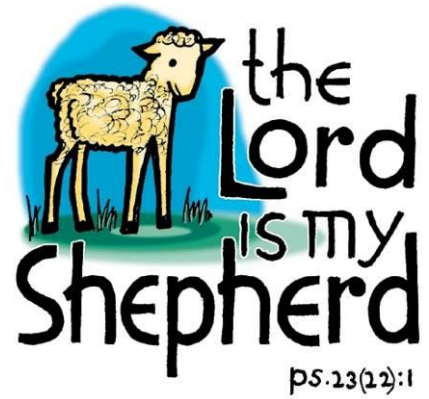


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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

Newsletter No 10, 15 June 2016



From the principal....

Kia ora te whānau

Last week you received the Good Shepherd Strategic Plan 2017-2019, presented in a brochure. I thought that this is a perfect opportunity to share the progress we have made towards two of the four strategic goals.

Special Character

Our students develop a personal relationship with God and grow in knowledge of Jesus the Good Shepherd, living and experiencing his values on a daily basis.

This year we have had a number of events that directly link to the Special Character goal. The teaching staff have completed a Theology paper, which has developed and extended their knowledge on Theology. This is the study of God and focuses on the relationship between God and us, especially through our encounters with Jesus. Teacher knowledge is vital in supporting and developing the Religious Education Curriculum. We have also celebrated the Good Shepherd Feast Day with our wider community by coming together for mass and celebratory morning tea. Moving forward we have our Confirmation and First Holy Communion classes starting this term and these are a great example of our communities working together.

Sustainability & Environmental Awareness

Our students are aware of the impact of their actions on the environment and the role of sustainability in protecting it.

It is wonderful to see the students motivated to recycle and looking after our environment. Our Environmental team has been working hard introducing our new Teracycle bins and promoting Zero Waste lunches. Our gardening club is also in full swing having done lots of weeding and harvesting. It is wonderful to see so many of our students wanting to be part of both teams and having such a keen interest in our environment.

These strategic goals are ongoing and we are constantly working towards them, because **Together we Learn and Care.**

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Sarah Gleeson



Welcome

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

Isabella Tatelegese	Maia Doran
Eva Doran	Lucy Doran

GSS Fair Mufti Day Tomorrow

This is our second mufti day for the fair. Please donate a gold coin for the craft and lucky dip stalls. These funds help purchase fabric and supplies for the craft stall and prizes for the lucky dip stall.

GSS Fair Saturday 11th November
Save the date in your diary.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Celia Gatt** from Room 7 and **Sarah Forbes** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Celia and Sarah for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Wig Wednesday's coming up on June 21st, Week 8.

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.



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.

Visiting during school hours:

We understand that sometimes parents need to come into school during school hours to drop off lunches or sports gear from time to time. However, it is important that when these times occur you come in through the office, even if you are just popping in quickly. This procedure is set in place so that the school are aware of everyone in the school at any one time and for the safety of the students.

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.

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.

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.

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:

Rooms 1 & 2 22 June

Room 5 29 June

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

Whole school prayer

Rooms 8 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Room 5 26 June

Room 2 3 July

From the PTA

Thank you

*Emma & Andrea for a fantastic Parent's morning tea – what a wonderful turn out. Thanks to all those who came.

*Sharon Irving for helping with the Holey Fathers afternoon tea this coming Saturday

Movie Night

*The date has changed! We will now be holding this in Term 3 on the 18th of August

Holey Fathers Working Bee

*Join the Dad's on their mission to tidy up the school - **17th June, 1pm**

*There will be a table set up for afternoon tea donations – please help us feed our hard workers

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 – please let us know if you need another form – rbcp@xtra.co.nz

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

Carla & the PTA team



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!

This is what will be happening during Book Week this year:

- **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the library and open each day before and after school: 8.30-9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm. Eftpos available. Books may be purchased for personal use or donated to the library. Children will visit the Book Fair with their class next week (Friday 22 June) and will bring home a ‘wish list’.
- **Mystery book box** for each class-unwrap and read.
- **Buddy Reading** and ‘teacher classroom swap’ for story reading.
- **Classroom book activities.**
- **Literacy Treasure Hunt** in mixed age groups the students try to complete the treasure hunt challenge around the school.
- **Competitions & activities** in the library at lunchtime.



During the week we have different authors and story tellers visiting to talk to the children about what they do. This year we have Storyteller-**Stu Duval**, Author and Illustrator-**Vasanti Unka** and Author-**Melinda Szymanik**

You're Invited:

Friday 30 June at 9.00am: Book Character Parade where the students come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Book Fair Sellers: Parent help needed please ...

8.30am-9.00am and/or 3.00pm–3.30pm on Monday 26th-Friday 30 June

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

Year 0-4 Scooter Course

In week 6 the year 0-4 children participated in a scooter course which was run by Constable Jude. It covered a theory session in the classroom, where the children looked at road safety and equipment (how to put a helmet on correctly). They also had a practical session on the netball courts, where they got to ride scooters, practising all the safety tips and rules they had learnt. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had lots of fun.



Gardening Club

We have been so busy at gardening club lately! Last week we planted sweet pea flowers, peas and beans. We also harvested some mandarins from the orchard! Keep an eye out for fruit outside Room 4 in the mornings and afternoons. Help yourself!

If you would like to make a coin donation to support the gardening club please come and see Miss Briggs.



Marcellin College

Open Day

Thursday 29th June 2017

9am-3pm

Come and find out about our College and view our campus.
Enrolment packs for 2018 will be available

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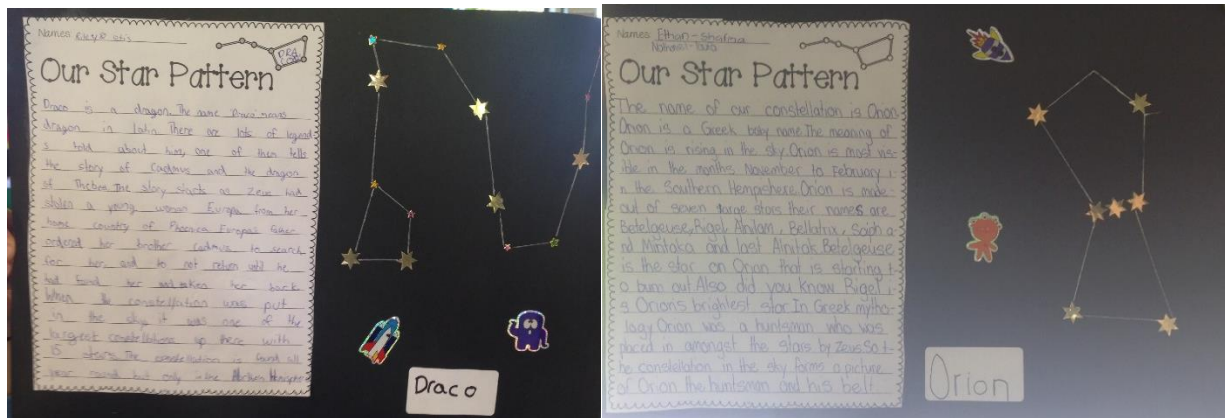
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LOST IN SPACE

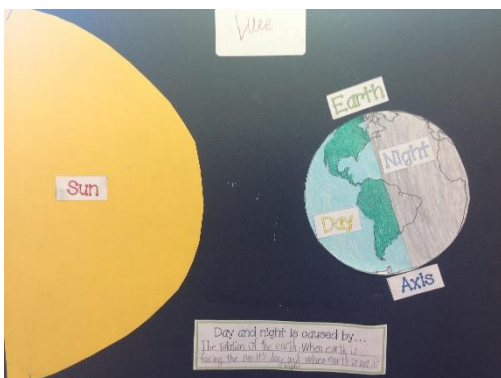
SNAPSHOT OF OUR LEARNING SO FAR IN SPACE

In Room 6 we have been learning about space, the solar system and how all life depends on the Sun. We have been learning about the earth's movement and how that influences the world around us.

We learnt about the stars and constellations. A star is a bright object that is created from burning gases, the two most common gases are hydrogen and helium. It is through these gases that energy is produced creating light and heat. The colours of the stars show how hot or cold they are and what phase they are in of their lifespan. The star in our solar system is the Sun, all other stars are billions of light years away. A constellation is a pattern / picture in the sky created by a group of stars. Stars in the night sky were used to navigate the earth long ago as different constellations appear during certain months and in different hemispheres. In pairs we selected our favourite constellation, researched their names, myths, when they appear and then we recreated the constellation. Here is a sample of our constellations.



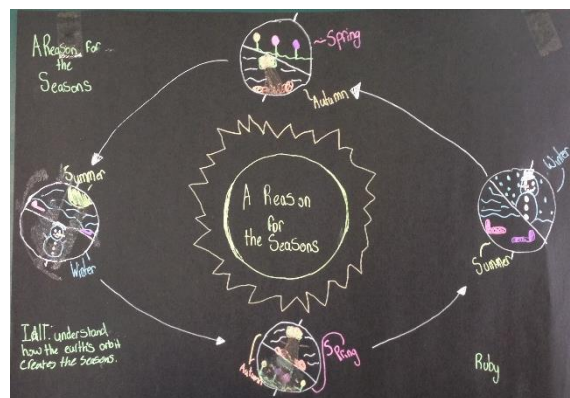
One of the key parts to understanding more about our solar system was to learn 'How to move like the earth.' We learnt the difference between rotation (spinning) and revolution (orbiting). We made pipe cleaner bracelets with a little bead to understand the terms. Rotation was the little bead spinning on the pipe cleaner that represented the how earth spins on its axis to cause day and night. Revolution was the little bead moving around our wrist that showed the earth moving around the Sun, our wrist being the Sun. We learnt that this took $365 \frac{1}{4}$ days to complete one full revolution, this causing the seasons.



We then learnt about day and night by creating posters to show how the sun and the rotation of the earth on its axis creates day and night. We understand that when one side of the earth is facing away from the Sun it is night, while the other side that is facing the Sun is day.

Next we moved on to the revolution of the earth to learn about the earth's orbit and how that movement creates our seasons. When one side of the earth is closer to the sun it is summer but on the other side of the earth it is winter, the same can be said for autumn and spring. Each season lasting 3 months.

To help us learn more about the solar system, we got a chance to go to the Stardome to watch the show 'Perfect Little Planet' to see what it is like in space and what each planet is made of. We also saw that all the planets go around the sun at different speeds depending on how far away they are from the Sun.



Recently we have been focusing on the phases of the Moon, there are 8 phases in total. We have learnt that the moon never changes shape or size; we see the side of the moon that is facing the sun and receiving the light of the sun. Therefore, we can always see the whole moon but the part we cannot see falls under the shadow of the Earth, so that is why we only see a little portion of the Moon at times. To learn about the phases we created a Moon Spinner that shows the 8 phases, with the sun behind the new Moon.



During reading, we had the opportunity to select a planet or key element in our solar system. We read a range of text and articles to group key ideas and present our learning to our audience. We are in the process of presenting our reading posters, keep an eye out and visit room 6 in up and coming weeks to come to see our factual posters.

Come check out our work in room 6