

# 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....*

Mālō e lelei!

The beginning of spring has been a wonderful time for me to return to Good Shepherd School after my sabbatical. I can't tell you how lovely it was to see all the children again on Monday, and I'd like to thank everyone for your welcome back. Miss Gleeson, Mrs McLeod and the team have done a magnificent job in my absence and I am very grateful to them and the community for giving me the opportunity to take time out for some professional learning. The area of study I undertook was in gifted and talented education, and I look forward to discussing this concept and what it means for our community further with you all.

Thank you to our Tongan families for sharing your expertise and experience with our children during Tongan Language Week / Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga. The theme for this year is very appropriate: **'Fakakoloa Aotearoa 'Aki 'Ae Nofu 'A Kainga' — Enriching Aotearoa with our Family Values**, as our Tongan families make such an important contribution to the richness of our school and parish community.

We look forward next week to celebrating two themes that are very close to our hearts: Māori Language Week / Te Wiki o te Reo Māori and Social Justice Week. Do discuss these important themes with your children and what they mean to us all as Catholics and New Zealanders.

Te Atua ki a koe  
God bless  
Jane Hahn

## **Reconciliation**

Thank you to all the families and parishioners who supported the First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates making their Reconciliation. We look forward to celebrating with them all on Sunday 24th September at 2pm. This will be our Parish/School mass for the term.



## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Patelesio Sundin** from Room 1 and **Ashley Edwards** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Sio and Ashley for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in September 2017:

Mia Growden  
Marcuse Salamat  
Elijah Betonio  
Celia Gatt  
Amirah Makani  
Joshua Irving  
Pippa McHardy  
Maia Doran



Rose Tooman  
Daniel Peterson  
Elijah Puyat  
Aston Growden  
Emily Pool  
Luke Kaho  
Dean Fernandez

## CHESS CLUB NEWS

### Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

Places still available. If you are interested in enrolling in this course please let Mrs Butcher know urgently. This coaching is due to start tomorrow Friday 8 September. The cost is \$30. These lessons build on the course that has just finished, so are not suitable for beginners. Students would need to have passed their Level One Badge to be enrolled in this course. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

### 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](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) if there has been any change to phone, email or address details.

## Three-Way Conferences

### Tuesday 19 September and Wednesday 20 September 2017

We are very much looking forward to talking to you about your child's learning at the Three-Way Conferences later this month. Our on-line booking system will be open for bookings from 12 noon on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and type **b4r96** for the Event Code, click GO and follow the prompts. If you require any assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office. **Please note that school will finish at 2pm on Tuesday 19 September and at the usual time of 3pm on Wednesday 20 September.**

### Parking at school

Safety at the school gate is a priority. Please ensure cars are parked in designated parking spaces only, especially in Telford Avenue. Cars that are either double parked or parked on yellow lines are subject to being ticketed by Auckland Transport.

## Resilience

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



### Building Blocks

The building blocks for becoming emotionally resilient involve learning to:

- Recognise, understand and accept feelings.
- Express feelings appropriately.
- Develop a positive outlook.
- Develop effective ways of coping.
- Deal with negative feelings and unpleasant situations.
- Manage stressful life events.

These skills can be encouraged.

### Security at Good Shepherd

It is important for the safety of everyone at Good Shepherd School that we have a secure environment. Anyone visiting the school during school hours needs to come through the office. Even if you are just dropping off lunch or something your child forgot, you need to go via the office. We must know who is in the school at all times.

We will now be locking the gate by Room 1 and 2 at 3:15pm each day so that our school is secure after hours. If you are picking your child up from OSCA in the afternoon you will need to enter the school through the gate by the office.

## Cans for Christmas

In support of St Vincent De Paul and Mercy Hospice, Good Shepherd School was one of 33 primary and secondary schools throughout Auckland supporting the Cans for Christmas drive this year. Our overall tally was 394 cans! This was a tremendous effort made by the Good Shepherd School community. Thank you to everyone who supported this generous cause.



## School Uniform

Students will change to wearing the summer uniform from the start of Term 4, 2017 and through to the end of Term 1, 2018. Summer uniform also includes a sunhat which must be worn for outdoor play. The school uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am during term time. Arrangements for purchasing uniform items outside of these hours can be made by phoning or emailing the school office. Sunhats \$12.00; girls day tops \$55.00; boys short sleeve polo shirts \$35.00

## Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Harrison DeLacey** from Rocket Snails for being a caring walker.



## From the PTA

**THANK YOU!**

**Happy September everyone!**

### Cake Raffle

Congratulations to Hao Nguyen for winning the Room 2 cake raffle that raised \$145.10.

### Parent's morning tea

Friday 8 September

In the staffroom, after you have dropped the children off

Delicious baking thanks to Emma Chan & Andrea Hannay

Please come along – last time we had a wonderful turnout!

### PTA meeting – 27 September, 7.30pm, GSS staffroom

Leonie, Helen, Sarah and myself love it when people come to the meetings - it makes them so much more fun! If we haven't seen you at a meeting - please make this one the one you come to! Meetings are short and we have wine & nibbles! There is always a fantastic update on the direction of the school given by Mrs Hahn. Let's make this meeting the one where we see some new faces in the school AND some old faces we've been missing. See you there!

Thank you whanau!

### ASB School Banking

Application packs are available at the school office for students wishing to participate in ASB School Banking via their own ASB Headstart account. Our school banking day is **Friday** and each week students can drop off their deposit envelope into the secure drop box at the school office.

**ASB**

## Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

# \$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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## Rooms 3 & 4 - Bird Feeders

This term in Rooms 3 & 4 we have been working on a technology project. We have been looking at bird feeders. We have designed and made bird feeders and our next step is to decorate them. We have been following the technology model of: find a need, design, make, evaluate and re visit the design. We found a need in our community and worked out a way to solve it. The birds that lived around our school didn't have enough to eat during winter. So we decided to create bird feeders, to feed the birds. We did a lot of research, around which birds lived in the area and what they ate. Over the next few weeks, we will be decorating our bird feeders and evaluating their success. We will be looking back at our designs, our finished product and deciding if we would change anything for next time. Check out our photos:







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## Learning for life, learning they love

### Gardner Road Kindergarten

#### LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE IN TERM 4

Our programme aims to positively promote the beginning of their Primary School experience.

**WE ARE PROUDLY NOT FOR PROFIT, UNIQUE AND BOUTIQUE.**

- 100% qualified and experienced teachers who build a love of learning in a fun, caring and encouraging environment.
- We deliver a specialist music programme that develops movement and co-ordination of large and small muscles as they learn to drive their bodies.
- We have dedicated mat times to develop spatial awareness, listening skills, memory and language.
- We do small group activities and outings for 4 year olds based around numeracy, literacy and exploration in preparation to school.

**VISIT  
US  
TODAY!**

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# Gardening Club



This week at gardening club our Broccoli was ready for harvest!

We all enjoyed eating it straight out of the garden!



We also enjoyed learning how to plant and grow potatoes today. We can't wait until they are ready to eat.

# WALKING SCHOOL BUS

On Wednesday, the Walking School Bus children were treated to Pizza for lunch! These wonderful walkers have been using the walking school bus on sunny days and on rainy days!

Thank you to Rachael and the fantastic parent helpers that organised this for the children!

If you want to know more information about the WSB please go onto our school website.



For technology education, junior children were given the task of improving their school environment. They decided to construct birdfeeders for some cold and hungry birds around the school. Room 3/4 science researched some common New Zealand birds and what they eat. For example Silvereyes and Tuis like fruit and sugar water while Finches and Sparrows enjoy seeds. We drew our plans carefully first, to suit the available recycled materials, and their targeted bird. Construction day was hugely exciting with hammers, nails, glue guns, electric screwdrivers, and (thank goodness) some very helpful parents. Now all that is left is painting, decorating and of course testing...

