

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

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## *From the principal....*

End of term is a great time to stocktake on the term that's been and how we've got on in reaching our goals over the last eleven weeks. You, your children and their teachers have just been through this process in the Three Way Conferences. Thank you for your commitment to supporting their learning in this very positive way. Below is a short summary of our progress in achieving the four main strategic goals outlined in our strategic plan:

### **Our Catholic Special Character**

- Good Shepherd Cultural Calendar set up – thank you for your contributions
- Cultural Celebration Week scheduled for term 4

### **Independent Learning**

- The Central Catholic Community of Learning, involving seven Catholic primary schools and four secondary schools, is now well underway
- Rooms 3 and 4 further developed into a flexible learning space – thank you to the PTA for your support in this project

### **Wellbeing**

- Curriculum focus on defining, and developing strategies for, resilience in all classrooms this term
- School-wide definition of resilience soon to be presented back to our community after consultation last year

### **Sustainability & Environmental Awareness**

- School Enviro Group has been set up with interested children and parents/whānau
- Options for further waste reduction/recycling systems currently being explored

As you can see, our success in achieving all these goals depends very much on working together as a close community. I look forward to continuing to work with you next term and, meanwhile, have a wonderful break with your children over the next two weeks.

Te Atua ki a koe  
God bless

*Jane Hahn*

## **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.

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Victor Telequido** from Room 7 and **Ben Howard** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Victor and Ben for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## 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.

## Picking up children after school

Please remember that all children must wait on the hall steps to be picked up after school. Children are not allowed to wait in the up top playground unsupervised to be picked up. Please help us to keep all our children safe by following these procedures.

## 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)

## 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.

## Assembly Thursday 13 April

Room 9 will be presenting assembly on Thursday. You are all very welcome to attend.  
**Assembly starts at 2.15pm.**

## Last day of Term

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

## Easter Celebrations

It was wonderful to see so many of our school families joining Good Shepherd parish on Palm Sunday. Thank you to the PTA for organizing the informal picnic after Mass. Please join us again for the following Easter liturgies and celebrations:

**7.00pm Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**3.00pm Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord**

**7.00pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass**

**9.30am Easter Sunday - Childrens' Mass** followed by a shared morning tea. Please bring a plate.

## 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.

## Eden/Albert Touch Competition

Good Shepherd was very ably represented by a girls and a boys team in this competition on Monday. It was a great (although tiring!) day, made possible by our parents who transported the children to the venue, and the young coaches and referees provided by Auckland Rugby. Thank you all for your support.



## 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, by 9am tomorrow. 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 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.

## Congratulations to our FlippaBall and Futsal teams

Thank you to the coaches and managers of these teams. It is through your support that our children have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting activities and to learn the valuable life skills that participating in team sports encourages. Congratulations to the following teams who were placed in the competition. Certificates for Flippaball will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

### Flippaball:

Year 6 Snappers 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Year 4/5 Stingrays 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Futsal:

Good Shepherd Gunners Runner Up medals for the Year 5/6 A1 Division  
1<sup>st</sup> Div Winner ribbons for being top of the table



**Congratulations to Joshua Irving** who was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the U7 Boys Muriwai Surf Club Champs on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Well done Joshua.

## Calling all skiers and snowboarders!

The North Island Primary School Ski Championships take place every year on the Whakapapa ski field on Mt. Ruapehu every year in late August. See <http://www.nips.org.nz/>

The competition is open to everyone in the school, from Year 1 to Year 6. There is no limit on the number of children we can enter, or minimum standard required.

Following the success of last year's event, Good Shepherd School will be entering a team again this year.

If you think you might be interested, please contact Stephen Farrell at [stephenfarrell04@yahoo.ie](mailto:stephenfarrell04@yahoo.ie) to get involved or just for more information.

Everyone welcome!

## From the PTA

### CAKE RAFFLE

Congratulations to the Davenport family who won the Room 2 cake raffle which raised \$175.92.

### THANK YOU

To our Sushi angels for collecting the Sushi on a Friday and delivering to the children. We all love you! Thanks again, Susan, Leonie, Sarah M, Anna S, Alanah D & Bridget.

Francesca for doing an amazing job on the Easter Raffles – we are all so grateful for the time you have put into this.

Room 9 parents for doing such a wonderful job on selling the Easter Raffle tickets. Potentially leading the school in sales-extraordinaires...

### EASTER RAFFLE

Get in quick to be in with a chance to win one of 6 gorgeous hampers – tickets on sale now before and after school - \$2 a ticket! Prizes drawn at assembly on Thursday.

### MONSIEUR BERNARD KIELEY & MARTIN WU

We received a lovely card thanking our community for the welcome they have received. It was a lovely turnout for the shared picnic after Mass on Sunday – thanks to all those who came.

### PTA AGM

Wednesday 10 May – possibly even more exciting than a ‘normal’ meeting!

Keen to join? This is the time that office-holders positions come up for grabs so if you fancy being the next Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary or Treasurer let us know – it’s a really rewarding way to support your tamariki [rbc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rbc@xtra.co.nz).

We would like to thank you all for every snippet of support you have given us this term – from volunteering time and resources to buying raffle tickets and sausages. You are all wonderful. Have a well deserved break these holidays.

**Carla & the PTA team**

## 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)

### 2018 Term Dates

At last week’s board meeting the following term dates were set for 2018:

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 30 January	Friday 13 April
2	Monday 30 April	Friday 6 July
3	Monday 23 July	Friday 28 September
4	Monday 15 October	Friday 14 December

## Environmental Sustainability

The Enviro team have been working hard this term along with some wonderful parent helpers to come up with some ways we can reduce our waste at Good Shepherd School.

Starting from term 2, we will be having 3 bins in each class clearly labelled "Rubbish", "Compost" and "Recycling." The children will be encouraged to put their rubbish into the correct bins so that we can reduce our waste. We will be making good use of our compost bins and also our recycling bins so that we are sending less rubbish into the landfills.

Good Shepherd is signed up with "Terracycle" who upcycle their products. We will be collecting products from "The Collective" company and also "Fonterra". We will have separate bins to collect these products and they will also be labelled clearly.

(See below for the products we will be collecting.)

We have a great environmental team that will be busy with all of the new initiatives next term. Please help us by remembering to put your rubbish into the correct rubbish bins.



# St Patrick's Day in Room 1

The week leading up to St. Patrick's Day, Room 1 learnt all about Ireland and what St Patrick did to help people. We learnt some new words to put in our writing about St. Patrick's Day and listened to Liadan's mum talk about what her family do to celebrate this special day. Liadan was born in Ireland, and shared all her knowledge about St. Patrick. On St. Patrick's Day, Room 1 celebrated by making green hats, beautiful rainbows, danced to Irish music and ate some delicious green cupcakes.



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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. Applications close on 28 April 2017.

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