

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 25 May 2017



Change of clothes for field play

As we are getting closer to winter and the field is becoming muddy and wet, children will now be required to bring in and wear a change of clothes if they want to play on the field at morning tea times and lunchtimes. This also includes footwear. There will be no school shoes allowed on the field; children need to wear either bare feet or sports shoes. Years 0-3 children can wear other shorts and t-shirt and Years 4-6 can wear either their sports uniform or other shorts and t-shirt.

Teacher Only Day

School is closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 2nd June 2017

Room 1 Assembly Friday 26 May

Please join us for Room 1's assembly at 2.15pm on tomorrow.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Liam Bowles** from Room 9 and **Kharsha Selvathas** from Room 3 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Liam and Kharsha for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



GSS Cross Country Thursday 1st June 2017

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. **We urgently require more helpers on the day.** Please email Heather McLeod if you can assist on the day. 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

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The second set of 10 lessons for 2017 will begin tomorrow 26 May. Limited places still available. Enrolment forms available from the office or Mrs Butcher. The cost is \$30. These lessons build on the beginner's course that has just finished, so are not suitable for complete beginners. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

New Zealand Junior Chess Badges

Congratulations to the following children who recently gained a badge.

James Arcilla	Level One
James Jansen	Level One
Harrison Maddox	Level One
Liam McKinnel	Level One
Liam Turner-Padgett	Level One
Ben Wright	Level One
Alyssa Yee	Level One

These students will be presented with their certificate and badge at tomorrow's assembly.

Samoan Language Week

Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa: Sāmoan Language Week runs from Sunday 28 May until Saturday 3 June 2017.

The Sāmoan language is the third most commonly spoken language in New Zealand, immediately following English and Te Reo Maori.

This year's theme is: "Ma'au i lou ofaga. Maua'a lou fa'asinomaga" – "Keep your identity alive to thrive"

The week is a chance for all New Zealanders to celebrate the Sāmoan culture and language. Vaiaso o le Gagana Sāmoa is also a time to focus on encouraging more people to use and learn Gagana Sāmoa. To find out more about events and resources for Samoan Language Week, visit

<http://www.mpp.govt.nz/language-culture-and-identity/pacific-language-weeks/samoan-language-week/>

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.

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.

FOSTER HOPE PYJAMA DRIVE

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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.

The Stardome Trip

On Wednesday the 17th of May, the whole school went to the Stardome because we are learning about Space.

When we got there we went into the space education room and our guide for the trip talked to us about space. We learnt lots of interesting things, like that the width of the Sun is 108 Earths in a row.

We looked at the displays that were in the foyer of the Stardome. Some of the displays were made out of lego! You could also see how much you weighed on other planets.

Finally we went into the planetarium. Our guide showed us some constellations we can see in the night sky and we watched a short movie which was really cool because the movie was on the dome of the planetarium.

Everybody had a great day and we learnt lots which will be helpful in our inquiry into space.

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