

# 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, 6 April 2017

## Parish Family Mass 9.30am Sunday 7 May, the Feast of the Good Shepherd

Community is very important to us at Good Shepherd and part of building a strong Catholic community is celebrating the Eucharist together. On the first Sunday of Term 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Good Shepherd and it is important for us, as a parish school, to attend Mass at our very own Good Shepherd Church on this occasion. We look forward to seeing all our children and their families at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 7 May. Please put this time aside and thank you for your commitment to our community

### Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

#### Tuesday 11 April and Wednesday 12 April

We allocate 10 minutes to each child's interview and 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 is still open.**

Please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) enter code **n33w8** and follow the instructions. If you require any assistance with this please contact the school office.

### Keeping our Children Safe Parent Meeting

Next term we will be taking our children through the **Keeping Ourselves Safe** programme, a resource provided by the New Zealand Police that enables children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. As part of the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme we will be running a parent information meeting today at 2.30 – 3.00pm and you are warmly invited to attend this meeting to hear more about the content of the programme.

### Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

If you have any pre-schoolers at home or know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child at Good Shepherd School, please enquire at the office for a pre-enrolment form.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Last day of Term

The last day of Term 1 2017 is Thursday 13 April. School will finish at 3.00pm.

### Whole school prayer

Room 6 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am.

### Attendance Dues

Just a reminder that if you are paying in term instalments they are now due and we would appreciate all Term 1 Attendance Dues to be paid by the end of the term, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April.



### Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new students who have started with us recently:

**Levi Harris     Patelesio Sundin**

### 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. Items not collected at the end of term will be disposed of.

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Brianna Gregan** from Room 5 and **Matila Fa'apopo** from Room 8 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Brianna and Matila for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## A Request for Dads or Granddads

Are you free to spend 15-30 minutes at school working with a group of boys on their reading? We are interested in setting up a small group of boys to work with a positive male role model to provide some reading 'mileage' with materials that particularly appeal to boys. If you are free either at the beginning or the end of the day to take part in this trial we would love to hear from you! Please contact Mrs Hahn or the school office at [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in April 2017:



Aidan Howard	Lucia Katongo
Stanley Petau-Ah Poe	Rosa Fuli
Harrison DeLacey	Jai Sharma
Titi Fuli	Sebastian Hannay
Maja Baker	Cicely Warman
Joshua Wadams	Sarah Forbes
Chanelle Matafi	
Xavier Raumati-Greenhalgh	

## Parish News

### 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.

Please Note: Msgr Bernard will be away this weekend.

**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.

### 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](mailto: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.

Registration forms are available at either the school or parish offices. Any queries please contact Eden Laika – [elai363@aucklanduni.ac.nz](mailto:elai363@aucklanduni.ac.nz)

### 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.

# CHESS CLUB NEWS

## Upcoming Chess Tournaments

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championship is being held on Tuesday the 9th of May (Week 2 of Term 2). If you are interested please return your permission slip, being sent out this week, by next Wednesday 12 April. No entries accepted in Term 2 because of entry deadline. This is open to Year 4, 5 & 6 students.

## Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The last day of coaching for this term will be this Friday 7 April. The remaining 3 lessons for this beginner's block of 10 lessons will continue next term. In the second week of Term 2 these children will have the opportunity to sit a chess test.

## 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.

## From the PTA

### OUR WONDERFUL NEW PRIEST - FATHER BERNARD

As you all know Good Shepherd Parish has a new priest, Father Bernard.

The PTA is keen to show their support for Father Bernard by encouraging everyone to attend mass at Good Shepherd with their families at 9.30am on Palm Sunday - Sunday 9 April 2017.

After Mass we would love it if you would all gather at the "up top" playground for a shared morning tea (weather permitting). Gathering together afterwards for treats and play is a lovely way to show the children that mass can be a time to reflect and a time to have fun!

Please bring a plate to share (but not Easter eggs as we will still be in Lent).

We hope to see you there.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> April
- Winner to be drawn on the last day of term!

### FAIR REQUEST

#### Second-hand clothing stall!

Vintage, retro, pre-loved or just plain old second-hand – whatever you care to call it, we need it. The amazing Mel Van Straaten is collecting items now!

Bring in your clean, good quality unwanted clothing – everything except underwear – and leave it at the school office.

Have a great rest of the week everyone.

**Carla & the PTA team**

## Congratulations

### Cornwall Cricket Club

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March three GSS boys were awarded trophies for the 2016/17 cricket season.

William Erickson – Most improved player Year 1

Harrison Maddox – Most Improved Player- Year 3, Team Heat

Henry Olliver – Best Bowler of the Year

### Flippaball

Congratulations to the Snappers, winners of the Year 6 A Grade Flippaball Competition. They won 7 of their 8 games.



Coach - Sarah McHardy

8 Players - Rose Tooman, Riley Sella, Alex van Straaten, Lachie McHardy, Aston Growden, Luke McKinnel, Cameron Milbank, Anton Van Aken

### Walking School Bus

The winner is Leo Gribble from the Stormtroopers for always acting responsibly.



## Catholic Diocese of Auckland Liturgy Centre

### Liturgy Educator/Resource Person

We are seeking a multi-talented, dedicated, and efficient person with a love of the Church's liturgy to share the work of resourcing parishes and schools of the Diocese for liturgical ministry.

The role involves presentation of formation courses at parish and diocesan level.

Excellent interpersonal, verbal and written communication skills, along with proficient computer aptitude, are required.

Good background knowledge and experience of parish ministry and the liturgy of the Catholic Church are integral to this role. A

B.Theol. and an understanding of the principles of liturgical music would be an advantage.

To view the position description, person specification and to download an application form, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) under staff vacancies.

Please send cover letter, CV and application form to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager:-

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Private Bag 47904, Ponsonby, Auckland.



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