

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, 11 May 2017

Parish School Mass – Feast of the Good Shepherd

Once again, we thank our school families for attending this important occasion last Sunday, and affirming the fact that we are a school that belongs in a Catholic community, the Good Shepherd parish, and that this is at the heart of what makes us different from other schools. Also thank you to our PTA for organising the morning tea after our mass; it was a lovely addition to our celebration.

Stardome Trip

Next Wednesday, the whole school will be visiting the Stardome Observatory to enhance their learning about this fascinating topic. Year 1-4 children will be looking particularly at the Earth, Sun and Moon; while the Year 5 and 6 children are going to look a little more closely at the Solar System.

We will be travelling to and from the Stardome by bus, and attending in three separate groups:

- **Year 1/2** will have an early morning tea and depart school at 10:30am; they will need to take a packed lunch to eat in the park prior to returning to school at 1pm.
- **Year 3/4** will depart at 11.30 and return soon after 1.30pm, and will also be eating at least some of their lunch in the park before departing.
- **Year 5/6** will depart at 12.30 pm after an early lunch, and will return before 3pm.

We will need some parent helpers for each group to accompany the children and their teachers on the bus and through the Stardome. If you are available please inform your child's teacher by Friday 12th May.

PTA/AGM Meeting

Thank you to all those who attended the meeting last night.

School Uniform

We are currently out of stock on some of the sizes of the long sleeve polos. More will be ordered but we will appreciate any donation of second hand uniform.



Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Elia Landon-Paniora** from Room 8 and **Emily Flexman** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Elia and Emily for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Welcome

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

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

Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme for 2017 will commence Sunday 18 June – 10.30 am

Children need to be at least 8 years old or in Year 4. Application forms are available from the school office or in the church foyer. Any queries please contact Mary Griffin – griffinm@slingshot.co.nz

Teacher Only Day

Please note there is a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 2 June**. School will be closed.

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 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.

Whole school prayer

Rooms 3 & 4 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

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

CHESS CLUB NEWS

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championship

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championships were held last Tuesday at Ponsonby Primary School. Mrs Pool took 4 teams from GSS to compete.

GSS Teams 1 and 4 placed 7th & 8th out of 26 teams. Other results were that Ciaran Farrell placed 8th out of 26 on Board 1, Stephen Arceo placed 4th out of 26 on Board 2, Liam Turner-Padgett placed 3rd out of 26 on Board 3 and Alyssa Yee placed 6th out of 26 on Board 4. All teams had a wonderful day.

Thank you to all those parents who so generously gave up their time to provide transport and supervision on the day.

