

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

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From the principal....

Kia ora te whānau

It's always a pleasure to see the children and their families back after a break, and to hear their stories about what they have done over the school holidays. I hope you all had a blessed Holy Week and a wonderful break with your children. I understand many members of our community competed in the recent World Masters Games, with lots of success and certainly much enjoyment. Well done, all of you!

The end of term 1 is always a good time to reflect on our achievements for the first quarter of the year and plan for the next. Some achievements are very noticeable - we had major property developments with the fixed canopy going up and further development of Rooms 3 and 4 to provide a flexible learning space. The new turf under the canopy should be installed this term, thanks to our wonderful PTA. Steady progress is being made on two of our strategic goals, building a resilient community and environmental sustainability. All classes focused on building resilience in the first term and this term we will be coming back to you with more discussion about how we can work together to support our children and each other in this area. We now have a wonderful environmental sustainability team, made up of students, parents and teachers. They are taking practical action to recycle and reduce our waste, including the establishment by the Garden Club of worm farms and an efficient compost system.

As you know, Good Shepherd is part of the Central Catholic Community of Learning, along with four Catholic secondary schools and six other local Catholic primary schools. The aim of this community is to work closely and collaboratively across our schools to raise achievement for all students. Three key appointments have made recently as a result of this initiative. We congratulate Katherine McGillivray, our board chair and a teacher at St Mary's College, and Melissa Down from Good Shepherd, on being appointed 'Across School Teachers' who will spend some of their time working across all schools. Also, Kezia Vergis has been appointed Good Shepherd's 'Within School Teacher' and will be working on a special project as part of the community. Miss Down and Miss Vergis will continue in their roles as classroom teachers at Good Shepherd.

I look forward to sharing the very special Feast of the Good Shepherd with you all on Sunday.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn



Welcome

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

Havana-Shai Leger

PTA AGM/Meeting

Please join us for the PTA AGM/Meeting on Wednesday 10th May, 7.30pm in the staffroom.

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. This Sunday 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.

Good Shepherd Parish has two collections during Mass. The first is to support Priests and the second is a contribution to the running of the parish.

Children are to wear their school uniform and are to sit with their family. Please be seated by 9.20am.

Following Mass there will be an opportunity to gather for morning tea and fellowship in the hall. The PTA is kindly co-ordinating the morning tea. Please assist with bringing small food items suitable for sharing, which can be left in the hall prior to Mass.

- Children in odd numbered rooms please bring savoury items
- Children in even numbered rooms please bring sweet items

We look forward to seeing all our children and their families at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

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

Miguel Biado		Meredith D'Cruz
Riley Dwyer		Eva Fala
Ciaran Farrell		Faith Gribble
George Hanrahan		Allessandra Haydon
Miracle Lemana		Benjamin Maddox
Kara McGillivray		Liam Millar
Vincent Oudenhoven		Jayden Pandah
Ethan Sharma		Maggie Shaw
Caleb Soon		Xavier Taito
Victor Tyszlewicz		

Attendance Dues

School account statements will be mailed out next week for families who have amounts remaining on their account. If you have any enquiries about your account please email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz

Our sincere condolences to Vaiola and Filomena Kautoke and their family on the loss of a beloved father and grandfather. We keep them in our prayers and thoughts.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Vincent Gatt** from Room 4 and **Noah D'Rose** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Vincent and Noah for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2017**

Whole school prayer

Room 2 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Room 3 & 4	15 May
Room 9	22 May
Room 6	29 May
Room 1	5 June
Room 3 & 4	12 June
Room 8	19 June
Room 5	26 June
Room 2	3 July

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:

Room 4	11 May
Room 6	18 May
Room 9	25 May
Room 3	1 June
Room 8	8 June
Room 7	15 June
Room 1 & 2	22 June
Room 5	29 June

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

Wastewise

What an exciting week it has been for the Wastewise Team with the launch of our new Terracycle Recycle Bins!!

These bins are specifically for Terracycle products only and we are encouraging the children to put their packaging into these bins so that we can send it back to Terracycle and then they upcycle their products.

These bins are going to be placed outside the library during lunch eating time for the children to use.

We are collecting any Glad cling wrap and zip lock bags, The Collective suckies, tubes and yoghurt bottles and Fonterra Fresh and Fruity pouches and Uno pouches.

The pictures below are the same as the ones on the rubbish bins. Take a look and get yourself familiar with what products you can place into the bins.

Happy recycling!



From the PTA

Welcome back - Term 2 and the start of May - can you believe it!!!??

A few things you might find interesting/useful....

Welcome

*To new families, it's great to have you at GSS.

Thank you

*Francesca and Susan for organising the Easter Raffles!
*We raised around \$540.
*We couldn't have done it without the donations, ticket sellers and buyers. You all rock.

School Mass this Sunday.

*Thanks to those who have volunteered to help.
*Please drop your plate off to the hall before Mass.

Sushi!

***We need help!** Please email Maria on mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz if you can help deliver Sushi on a Friday.
*It's an easy job - pick up Sushi from Sushi shop on Dominion Rd at lunchtime.
*Take it to school and pop it in the class bins - the children come and collect each classes.

PTA AGM/Meeting

*10 May, 7.30pm in the Staffroom
*Lent is over, so wine will be served!
*Love to have you there!!

Want to keep in touch?

*Join our PTA email list by emailing us: nzgoodshepherdpta@gmail.com
*Join our closed Facebook page: Good Shepherd School PTA.
*Both great ways to keep in touch with what is going on.

Samosa Fundraiser

*This term we will be selling possibly the world's yummiest Samosas.
*Keep your eyes peeled for details as the term progresses.

GSS Fair 2017

*The Fair Committee are working hard.
*Look out for their newsletter soon, with news, tips and requests.

And finally, THANK YOU for all of your help and support - without it the PTA would not raise so much money for things like sports equipment, the fitout of Rooms 3 & 4, library stuff and a new turf arriving soon, to name a few!

This is a popular proverb but it really is true:

He aha te mea nui o te ao? What is the most important thing in the world? **He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.** It is the people, it is the people, it is the people *Maori proverb*

Nga mihi

Carla & the PTA team

Concerns and complaints

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. We know that if a problem does occur, early intervention often reaps the best results, so take your concern to the appropriate person at the earliest possible convenient time. It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

If you are worried by something in your child's classroom here is what to do:

