

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....

Kia ora tatou

Next week is the School Council Bake Sale! This has been planned and organized by elected representatives from each classroom who come together regularly to discuss how we can make our school an even better place, and how we can help others. If you have time to do a bit of baking for the sale, or are able to help on the day to support the school councillors, we would be very grateful. Don't forget to send your children to school with a few dollars to buy a treat for morning tea or lunch!

Our celebration of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori/Māori Language Week culminated in the whole school visit to Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae at Unitec last Friday. We were welcomed onto the marae by our very own Pa Hare Paniora and his team and we all thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to experience, learn and enjoy tikanga of a marae.

Next week is our final Pumanawa session. Please do come and have a look at what the children have been doing in these classes over the last ten weeks – everything from learning Taekwando, Mandarin or Italian, to candle-making and science through gardening.

Thank you once again for your commitment to your children's learning, shown through attendance at the three-way conferences this week. Although they do make a long day for our teachers, they really value the opportunity to meet with you all personally, alongside your children, to discuss how we can work together to support their learning.

Finally, a very special occasion is ahead of us this weekend with the celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for a large group of our children. It is very important that our whole community is present there to support these children and their families, and also to celebrate the fact that we are part of the Good Shepherd parish and school community. Please read the notices below for more information about Sunday's celebration, visiting the Pumanawa programmes and the School Council Bake Sale next Wednesday.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

First Holy Communion and Confirmation School/Parish Mass Sunday 24 September at 2.00 p.m.

The Celebration Mass for the sacramental programme will occur at 2.00 pm on Sunday 24 September. This will also be our once-a-term Parish/School Mass and we will be expecting all our families to come to this celebration to support the children. All children, other than the first communicants and their siblings, are to come in their full school uniform. The First Holy Communion candidates are to meet in the hall no later than 1.40pm. There will be one collection during the Mass – thank you for supporting our Good Shepherd Parish. As is the custom at Good Shepherd School, families of children who participated in the Sacramental programme last year will help with the afternoon tea after Mass. All children are invited back to share in this celebration and it would be very helpful if the wider school community could contribute some finger food for this event too. Any contributions can be left at the hall before Mass. One further request – please wait for the food to be blessed before beginning the afternoon tea. We wish all our candidates well and keep them in our prayers as they make their final preparations for this important step in their faith journeys.

Welcome

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

Alfred Kautoke **Angeline Yee**
Rose Gray

GSS Council Bake Sale

The GSS School Council need your help. We want to raise money for a flag pole and to help raise money for the less fortunate. The bake sale is going to be on **Wednesday 27th September, 10:30 – 11:30am**. Please help by sending in some baking for us to sell. If you could help we would love your support.

Class Photos

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday 17th October** (week 1 of Term 4).

Order envelopes went home with the children earlier this week.

Pumanawa Invitation

On Tuesday 26th September (Week 10) Good Shepherd School is having a celebration of what has been achieved during our Pumanawa programmes. You are invited to come to school at **2pm** on **Tuesday 26th September** and spend some time in the classrooms seeing what the students have been up to.

GSS Fair Monster Raffle

Raffle tickets for the GSS Fair Monster Raffle were sent home to families earlier this week. Thank you to the families who have already done a great job of selling their tickets! The raffle first prize of a Sunny Scooter donated by CBD Panelbeating & Mechanical can now be viewed in the office foyer.

Please return ticket stubs and money to the office. The raffle will be drawn at 2pm at the Fair on Saturday 11th November.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

The Seventh Auckland Catholic Inter-School Chess Championship

We have been invited to compete in the Seventh Auckland Catholic Inter-Schools Chess Championships on Thursday 9 November. A notice went out this week to students in Years 4-6. If you would like to compete in this tournament please return the form to the office or Mrs Butcher. Forms need to be returned by the end of Term 3.

The next **Board of Trustees Meeting** is on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 7pm in the meeting room. All welcome.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Rex Sheridan-Bishop** from Room 6 and **Benjamin Maddox** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Rex and Benjamin for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

We are currently processing our enrolments for 2018. We appreciate your efforts in letting us know about siblings who are coming up for enrolment at Good Shepherd and ask that you encourage any family and friends who are thinking about enrolling their children at our school to let our office know as soon as possible.

Library Books

Please return **all overdue** books to the school library by **Monday 25 September**.

Your child will bring home a notice if they have any overdue books. Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost. Children are welcome to take home library books over the holidays as long as they have no outstanding books.

It's Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon time again!!

Early Bird entries close Monday 6th November. The Manukau Weetbix Tryathlon is being held on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at Mountfort Park in Manurewa. This is open to all children who are 7 years old or older on the day of the event. If you are interested in entering your children and participating in this fun event, please contact the school co-ordinator, Eddie Sella at eddie.sella@xtra.co.nz

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.

Mumps outbreak – information for school communities from Auckland Regional Public Health Service

Auckland is experiencing an unprecedented mumps outbreak. There have been over 370 cases with more than 60 schools affected this year. Schools have had to exclude students and staff with mumps and any close contacts who haven't been fully immunised with the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine.

This has disrupted the school, the students' learning and parents who have had to take time off work. Mumps can have serious complications requiring hospitalisation.

We suggest you check your children have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. This will also protect students from the contagious measles and rubella viruses as well.



Need mumps protection?

There's an outbreak of mumps amongst Auckland students not fully vaccinated.

The measles-mumps-rubella vaccine will help protect young people against three serious diseases that are easily spread.

And it is free. Talk to your doctor or nurse today.

For more info call 0800 immune (0800 466 353) or visit ARPHS.govt.nz

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Whanga Taurea Kōwhiri Terehi Māhuru

immunise
your best protection

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.

PTA Calendar Fundraiser - Coming Soon!!

The children are currently working in class to create their fabulous artwork that will be used to make 2018 diaries/calendars and greeting cards, mousepads or notebooks. You will be able to view the art during the first week of next term, in the school office.

Art calendars and other art products can be ordered through order forms which will be sent home on the first day of Term 4. Orders close on Tuesday 24th October 2017.

Flippaball

Any Year 3 to Year 6 students interested in playing Flippaball in the Term 4 season, please contact Justin Soon by email jpsoon@gmail.com or by phone 021 434 706 by Friday 22nd September 2017. The season commences in week 1 of Term 4 and teams need to be registered before the end of Term 3.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Matthew Clement** for having a good attitude while walking in winter.



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

Resilience

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from a setback.

Recognising and accepting feelings

From infancy, children experience different emotional states. E.g. contentment, pleasure, discomfort and distress. As children move through their preschool and primary school year they become better able to recognise, talk about and understand how they feel and how others may feel. This involves being aware of a feeling e.g. anxiety and being able to describe it.

This developmental progression is related to children's language, thinking and experiences. However, there are many things parents can do to help children learn to recognise, understand and accept different feelings.

From the PTA

A BIG SUSHI THANK YOU!

To Maria Gribble. Maria has organized our Sushi for the last 4 years! Maria has handed this job over and we thank Emma Chan for taking it on.

Sushi Volunteers!

Want Sushi for your tamariki? Please volunteer to deliver it on a Friday.

It's a quick and easy job – give up an hour on a Friday just once next term!

We still need 5 helpers!!

Email Emma Chan - emma@virtualtag.co if you can help

Sushi Reminder

Correct change only – anything extra will be considered a donation to the school

Please label your child's envelopes as below otherwise your child may not receive the Sushi they prefer

Name of child (**Jonny Cash**)
Child's class (**Room 1**)
Sushi required (**6 pack chicken**)
Amount enclosed (**\$6**)

Sushi prices:

4 pack Chicken, Tuna or Vege	\$5.00
6 pack Chicken, Tuna or Vege	\$6.00
8 pack Chicken, Tuna or Vege	\$7.00
Teriyaki Chicken on Rice	\$6.00

Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook page

Keep up to date & never miss another mufti day again! Like our page for the latest news...

Yummy Stickers

It's that time of year when we need to send in our yummy stickers, if you have a yummy sticker sheet even if not complete can you please bring it in to the office - all the forms need to be sent away so we can redeem for sports gear.

PTA Meeting

Come along and enjoy the night! Next **Wednesday 27 September, 7.30pm** in the staffroom.

Thank you whanau

Procedural Writing

For procedural writing this term, Room 7 wrote instructions about how to make pizza and then we followed our recipe to make our own gourmet pizzas!

