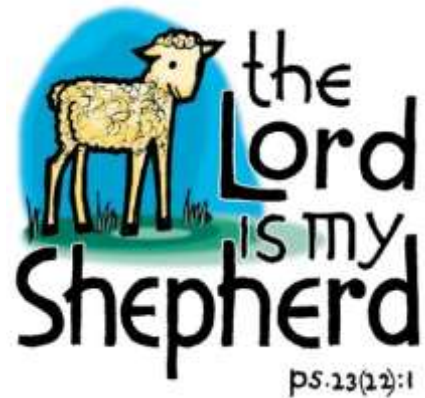


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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: 23 February 2017



Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Viela Mahina** from Room 4 and **Lachlan McHardy** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Viela and Lachlan for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

Chess coaching begins tomorrow, Friday 24 February 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.

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

OSCA Reminders

It is very important that you sign your child/children into the OSCA programme in the morning. We understand that this is a busy time and sometimes you are running late but every child must be physically signed in by a parent/caregiver in the morning.

Please ring/email the office for any bookings or cancellations of bookings into the OSCA programme.

Thank you for ensuring the safety of our children by following these procedures.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the period of Lent. The school will be joining the parish community at Mass at 9am on Wednesday and you are warmly invited to join us. New staff, children and their families will also be welcomed to our community at this Mass.

Years 3 and 4 Swimming Programme

Next week we will again be sending our Year 3 and 4 children to Mt Eden swimming pool for 8 lessons with swimming instructors. The normal swimming programme continues for all other children. Thank you for ensuring your children come to school prepared to take part in the swimming programme which is such an important focus at this time of year

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



"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.

Walking School Bus Week is next 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>



Walking School Bus Award



The winner is – Matthew Blanch from The Rocket Snails walking school bus for being sensible and always trying to keep order and peace on the bus!!

From the PTA

THANK YOU!

We've been so lucky to have heaps of people helping as we get in to the swing of the school year. We send our heart felt thanks to:

- *All those who helped at the Mass on Saturday.
- *All those who have volunteered to be Class Rep.
- *All those who have helped with Sushi.

Have a great week everyone – keep safe and keep smiling.

Carla and the PTA team

PARENTS MORNING TEA

Please join us for a cuppa on Friday 3 March, in the school staffroom after you have dropped the children to school. All welcome – Emma always organises a yummy morning tea and it's a lovely relaxed opportunity to catch up with other parents. New parents – please do join us.

CAKE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the Dando family for winning the Room 7 cake raffle which raised \$117.30

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!

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.

School Open Days

St Peter's College

Open day for Year 7 enrolments in 2018

Tuesday 28 February 2017

9.30am or 1.00pm in the college hall (main school entrance Mountain Road)

www.st-peters.school.nz

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