

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....

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou
Greetings to you all!

What beautiful weather we are having this week and with spring fast approaching, it will be wonderful seeing the change in seasons and the move from winter to summer activities. It is great seeing so many of our students participating in a range of sports such as gymnastics, netball, football, hockey, both during and after school. When watching these games I am reminded of two things team sports provide, a great context to teach children to work successfully together, and the experience of team sports also helps children to develop resilience. **Participating and contributing** is one of the key competencies in our New Zealand Curriculum and they certainly encourage children to work for the team rather than for their own individual glory. Although we all enjoy winning, learning to lose graciously is a part of being a good sport and it is good to see our children taking their losses well.

Thank you, as always, to the huge number of parents who make these experiences happen for our children. I am in awe of the supporters who are there on the sidelines through some of the worst of the winter weather! You have earned a place on the summer cricket/softball/tennis sidelines!

My time as the Acting Principal is fast coming to an end and we are all looking forward to Mrs Hahn returning in Week 7. I would like to take this time to thank all the Good Shepherd community for their support. I have enjoyed the experience and you have all made it a very enjoyable time.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki
God is watching over you
Sarah Gleeson
Acting Principal

Behaviour Management

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.

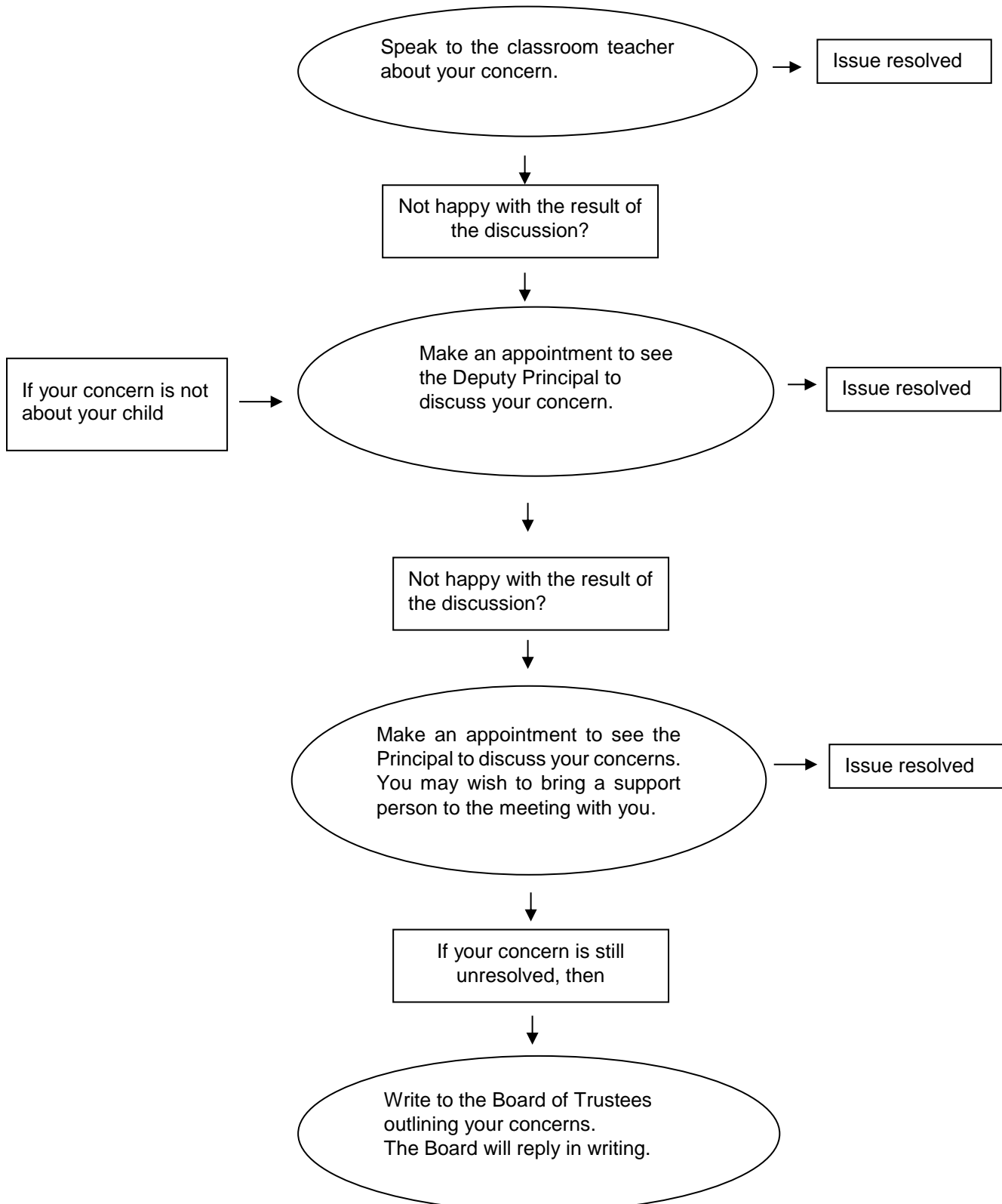
It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it. We understand that sometimes it is easier to contact your child's teacher via email, however, for major issues we recommend that you either call or come in and have a face-to-face conversation. Teachers will not be responding via email to major issues that arise in the classroom or playground. If you have a concern please follow the complaints procedures (*see following page*) as face-to-face or over the phone conversations are the best way to solve issues.

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:





Welcome

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

Henry Katongo

FAIR MUFTI DAY

Tomorrow Friday 25th August

Children who choose to wear mufti tomorrow have a choice to either donate a Jolly Jar or a gold coin donation in support of the Jolly Jars stall.

Jolly Jars may contain anything from stickers, tattoos, cars, rubber balls, crayon, markers, lego, hair ties, clips, plastic toys – let your imagination run wild.

Attendance Dues

Just a reminder that if you are paying your Attendance Dues in term instalments, the Term 3 instalment is due next week (Week 6). If you have any questions regarding your school account please email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz

Cans for Christmas

Mufti Day Thursday 31st August – bring a Can!

Good Shepherd is supporting the St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice Can Drive with a mufti day on Thursday 31st August. These cans will be distributed to families in need at Christmas by St Vincent de Paul.

School Property

We wish to remind our community that the small toys in the garden outside the school pool are for the enjoyment of children to play with in the garden and are not to be removed from that area.

OSCA

Please remember to advise the office either in person, by email or phone if you wish to make any changes or new bookings for before or after school care.

Daffodil Day

Thank you for your support of donations for Daffodil Day. Our final day for collection will be tomorrow.



Please look out for the fair newsletter sent out by email earlier today.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Addison Davenport** from Room 2 and **Setaita Likiliki** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Addison and Setaita for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Reminder about hygiene

As is often the case at this time of year, there have been quite a few instances of sickness in our school community. This is a good opportunity for you to remind your children about the simple rules of hygiene, such as washing their hands well after using the toilet and before eating, keeping fingernails well groomed, and covering their mouth and face either with a handkerchief or their arm when coughing and/or sneezing. A reminder too that children should only attend school if they are well enough to benefit and participate. This will also reduce the chance of illness spreading.

Contact Details

It is important that we have up to date parent and caregiver contact details. Please email the school office at admin@goodshepherd.school.nz if there has been any change to phone, email or address details.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **William Harris** from Rocket Snails for being an enthusiastic winter walker.



Resilience

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from a setback.

Why is emotional resilience important?

Being able to cope with emotions is important. Emotional resilience affects our relationship with others. When children become emotionally resilient there are many benefits for them. They are more likely to be:

- Caring and socially skilled.
- Empathic and sensitive to the needs of others.
- Able to manage emotions and move through negative feelings to feel better again.
- Able to cope with stress, like exams and unpleasant experiences, like painful medical procedures.

They are also less likely to resort to unhelpful ways of coping, such as acting out or misbehaving, avoiding or denying a problem, or relying on others to solve their problems or give them lots of sympathy.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The current set of 10 lessons will finish tomorrow Friday 25 August.

The third and final set of Chess coaching lessons for 2017 will begin next week Friday 1 September (numbers permitting).

Enrolment forms went out this week and are also available from the office or Mrs Butcher. The cost is \$30.

These lessons build on the intermediate course that has just finished, so are not suitable for beginners. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

From the PTA

Nikki Flexman and all those who helped at the Grandparents Mass & lunch!
We raised over \$2,000!

Leonie Lewthwaite and all those who helped at the Movie Night!
We raised almost \$1,000!

The Fair Committee for working hard on our Fair and all those supporting and helping them!

YOU THE PARENTS AND WHANAU FOR SUPPORTING THESE THINGS – WITHOUT YOU WE WOULD NOT RAISE THE FUNDS WE DO. THANK YOU!

Yummy stickers!

Did you know you can collect the stickers of those Yummy Apples you buy at the supermarket, stick them on a sheet (available at office) and WE get sports gear for the kids! It's true! They are due soon, so get crunching!

Keep in touch

*Each class has a rep, who emails out important reminders. Have you given your email address to them? Email rbc@xtra.co.nz if you need help being added to your class list.

*Facebook – we have a closed PTA Facebook page – handy reminders. Simply ask to join!

GSS Speeches

Congratulations to all our finalists at the Speech competition last week. We are always very impressed with the calibre of speeches we have at this event each year.

Elijah Betonio was our overall winner, so he will be representing Good Shepherd at the Eden/Albert Speech Competition later in the term.



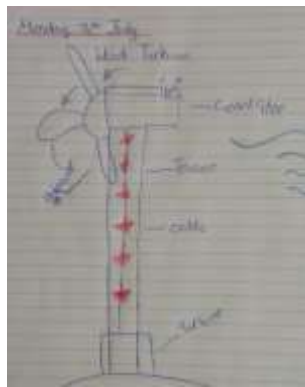
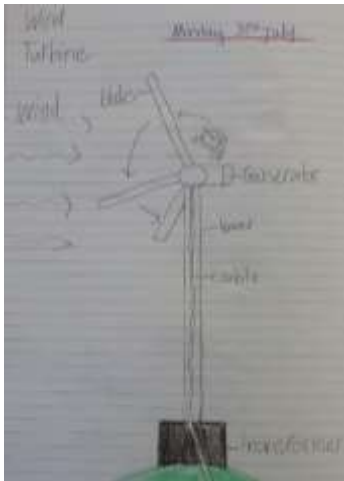
Gymnastics

On Thursday 17 August, a team of 12 gymnasts represented Good Shepherd School at the Central/West Gymnastics Zones Competition. They had all been practising for over a term to learn and refine their routines. All the children showed great improvement over that time and they had a fantastic day out at Tri-Star. The Year 4 boys team excelled, winning their competition. Congratulations to Liam Bowles, Xavier Prentice and Otis Irvine.



Energy!

Room 8 have been hard at work exploring different sources of energy. We have been looking at how wind power can be converted into energy that we use in our homes



We had a go at making our own wind

