

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



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\* Kia Orana \* Zdravo \* Dzień Dobry \* Apa Kabar \* Guten Tag \* An Nyung Ha Se Yo \*  
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Newsletter No 11, 29 June 2017

## From the principal....

Kia ora te whānau

### **TOGETHER WE LEARN AND CARE**

As we are coming to the end of another school term I would sincerely like to thank you all for your support of the school and your children's learning. I know that by this time of the term we are all beginning to be ready for a break from the school routine, not least the students who have put such energy into their learning over the past nine weeks. It is hard to believe that we have covered so much over that period and I hope you have had the opportunity to visit your child or children's classrooms to see the learning around the concept of *space* that has been happening at every level. The term has also seen us celebrate another successful Book Week, and our children have enjoyed competing in the cross country and other sports competitions.

This is a special time of year in New Zealand as the rising of the Matariki star constellation announces Te tau hou, the Māori New Year. In Māori tradition, Matariki was celebrated at the end of the harvest season. It was a time to fill the storage houses (pātaka kai) with food and for whānau and friends to come together, acknowledge the successes of the past year, and look towards the year ahead. You will see Matariki celebrated in different ways around the school over this period and there are also many family-friendly activities planned around Auckland over the holidays that you may be able to enjoy.

We wish you every blessing over the holiday period and hope that you enjoy your time with your children. The weather will be good for spending time inside with a good book!

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

**Sarah Gleeson**

**Acting Principal**

## **The Good Shepherd School App**

Good Shepherd is proud to announce that we now have an app to improve the communication between school and home. This app enables an easy access to: newsletters, informing the school of absences, receiving up-to-date notifications about events, class blogs, useful links to help your children in their learning, the school calendar and more.

All you need to do is go to the Apps Store and search 'Good Shepherd School' and download the app to your smart phone.

We highly recommend you download this app to get the most up-to-date information concerning Good Shepherd School.



## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Cameron Milbank** from Room 6 and **Lana Chitambo** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Cameron and Lana for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Resilience

*Resilience is the ability to bounce back from a setback.*

### What is emotional resilience?

Emotional resilience refers to the ability to manage feelings and cope with day-to-day stresses as well as major life events. This includes being able to recognise, understand and accept feelings, and express them in appropriate ways that do not harm others. It also involves being able to face and resolve unpleasant situations and cope with very stressful or upsetting events.

Children have different temperaments and some are more sensitive or emotionally expressive than others. However, it is important for all children to learn and manage emotions. Their ability to recognise, understand and deal with different emotions develops gradually.

## OSCA

All permanent OSCA bookings from term 2 will roll over to term 3. Please notify us before the end of term 2 if you require any changes.

Please make all bookings, cancellations or changes through the school office or via email [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz).

## 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 guidelines below to clarify for parents and caregivers the impact of extended absences from school.

## Grandparents Mass 11am 11 August 2011

Following Mass on Friday 11 August the PTA will be selling sausages, muffins, slices and club sandwiches. Children as well as special guests will be able to purchase at lunchtime and then share lunch together. This will be followed by a special blessing of our new Shade Sail and Turf.

## GSS Speech Competition

The GSS speech competition finals will be held on Wednesday 16 August (week 4 or Term 3). This week your child will bring a notice home, with information about their speeches. The school holidays are a good time for children to plan and write or complete their speech.

## Whole school prayer

Room 5 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am.

## 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.

## Attendance Dues

Please ensure all payments for term 2 Attendance Dues are made before Friday 7 July 2017.

Thank you to all families who are up to date with their child's school account. If you have any questions please email [accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz).



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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

# From the PTA

## Cake Raffle

\*Congratulations to Molly Hanrahan who won the Room 8 cake raffle which raised \$104.00.

## Thank you

- \*Holey Fathers for the amazing job you did tidying up our school. Thank you!
- \*Emma Smoldon for the fantastic job assisting with book week
- \*Marieke and Mrs Hodge for organizing the PTA purchase of 4 netball goals

## Movie Night

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

## \*Samosas

Just one and a half weeks to order these gems! **The last day of term is the last day to order** with deliveries in the first week of Term 3. Get your order in now – email [rbc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rbc@xtra.co.nz) if you need a form.

## Grandparent's Mass

It's time to start thinking about Good Shepherd's annual grandparents' mass and lunch to be held on Friday 11 August. It's a special time for families in our school to come together to share mass and lunch.

Families and students can purchase yummy food for lunch, lovingly made by school parents. There will also be sausages to buy on the day. A great day like this needs help from our fantastic and generous school community. What can you do to help?

We need **all** families to bring home made baking to school, to be sold at lunch. Please bring it to the office on the morning of Friday 11 August. Our favourites are scones, muffins, biscuits and slices.

We need volunteers on the day to:

- Help on the day from 9am, to make club sandwiches and to set up the baking.
- Sell the food during the lunch hour.
- Work on the sausage sizzle.
- Help pack up and clean up after lunch.

Please email Nikki Flexman on [nikkiflexman@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiflexman@gmail.com) if you can help in anyway.

*Carla & the PTA team*

## Nestle Choose Wellness Skills and Drills Day



Yesterday students attended the Nestle Choose Wellness Skills and Drills Day at the Blues High Performance Centre.

## 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!

The **Scholastic Book Fair** closes tomorrow after school. So there is still time to pop in and have a look before (8.30-9.00am) or after school (3-3.30pm) on Friday.



**Friday 30 June:**  
**9am-10.00am (approx) Book Character Parade**-come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

**11.30-12.30 Literary Treasure Hunt**-Find and answer the book clues around the school.

*You're invited:*  
Friday 30 June at 9.00am:  
Book Character Parade

## Walking School Bus Milo Morning

Thank you to Dianne Van Aken and the Walking School Bus volunteers who put on this wonderful milo morning for the walking school bus children. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Happy Feet!!

It was the perfect way to start a chilly day with some warm milo and yummy biscuits!

If you would like to know more about the walking school bus routes, please check out the school website - <http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz/69/pages/47-wsb-groups-info>



# ROOM 9'S SPACE INVASION

As part of our inquiry into space, the Moon and the Sun, Room 9 have completed some research projects. Through reading many books and websites, we have learned some amazing facts and would like to share them with you!

**Liam B** - The Sun's real name is Sol, and it is 4.5 billion years old. As it gets older it will grow bigger and eventually eat Earth.

**Elijah B** - A day on the planet Mercury can be up to 427 degrees Celsius. The night can go down to -173 degrees Celsius!

**Soeun P** - The Sun is travelling at 220 kilometres per second. After it gets big and consumes Earth it will collapse and become tiny. This is because stars swell up and then collapse when they are very old.



**Kara M** - Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system because the clouds trap the heat inside. The clouds are made of carbon dioxide, sulphuric acid and mercury. Mercury is a poisonous metal and the other ones are poisonous gases. Venus spins very slowly - one day on Venus is longer than one year on Earth!

**Henry O** - Jupiter has no surface, because it is a gas giant. So we can't land on it. Jupiter also spins very fast and has the shortest day out of all the planets.

**Joey M** - There are 5 dwarf planets in our solar system. They are called Pluto, Ceres, Makemake, Haumea and Eris. Eris is named after the Roman god of discord (which means arguing). Most of them are out past Neptune, but Ceres is in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

**Lucy L** - The Sun is a star. It is mostly made of a gas called hydrogen. Light from the Sun takes 8 minutes to reach Earth. The surface temperature is 13,600,000 degrees Celsius!

**Seihara A** - The Moon is a natural satellite of Earth. It takes 27 days to orbit Earth and also 27 days to rotate.

### Database/Grants/Administration Coordinator - Part Time

The Catholic Caring Foundation is looking to hire a well-organised and loyal team player for our small, busy and welcoming organisation. This position is part time, 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday.  
The Catholic Caring Foundation does great charitable work by providing grants to many local community organisations while managing donations from our supporters.

The main functions of the role are Database/Donations administration; Preparation of Accounts payable schedule; Banking and supply of database general ledger to Finance Team; Assisting in the general administration for Grants distribution; General Office Duties; Management support and direct liaison with key audiences.

An immediate start is required for a multi tasker with excellent telephone manner, advanced computer skills, experience in Infsoft Fundraiser Pro or similar CRM system would be advantageous along with a dedication to caring for people and community.

To view the full position description and download an application form, please visit our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) . Please send cover letter, application form and CV to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager at [leannek@cda.org.nz](mailto:leannek@cda.org.nz).  
Closing Date: Friday 30 June 2017

## Marcellin College

### Open Day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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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[www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz)

## Balmoral Intermediate School

### Open Day/Evening

Where: Balmoral Intermediate School  
(Brixton Road Entrance)

When: Wednesday 2 August

Time: Open Day 9:15am – 12:15pm  
Open Evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm

2018 applications and prospectus available from Balmoral office or website from **Monday 24 July**.

**ART for EDUCATION**

JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 5.30pm-10.30pm  
JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 11.00am-6.00pm  
JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 11.00am-6.00pm

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