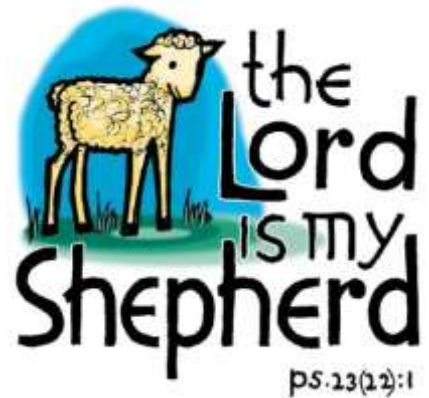


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

\* 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 March 2017



## Irish Dancing Display

**9.00-9.30am Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

There is an Irish dancing display next Friday in the hall to celebrate St Patrick's Day. All are welcome to attend.

## 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.

## 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.

## Sheridan Team Swimming Rooms 1- 4

The Sheridan team would like to invite you to observe your child during a class swimming lesson at the school pool on **Thursday 16 March 2017**.

Please note the swimming timetable:

Room 3 11.20-12.00pm

Room 4 12.00-12.45pm

Rooms 1 & 2 from 2.00 to 2.45pm

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Ruby Saunders** from Room 6 and **Miranda Flexman** from Room 7 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you, Ruby and Miranda, for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Parish News

### Volcanic Street Entrance

The Volcanic Street entrance to Good Shepherd grounds will now have a chain across it overnight to prevent access to the carpark. The chain will be put up each evening and taken down each morning and at this stage it is not intended that it be padlocked. If the chain is still up when you arrive to drop your children at school in the mornings, it can easily be unclipped (and can stay down) to allow access.

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

### Whole school prayer

Room 4 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am.

### Class Mass

Once a term each class attends the 9.00am Mass with the Parish. Room 3 will be attending on 16 March. You are warmly invited to join the class at this Mass.



"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 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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

#### 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](http://www.marcellin.school.nz)

### 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](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

Applications close on **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

Congratulations to the Ihaia family for winning the Room 5 cake raffle which raised \$132.40.

### **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](http://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.



## Chess Club News

On Tuesday two teams represented GSS in the Chess Power Balmoral tournament held at Maungawhau School.

Congratulations to Stephen Arceo on placing 4th out of 40 players and getting an Excellence certificate. GSS Team A tied for 3rd place. Two of our players received special badges. Maxine Barry earned a 'Sneaky Knight' badge and Alyssa Yee a 'Queen Collector' badge. Well done to both our teams.



## Walking School Bus

Here are the photos from the walking school bus giant walk to school last Friday.

