

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 12, 27 July 2017

From the principal's office....

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou

Greetings to you all!

The beginning of the term is a good time to revisit some of the core aspects of our school that makes it unique. As everyone in our community knows, *honesty* is a value that is especially meaningful for us at Good Shepherd. Along with our other core values of *respect* and *care*, honesty is an integral part of our school charism. This word 'charism' is very important in our Catholic schools as it captures, in our case, the spirit of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart who based their lives on the model of Jesus the Good Shepherd and who founded Good Shepherd School over a hundred years ago. The 8th August is the Feast of St Mary MacKillop when we give thanks for her enormous contribution to Catholic education and to our personal spiritual development.

We are looking forward to another exciting term and there are many occasions planned for us to work together for the benefit of your children's learning. Our Pūmanawa programmes started this week, in week 2 a meeting for parents new to Good Shepherd School will be held, and the three-way conferences in week 9. Whānau will be welcome to our Grandparents mass in Week 3, speech finals in Week 4, Marae visit in Week 8 and don't forget to join that great group of parents who are working towards the school fair in term 4.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

God is watching over you

Sarah Gleeson



Sir Peter Blake Young Leadership Award

At the end of last term, Brianna Gregan was recognised for her leadership qualities with a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award. These awards acknowledge young people whose outstanding leadership uplifts the school community, and who display the qualities of inclusiveness, positivity, humility, humour and a team approach which were all shown by Sir Peter Blake himself. Brianna displays leadership around Good Shepherd in many ways; she is willing to work with anyone, always puts others before herself, supports anyone in need and is consistently responsible and trustworthy. Brianna was presented with her medal by Miss Gleeson at our final assembly last term.



Welcome

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

*Aoibheann O'Sullivan Blanch
Maverick Capao*

Fair Mufti Day Tomorrow

In support of the Fair Lucky Bottle stall. If your child chooses to wear mufti please have them bring in a donation of a new sealed bottle. Please take the bottles to the classrooms.

Feast of St Mary MacKillop

Tuesday 8 August

Wherever we are, we are called to create community

These words were spoken by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Good Shepherd School, along with many others in New Zealand, owes much to this extraordinary woman who was determined to bring Catholic education to the children of Australasia. Mary MacKillop has been described as a 'woman of our time' because her deep love of God combined with a strong dose of common sense and practicality, making her a model of hope in times of doubt despair. She truly lived our school values of respect, care and honesty.

The whole school will be attending Mass on Tuesday 8 August at 9.00 a.m. to celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

School Account Statements

At the beginning of each term we send out statements to all families who have a balance owing on their school account. We will be emailing these out next week. Please look out for the statement in your email inbox. If you are paying your school account in term instalments the term 3 instalment is due by week 6. If you have any queries regarding the school account please email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz

Uniforms

Long sleeve polo shirts are back in stock. These are \$35 each.

The school uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am. Arrangements for purchasing uniform items outside of these hours can be made by phoning or emailing the school office and we will send the items home with your child. A reminder that the school does not have eftpos or credit card facilities.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Molly Hanrahan** from Room 9 and **Melody Tuala-Soon** from Room 1 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Molly and Melody for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Pūmanawa

Pūmanawa has begun for 2017 this week. We have 8 different activities that the students choose from at the end of Term 2. It was wonderful to see the students all totally engaged and loving their experiences. On Tuesday of Week 10 we will be having an open afternoon, where parents can come along and see what the children have been learning about during our Pūmanawa sessions. Here are our students in action this week.



Grandparents Mass

On Friday 11th August 2017 we will be celebrating Grandparents with our annual Grandparent's Mass and as part of this celebration we will be having a photo display in the office foyer.

We invite you to email a photo of your child's grandparents, either with or without the Good Shepherd student. Please email Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz with your photo by Monday 7th August 2017.

Mass will be at 11am followed by a blessing of the Shade Canopy and Turf. Lunch will be around 12:30pm where families can purchase some yummy goodies for lunch provided by our PTA. There will be a performance from our junior Kapa Haka and school choir at 1:30pm and at 2pm students will be returning to their classroom programme, however, grandparents are most welcome to go and see their grandchildren in action in their classes for the afternoon.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or 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 queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2017 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2017**

Catholic Caring Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral

Yesterday three leaders of our School Council, Ben Howard, Riley Sella, Rohan Sharma represented Good Shepherd School at a special Catholic Caring Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. This Mass was to give thanks for all those people who contribute to caring and helping those in need in our diocese. Riley, Rohan and Ben represented all the children of Good Shepherd who have shown their care for others by raising money for those in need.



Thank you Dianne Van Aken

Thank you to Dianne Van Aken for her 9 years of service with the GSS Walking School Bus. Dianne's family joined the Rocket Snails in 2009, she became our bus co-ordinator a few years later and then after recruiting a few more buses became the school coordinator in 2014.

Our school coordinator will now be Rachael Koelmeyer, starting from this term.

We wish Dianne and her family all the best for the future and thank you for your dedication to our walking school bus programme.

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**.

From the PTA

Grandparents Mass/Morning tea

*We still need some helpers for this wonderful day!
*Please contact Nikki Flexman if you can spare an hour or two - nikkiflexman@gmail.com

Movie Night

*Get those jarmies ready and lock in the 18th of August – we'll put a call out with more details and a request for help closer to the time!

PTA meeting

*Want to experience the short, sharp and smooth undertaking that is a GSS PTA meeting?
*Join us Tuesday 1 August 7.30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome, it warms our cockles when people turn up!

We are on Facebook!

*Need to know stuff as it happens? Join the **Good Shepherd School PTA** page!

We have really put the call out for help these last two weeks and YOU, our whanau and friends, have really pulled through.

A thank you ode

Samosas – organized by Nicola M
Our Sushi deliverers, we love all of dem!

Nikki F working hard on Grandparent's Day
Trish & co making our recycling pay

Emma lining up some calendar fun
Sarah, Helen & Leo helping make the PTA smoothly run

Maria ordering the kai for our kids
The office staff making sure we don't hit the skids!

The Fair crew lining up a super great day
Leonie making sure the movie night is awesome come what may

The parents working hard and doing their best
Supporting all we do and making sure they invest

Teachers and the Board overseeing all with love
We're very very thankful for it all, by jove!

Carla & the PTA team

4 Walking School Buses

Rocket Snails.....

If you are interested in joining please contact Rachael Koelmeyer at rrrclement@xtra.co.nz
8.00am meet outside 7 Duncan Ave, then walk along Haverstock Rd, Sandringham Rd, Calgary St, Arabi St, Halesowen Ave and then Pine St and down the walkway into the school

Northern Explorers.....

If you are interested in joining please contact Sarah Sella at sarah.sella@xtra.co.nz
8.00am meet outside 21 Ward Terrace, then walk along Ward Terrace, King Edward St, Cambourne Rd, Goring Rd, Balmoral Rd and then Pine St and down the walkway into the school


Adventurers.....

If you are interested in joining please contact Liz Barry at elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com
8.15am meet outside 178 Landscape Rd, then walk along Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school



Stormtroopers.....

If you are interested in joining please contact Andrea Hannay at andrea_hannay@vodafone.co.nz
8.00am meet corner of Dexter Ave and Mewburn Ave then walk along Mewburn Ave, Balmoral Rd, Matipo St, Kensington Rd, Marsden Ave, Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school

For more details please visit the school website: www.goodshepherd.school.nz



Good Shepherd School Walking School Bus routes



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The Adventurers Walking School Bus
8.15am meet at the corner of Dominion Rd and Landscape Rd, then walk along Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school

The Stormtroopers Walking School Bus
8.00am meet corner of Dexter Ave and Mewburn Ave then walk along Mewburn Ave, Balmoral Rd, Matipo St, Kensington Rd, Marsden Ave, Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school

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For more on the Walking School Bus programme, visit AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus



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The Rocket Snails won – we snapped a photo of our Walking School Bus walking in [Diary of a Wimpy Kid masks](#) and uploaded it to the competition [Facebook page](#)

Congrats to the 16 children from 11 families



Resilience

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from a setback.

What are the tools required to help people bounce back?

Adapting

Being able to adjust to new situations.

Asking for help

Adjust to new situations.

Dealing with failure or disappointment

Learn how to keep perspective and handle disappointments in a positive way.

Independence

Taking responsibility, using initiative, having confidence in self.

Initiative

Taking the opportunity to act or take charge before others.

Optimistic

Optimism is a habit of thinking about positives in situations and helps you to learn from failure.

Being Patient and Calm

The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious.

Perseverance

Keep trying even if something is difficult.

Concerns and complaints

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. We know that if a problem does occur, early intervention often reaps the best results, so take your concern to the appropriate person at the earliest possible convenient time. It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

If you are worried by something in your child's classroom here is what to do:

