

# 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

As most of you are aware, I have been awarded a principal's sabbatical for ten weeks this year and I will be taking this time from 10 June to 4 September. The purpose of this sabbatical is to provide a sustained period of leave during a principal's career, to engage in a balance of professional learning reflection and rejuvenation. I will be investigating how schools effectively meet the needs, abilities and interests of gifted and talented students from diverse backgrounds, through innovative learning environments. It will involve research into the impact of digital technologies in creating a responsive educational environment that supports all children to reach their full potential academically.

Sarah Gleeson will be acting principal during my absence. She will be very ably supported by Heather McLeod as Deputy Principal, and the excellent team of teachers and support staff we have at Good Shepherd School. There will be minimal impact on classroom teaching and learning and the sabbatical is timed to create as little disruption to our well-functioning school as possible.

I thank you all for your interest and support during this wonderful opportunity for personal and professional development, not just for me but also for the whole Good Shepherd team. I am especially grateful to our board of trustees for their ongoing support and I look forward to sharing the results of my sabbatical with all of you on my return.

Te Atua ki a koe  
God bless  
Jane Hahn

## **Absences from school for overseas trips**

At this time of year we receive a number of requests for permission to take children out of school for family holidays and trips overseas. Although there are undoubtedly benefits and learning opportunities for children in these situations, there is also a very real impact on in-school teaching and learning. Please see attached guidelines to clarify for parents and caregivers the impact of extended absences from school.

## **Safety in the Car Park**

As always we thank our community for putting the safety of our children first at pick-up and drop off times. You will have noted that there is now no car park in the spot closest to the front entrance – please keep this free for delivery vehicles. Also, we are now putting up the chain at the Volcanic Street car park during lunchtimes as the cars entering and exiting this car park were creating a hazard for our children playing there.

We ask you please to shut any gate behind you if you visit the school during the day.

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Stephen Arceo** from Room 5 and **Maja Baker** from Room 7 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Stephen and Maja for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Board Meeting

There will be a board meeting on Tuesday 23 May.

## Mufti Day

Mufti Day tomorrow (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May). Please bring along a gold coin donation to support the garden and preserve stalls at our 2017 School Fair.

## Teacher Only Day

School is closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

## Room 1 Assembly Friday 26 May

Please join us for Room 1's assembly at 2.15pm on Friday 26 May.

## Eden/Albert Football Zone Competition

We wish our three teams well as they represent Good Shepherd School at the interschool competition next week. Thank you to Mrs McLeod for her work in organizing the teams, and to the players from Auckland City who have come along to coach them and have volunteered to referee on the day.

## GSS Cross Country

Below is our Cross country timetable. Please note the start times are approximate. In order for this to be a truly successful event we need parent helpers to be marshals. Please email Heather McLeod if you can assist on the day. [hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

- 9.30am** 5 year old girls  
5 year old boys  
**One** lap around the school grounds course
- 9.50am** 6 year old girls  
6 year old boys  
**Two** laps around the school grounds course
- 10.20am** 7 year old girls  
7 year old boys  
**Two** laps around the school grounds course
- 10.50am** **Morning Tea (earlier than usual)**
- 11.15am** 8 year old girls  
8 year old boys  
**Two** laps around entire cross country course
- 11.45am** 9 year old girls  
9 year old boys  
**Two** laps around entire cross country course
- 12.15pm** 10 and 11 year old girls (**combined race**)  
10 and 11 year old boys (**combined race**)  
**Two** laps around entire cross country course

**1pm - Finish and pack up**

## APPA Music Festival

The Auckland Primary Principals Association Schools' Music Festival is a proud Auckland tradition. The festival, which is held annually over 8 nights in November is a wonderful celebration of music in which more than 4,500 children from schools throughout Auckland participate. It is no doubt the largest festival of its type held in New Zealand. Each night has its own special character and repertoire, with a variety of choral, instrumental, dance and cultural items on the programme. Also featuring on every night are fine young musicians who are part of an orchestra or band from the "3-Day Course".

Good Shepherd School choir are entered into the APPA Music Festival this year and our night to perform is Tuesday 14th November. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to experience being on stage and performing at the Town Hall. The school choir has started practising and the children in the choir have been to their first rehearsal in Auckland Normal Intermediate School. We have just been advised that we can have a bigger choir for this music festival. If your child is in Y4 - Y6, please encourage them to join the choir.

There will be more information coming regarding the concert night, ticket ordering and costs of the tickets closer to the performance.

## CHESS NEWS

### Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The last day of coaching for the current set of 10 lessons will be tomorrow Friday 19 May.

The second set of lessons will build on the first block and start Friday 26 May. These will be suitable for students who have passed Level 1 or who have had at least 10 weeks of coaching and know the basic rules of chess. Look out for an enrolment form being sent home this week.

### 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.

## Walking School Bus Award

The winner is Olivia D'Rose from the Northern Explorers, she is new to the WSB, she is there every Friday and always listens to instructions.



## Bullying Free New Zealand Week: Together we can prevent bullying in Aotearoa

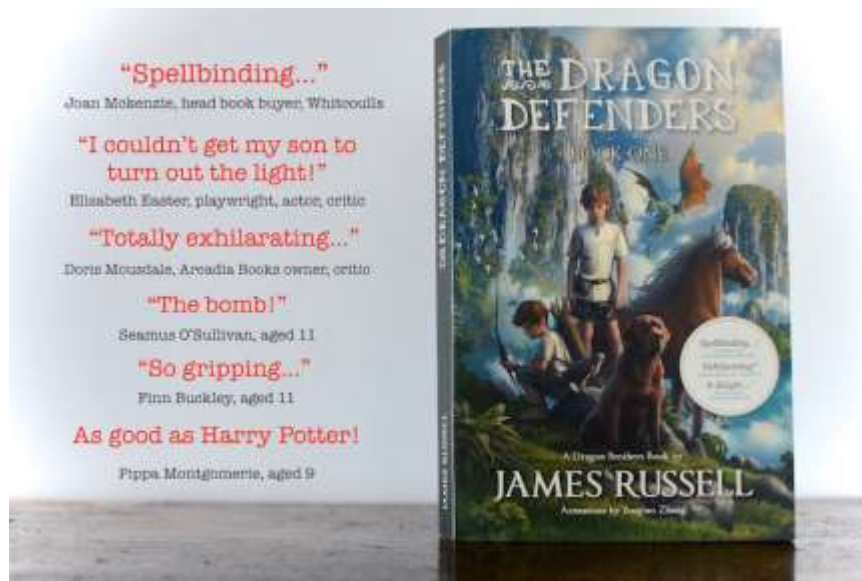
Last year was the first time a week was put aside across the country to raise awareness of bullying and we will be joining the rest of the country next week in explicitly addressing the issue of bullying. Good Shepherd School is committed to a whole-school approach to bullying prevention and to the creation of a safe and positive learning environment. Over the week children will be involved in activities that promote awareness about how they can (individually and collectively) contribute to creating a positive school culture that discourages bullying. Good Shepherd will be looking particularly at how we can empower children not to be bystanders to bullying. Some of the key messages:

- Bullying prevention is closely aligned to the *New Zealand Curriculum* Key Competencies of *Managing Self*, *Relating to others* and *Participating and contributing*
- Everyone has a role to play in preventing and responding to bullying situations
- All members of the school community must have a shared understanding of what bullying is:  
Bullying is when someone hurts or upsets someone else on purpose, usually more than once. Bullying can happen face-to-face, online or on mobile phones. It can be done in front of other people or when no one else is around. Bullying involves a power imbalance based on things like physical size, age, gender or social status.
- Bullying can be:  
physical – e.g. hitting or taking / damaging someone's property  
verbal – saying, writing or posting nasty things, name calling, threats  
social – spreading rumours, excluding someone from a group.

Please encourage your children to talk to their teacher or other adult at school if they are experiencing a situation, or witnessing a situation, that they cannot resolve themselves.

## AUTHOR VISIT

**James Russell**, the author of the best-selling **Dragon Brothers Trilogy** and **The Dragon Defenders** is visiting our school on Friday May 19. An order form was sent home earlier in the week for those wishing to purchase any of James' books. Parents you are invited to join us between 2-3PM in the school hall.



## From the PTA

### Thank you

- \*To Lisa, Trish & Sarah for leading the charge and organizing some amazing recycling projects.
- \*Liz Hanrahan for organising the purchase of recycling bins for us!!!
- \*To those wonderful people who helped set up, serve, clean up and donated beautiful plates of food after our school Mass last week.
- \*Fran Simpson who kindly did our accounts for the PTA AGM.
- \*Mairead, Leonie, Bridget and Maria for doing the Sushi.

### Sushi!

- \***We need help!** Please email Maria on [maria@yagribble@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:maria@yagribble@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 – a great way to help out if you are new to school.
- \*Take it to school and pop it in the class bins - the children come and collect each classes.

### Movie Night

- \*A highlight of the school term!
- \*Book in Friday June 30 – more details to come.

### Samosas

- \*Orders will be taken towards the end of term
- \*Deliveries first week back in Term 3
- \*We'll keep you posted as to when to order!

Thank you all – have a great rest of the week!

*Carla & the PTA team*

### FOSTER HOPE PYJAMA DRIVE

[www.fosterhope.org.nz](http://www.fosterhope.org.nz)

[www.facebook.com/fosterhopenz](https://www.facebook.com/fosterhopenz)



This is a drop off point for new pyjamas to be given to children in foster care.

The pyjama drive will run until the end of June.

Thank you so much for your support.



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## **Guidelines for parents/caregivers who are taking students out of school for the purposes of an overseas holiday**

If you are taking your child out of school for the purpose of an overseas holiday please note the following:

- Good Shepherd School strongly encourages students to be at school every day possible
- The Ministry of Education considers holidays during term time an **unjustifiable absence** and requires schools to record them as such
- While holidays overseas may provide valuable learning experiences, they can cause gaps in students' learning that are not easily detected or filled
- If you are considering taking your child out of school during term time, notification needs to be sent in writing to the principal
- Extended absences during term time adds to teachers' workload as they try to make up lost learning time in core subject areas
- Teachers are not able to provide individualised learning programmes for students who are absent during term time on overseas holidays

You can minimise the disruption to your child's learning by the following:

### **Reading**

- Ensuring they are reading a range of material every day
- Talking to them about their reading
- Talking to your child while you enjoy these new experiences together

### **Writing**

- Helping your child to email, text or write to family and friends about their experiences while they are away
- If age appropriate, supporting your child to keep a diary or journal about their experiences
- Helping your child to create a scrapbook recording all your adventures while away
- Talking about and being interested in what your child writes

### **Mathematics**

- Seeking out any opportunity to discuss mathematics in everyday situations
- Supporting your child to learn age and stage-appropriate mathematical knowledge, e.g. addition and subtraction facts to 20, times tables to ten times ten



## Maths in Room 7

During maths we have been learning about Statistics.

We learnt that we need to have an investigation question, collect data and then display our data on a graph.

Our theme was Party! Party! Party! We came up with some investigation questions, collected our data and then created pictographs, tally charts and a bar graph. Here are some pictures of our pictographs

