

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 March 2017



Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Gina Smoldon** from Room 6 and **Jackson Dando** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Gina and Jackson for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Swimming Pool Hire Keys

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key for the season that keys need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 7th April 2017**. Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00. This bond is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned by this date, you will lose your bond.

Good Shepherd School Hot House Challenge

This wonderful event is one of the favourites for the children and families of Good Shepherd every year. Last Saturday we had children of all ages balancing, sliding, crawling, diving, jumping and running around the course, keen to win points for their Houses. The House tug o war was again a highlight, with Hillary eventually winning and the children beating the dads in the final tug!

The overall competition was very close with Sheppard House the overall challenge winner with 50 points, just beating Blake with 49, Cowley with 41 and Hillary on 39. Congratulations to all participants and to those who were placed on the day. A mighty thank you to the great team of Holey Fathers. These generous men started their preparations early on Saturday and were ready for the 3.00 pm. start. The spirit at Good Shepherd can only be strengthened by this annual community gathering – so good to see so many families enjoying such a fun time together

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Tuesday 11 April and Wednesday 12 April

This is one of those special times for children, parents and teachers when we get together to focus on individual children's learning. Schools in the 21st century focus on enabling students to learn how to learn and so become life-long learners. Children are encouraged to take control of their own learning so it is very important that your child comes with you to these three-way conferences. The teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress, achievement levels and next learning steps with you and your child.

Remember: school closes at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 11 April to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00 p.m. closing on Wednesday 12 April).

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/ Student conferences will open at 12 noon on Friday 31st March 2017. Instructions for booking the appointments online will follow shortly.

Lost Property

Please remember to check the lost property shelves inside the admin building.

Please name all items belonging to your children including uniform, lunch boxes and swimming gear.

Arriving at school

It is very important that children arrive at school on time. Our first bell rings at **8.30am**, signalling that cloak bays are open and children can start preparing for their school day. There is a handbell at **8.45am** to call children to class and the school day begins promptly at **8.50am**. We ask that you have your children at school at **8.45am** at the latest, as arriving after this time means that they do not have time to get ready for the day and creates a disturbance in the classroom. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

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.

Whole school prayer

Room 7 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Monday 27 March	Room 7
Monday 3 April	Room 3
Monday 10 April	Room 6

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:

30 March	Room 4
6 April	Room 7

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

St Peter's College 2018 Enrolments

Enrolments for entry to St Peter's College for 2018 close on Friday 31st March 2017 at 4pm.

www.st-peters.school.nz

enrolments@st-peters.school.nz

Ph: 524 8108 x 7323

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**

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is Riley Sella from the Northern Explorers for his long standing commitment to the Walking School Bus.



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 24th September at 2pm. Please book this date in your diary.

Children's Liturgy – Starting Term 2

Parents are the most important resource of Good Shepherd Parish. If you are interested in volunteering to develop children as Christians by teaching and providing challenges through the programme of Children's Liturgy during the 9.30 Mass on Sunday, please contact Mary – griffinm@slingshot.co.nz or in the evenings 6305 842. Training given.

Altar Servers – During Term 2

Each of us are called to encounter Jesus – We are looking for new servers to join this ministry – We welcome youth starting Year 5 and up and who have made their First Communion. This is a wonderful learning experience for the young members of the parish and seniors of the school. They learn about the faith and take on responsibility. Training will be provided.

Please find following the registration form. Any queries please contact Eden Laika – elai363@aucklanduni.ac.nz

From the PTA

Wow, this week we are exploding with exciting things & news. Read on!

THANK YOU!

You, our GSS parents and community, are AMAZING. We put the call out and you respond. Thank you to the following people who helped organize and cook the sausages for Monday's St Joseph's Day tabloid celebrations!

Leonie Lewthwaite, Graeme Twose, Marieke Zieleman, Stephanie Bews, Trish Howard, Emma Smoldon & Sharyn Hodge.

Let's drop this little rap.....

Thank you to the people for helping us out
Making sausies good
In the GSS hood
Volunteering time
Cos you're mighty fine
We love you at the school
You're really really cool

A special thank you to ***Sharyn Hodge***, the school property manager. Sharyn does so much for the school and when the PTA asks, Sharyn goes out of her way to help. She helps with everything, no task is too big or small. She is amazing – thank you Sharyn!

EASTER RAFFLE

Help us to raise money for the PTA by contributing to our Easter raffle. Instead of the usual cake, Room 9 is putting together an Easter hamper.

- Please donate Easter treats – eggs, school holiday activities, chocolate, lollies
- Boxes are in your child's class – pop your treats in them
- Last day of donations 7th April
- Winner to be drawn on the last day of term!

PTA Caring Committee

If you are able to assist the Caring Committee in support of their community service, please either complete the form sent home earlier this week or email Malia DeLacey on maliastowersdelacey@gmail.com.

Have a great rest of the week everyone.

Carla & the PTA team

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ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

2017 REGISTRATION FORM

-----I am NEW and would like to learn about becoming an Altar Server

-----I am a RETURNING Altar Server

NAME -----

DATE OF BIRTH/ AGE-----

YEAR OF HOLY COMMUNION -----

Communication regarding training and scheduling will be sent through email and parish notices

PARENTS NAME-----

EMAIL -----

PHONE -----

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN-----

DATE-----