair – 11 November 2017

We're so excited!

The amazing Justine Clifford-Bowles (pictured below) is leading our Fair, along with a supportive committee and you - our parents and whānau.



We'll be ramping up the excitement re the Fair as the weeks progress – about 34 weeks to go!

The Good Shepherd School Fair – 11 November 2017

What is our Fair all about?

It happens every 2 years. This year it is on the 11th of November.

It is held on our school grounds and is run by you - our parents & whānau!

There are raffles, quick fire auctions, face painting & activities galore.

Stalls are created by parents and include gardening, crafts, food, books, clothes,

second-hand goods to name a few.

ALL money raised goes towards the school.

Keep your eyes peeled for exciting news as our Fair committee prepare to get this awesome event underway!

School Open Days

Marist College

Open day Thursday 2 March 2017

3.00pm – 6.00pm

www.maristcollege.school.nz

St Mary's College

Open day Tuesday 7 March 2017

Commencing at 2.30pm & 6.30pm in the Paul Keane Gymnasium

Closing date for 2018 enrolment applications is Friday 24 March 2017

www.stmaryak.school.nz

Marcellin College

Open day Saturday 11 March 2017

Tours at 10.00am and 12.00noon

Enrolment packs for 2018 will be available

www.marcellin.school.nz

Fast response to fires

If you wish to support the families and individuals impacted by the recent fires in the South Island, you can donate to The Catholic Caring Foundation online www.caringfoundation.org.nz, (please write FIRE in comments section) by phone (09) 360 3045, by post to Catholic Caring Foundation Fire Appeal, Private Bay 47904, Auckland 1144 or by direct banking to 02-0100-0242648-00 with your name as reference and FIRE as code.

All donations receipted

Catholic Caring Foundation

The Catholic Caring Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2017. The Bishop's Foundation disperses grants to agencies and community groups throughout the diocese who work with the most vulnerable in our community. If you know suitable agencies who might be interested in applying, our grant application form is available on our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz Applications close on **April 14th, 2017**.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

Sacrament of Initiation will occur in Term 3, Week 9 Sunday 24th September at 2pm. Please book this date in your diary