

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....

Talofa lava

TOGETHER WE LEARN AND CARE

Tomorrow we have what is commonly called a 'Teacher Only Day'. This means that the school will be closed for students because the teachers will be engaged in professional learning and development, in this case the writing of an assignment for a paper they are all completing. I would like to acknowledge our teachers who, along with our amazing support staff, work so hard for Good Shepherd children and who are such great role models of 'life long learners'.

As you know Good Shepherd joined schools across the country last week in 'Bullying Free NZ Week'. This is an important issue for all of us and all members of our school community have a place in ensuring our school provides an environment free from bullying behaviours. The first step is to have a clear understanding of what bullying is and during this week we have been using the following definition:

Bullying behaviour is not an individual action. Our school community agrees that:

- *Bullying is deliberate*
- *Bullying involves a power imbalance*
- *Bullying has an element of repetition*
- *Bullying is harmful*

We are very blessed at our school because our Catholic special character provides a context in which to foster and develop a safe, positive physical and emotional environment that creates a climate of trust. We began the week, for example, with Room 6 leading us in whole school prayer focused on promoting peace in our world. We reflected on how Jesus calls us all to be peacemakers and to be peaceful with each other in our daily lives. We prayed for those countries in the world that are not experiencing peace and thought about how we can change this by practising our values of care and respect for each other.

Let's continue to look to our motto to build a community that is learning-focused and that works together to care for all its members.

Ia faamanuia e le Atua

God bless

Jane Hahn

Good Shepherd School Strategic and Annual Plan 2017

Today we are sending home a pamphlet with your children summarizing our strategic goals and the key initiatives for 2017 that will help us to achieve those goals. In 2015 our board of trustees consulted comprehensively with all members of our community to develop these goals and we hope you find this summary informative and useful.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Liadan Baker-Seoighe** from Room 1 and **Titi Fuli** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Liadan and Titi 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:
Joseph Lelava

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



Francesca Booy	Ashley Edwards
Vincent Gatt	Siena Hannay
Ben Howard	Vaiola Kautoke
Rosa Lewthwaite	Felicia Tibbles
Genevieve Vogels	Kayano Vogels
Justin Yee	

Welcome

We welcome Nicola Sleeman to our team of teacher aides.

Sports Assembly Friday 9 June

Next Friday we will have a special sports assembly during which we will present the cross country certificates. We will also be treated to performances by the Sheridan Kapa Haka group and our school choir. You are warmly invited to join us.

Fidget spinners

These are now becoming a problem at school. Please keep them at home from now on unless your child is bringing them in for 'news' in which case the teacher will hold on to them until the end of day. Thank you for your help in this.

Teacher Only Day

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

Congratulations to all our cross country runners for a great performance today! We could see the resilience coming out as they showed perseverance and commitment and the ability to overcome the discomfort of pushing themselves physically. A special congratulations to place getters in the different age groups – certificates will be presented at our sports assembly next week.

Scooter Course Years 0 – 4

Next week we are very lucky to have Constable Jude coming in to take our Year 0 – 4 children on a scooter safety course. The children will have short theory sessions in their classrooms followed by practical sessions on their scooters. Please send your children with their scooters and helmets on the days they are having their sessions. Could you also bring along any spare scooters and helmets you may have.

Tax Donation Receipts

The upgrade this year to a new student management system has resulted in some changes to our process for issuing tax donation receipts for the donation portion of the school account. In the past GSS has mailed out manually generated tax donation receipts covering the school year (calendar year). With the change to our new SMS system this will now transition to electronically generated tax donation receipts for the tax year (not the calendar year). We will shortly send out receipts covering the period January to 31st March 2017. In April 2018 we will issue tax donation receipts for the tax year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. If you have any questions regarding this please contact me or Kathryn Twort in the office.

Attendance Dues

Just a reminder that if you are paying your school account in term instalments the term 2 instalment is due next week (week 6). Thank you to all families who have either settled their account in full or who are making regular payments. If you are experiencing difficulty in making payment please make an appointment to come and see me as soon as possible. Alternatively, you could seek support for payment of Attendance Dues through the Catholic Diocese Sponsorship Scheme. An application form 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 questions about this account please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathryn Twort in the office.

Book Week at Good Shepherd

Monday 26 - Friday 30 June

**“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss, I can Read With My Eyes Shut!**

Book Week is a great opportunity for everyone who cares about and loves reading to ‘fire up’ children to read and talk about books. Books need as much buzz around them as TV and electronic games.

To celebrate Good Shepherd’s love of reading, our children will be involved in a range of literary experiences during Book Week including a visit by NZ author Melinda Szymanik on Thursday 29 June. Highlights of the week will include a literary treasure hunt and the popular Book Character Parade, both on Friday 30 June.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open every day before and after school. Books may be bought for personal use or donated to the school library.

Book Fair Sellers: **Parent help needed please ...**
8.30am-9.00am and/or 3.00pm-3.30pm on

- Monday 26th June
- Tuesday 27th June
- Wednesday 28th June
- Thursday 29th June
- Friday 30th June

Please email Marguerite Butcher: m butcher@goodshepherd.school.nz if you are able to help.

Imaginary Play for Year 5 and 6 students

Once again our Year 5 and 6 students are invited to participate in Imaginary Play sessions at lunchtimes on Fridays. This is one of those great parent-run initiatives that encourages children to play co-operatively and in ways that may be different from the usual form of play they engage in, using different, non-routine equipment. Part of this approach is to encourage children to take acceptable risk in their play, and although we do not normally allow children to climb trees during the school day, they are allowed to do so during the Imaginary Play sessions. As always, our first consideration is the safety and well-being of our students and we believe that by encouraging them to judge what is acceptable in terms of risk will equip them with skills to make good judgments in the future.

If you **do not want** your child to participate in this particular activity, please communicate this to the school office in writing. We thank Julie O’Toole for organizing these sessions for our senior students.

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.

Good Shepherd School Integration Agreement

In 1982 when Good Shepherd School was Integrated and became a State Integrated Catholic school, our school was classified as a full primary school with boys from new entrants to Year 6 and girls from new entrants to Year 8. By the mid-1990s the number of girls staying on for Years 7 and 8 had reduced significantly and Good Shepherd School together with five other central Auckland Catholic primary schools decided that it would be best for the schools to become Year 1 – 6 contributing schools and for the girls to move onto Catholic Secondary schools at Year 7. Since that time our school has not operated any Year 7 and 8 classes. However our school’s Integration Agreement has not been changed to reflect this change. Bishop Patrick Dunn as the Proprietor of Good Shepherd School will be submitting an application to officially change our school’s Integration Agreement to reflect that we are a Year 1 to 6 school. The Board of Trustees are supportive of this. If you have any queries about this please feel free to contact me.

Jane Hahn

FOSTER HOPE PYJAMA DRIVE

www.fosterhope.org.nz
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.

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 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

Room 1 will be leading our whole school prayer next Tuesday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Room 3 & 4	12 June
Room 8	19 June
Room 5	26 June
Room 2	3 July



Wig Wednesday's coming up on June 21st, Week 7.

We are excited to be taking part in 'Wig Wednesday' on Wednesday 21st June and fundraising for Kiwi kids with cancer. It's easy to take part - just wear a wig on the day and bring a donation for Child Cancer Foundation. Donations will also be collected next week in the lead up to the event.



From the PTA

Cake Raffle

Congratulations to Alex Van Straaten for winning the Room 1 cake raffle which raised \$106.40.

Thank you

- * Miss Gleeson, Miss Vergis and Mrs Twort for helping with Sushi last week
- * Emma Chan & Andrea Hannay for organising the parents' morning tea

SPENDING!

Thank you to those who came to the last PTA meeting!

- * We got to spend some of the money you all work so hard to fundraise for our school – on things like:
- * **\$948** on 12 classroom recycling bins – check them out they are amazing!
- * **\$1,000** for the NZ Opera visit to school
- * Around **\$400** on new tea pots & supplies for the morning teas we host for the Parish & at school
- * A deposit of **\$9,690** for the Turf! With the remaining **\$14,400** sitting there waiting to be paid when needed!

Holey Fathers Working Bee

- * Join the Dad's on their mission to tidy up the school
- * 17th June, 1pm
- * Afternoon tea donations greatly welcomed – bring to school on the day/drop off if you are passing

Movie Night

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

Parents' Morning tea

- * Friday 9 June in the staffroom after you've dropped the kids off
- * Yummy baking & a chance to meet/chat to other GSS parents
- * Don't be shy – we'd love to see you

SAMOSAS !

Yum yum, get some Samosas in your tum!

For the best, most delicious Samosas you'll taste, support our fundraiser and buy packs of 10 in lamb, chicken, butter chicken & vegetarian.

You have till the end of term to order – the order form will be coming home with your child next week.

With every order form, write down a GSS family/friend & win a pack of 10 butter chicken samosas for them!

Have the best long weekend everyone – faifailemu!

Carla & the PTA team

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is Zara Peterson from the Rocket Snails for great listening, excellent pace and a happy face.



Gardening Club

Thursday's after lunch eating all welcome!



During gardening club this week, we planted some new winter seedlings including some delicious broccoli, beetroot, cabbage and herbs.

We were so lucky to have Anya to help us plant some bean seeds too.

Tips for a Zero Waste Lunch

The Enviro Team has done some amazing work recently to encourage recycling and to help reduce food waste at Good Shepherd School.

To help the team out even further, we'd like to encourage as many of you as possible to switch to a 'Zero Waste Lunch'.



Switching to a Zero Waste Lunch is very easy and involves making the following simple changes to your otherwise normal lunch.

- Use a re-usable lunch box rather than a disposable plastic or paper bag.
- Pack sandwiches, fruit and vegetables in re-usable containers or re-usable food wrappers instead of using plastic bags, aluminium foil, wax paper or plastic wrap.
- Instead of buying individually wrapped or pre-packaged snacks, buy the same things in larger quantities and re-pack into small re-useable containers – perfect for cookies, potato chips, popcorn, dried fruit, cheese, yoghurt and crackers!
- Use a refillable water bottle instead of a disposable one.
- Use stainless steel or re-usable forks and spoons rather than disposable ones and replace paper serviettes with cloth napkins.

Not only will a Zero Waste Lunch reduce the amount of waste generated by our school on a daily basis, it will also help to reduce the amount of food waste and packaging that ends up in landfills, which is much kinder on our environment!

Day and Night by R2

Day and Night
At night time we
sleep and it is cold.
In the morning we
wake up and we go
to school. The sun
shines and we can
see.

By Monet

Day and Night
When the sun gets sunny
we wake in the morning
and we get dressed.
When it gets dark I go to
bed and the moon and the
stars shine.

By Maddie

Day and Night
At night I go to
watch TV and I see
the moon. In the
morning I go to play
with Lennox. The
birds sing in the
daytime.

By Hao

Day and Night
I get dressed at the
morning. At night we
sleep and we eat dinner.

By Eden

Day and Night
At night you see stars
out the window. In the
day I play at the park
and the sun shines.

By Luke



Day and Night
At night you see
stars and it is cold.
In the morning the
sun shines and you
get ready for school.
You get dressed
By Ava

Day and Night
In the day the birds
sing and the sun
shines at daytime. At
night the birds go to
sleep and the kiwis
get up at night and it
is cold.
By Sharelle

Day and Night
At night I can see the
full moon. In the day I
can see the people.
By Addison

Day and Night
At night it is dark and
you go to sleep. In the
morning I play with my
friends and I run
around the field.
By Lennox

Day and Night
The sun comes out in
the daytime. At night
I watch TV.
By Ida

Day and Night
This is the sun.
I am in bed.
By Carlo

...And the
moon and
the stars
to shine
at night.

Genesis 1

