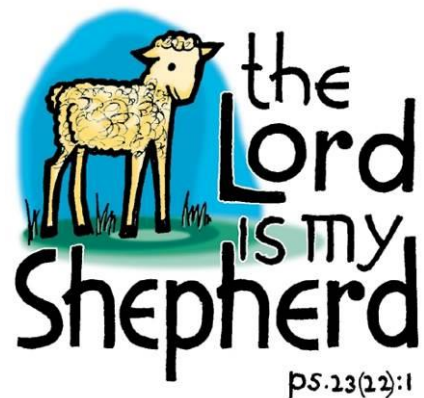


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

\* 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

Update Notice, 28 September 2017



## Parish/School First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass

Thank you to the families for your support of, and attendance at, the Parish/School and First Holy Communion and Confirmation Mass on Sunday. Celebrations such as these are what makes Good Shepherd School unique and is a reason why you chose a Catholic school for your children. The children looked wonderful and were so well prepared by the parish team, working closely with the parents and Sandra Cultrera, our Director of Religious Studies. It was lovely to see so many of our past students attending with their siblings.

## Attendance at Parish/School Mass

*In making the choice to enrol your child at a Catholic School, there is an expectation that you will support your child's faith development. This includes regular attendance at Mass, especially Good Shepherd Parish Family Masses and at the Good Shepherd Parish First Communion and Confirmation celebration. It is also expected your child will be baptised before starting school and that during their time at school they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Reconciliation and Holy Communion).*

This paragraph is right at the top of the Pre-Enrolment Form for Preference students at Good Shepherd School which every family signs on enrolling their child. It was disappointing to note the number of families who did not attend the very special occasion of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Sunday. Please put the date of next term's End of Year Mass **Thursday 7 December at 5.30pm** in your calendar so that we have every family participating fully in our school and parish community. In the very unusual situation of another commitment that cannot be re-scheduled, please advise the principal in writing. Thank you to those people who did this for Sunday's occasion.

## GSS Council Bake Sale

The School Council would like to thank you all for contributing to our bake sale. We raised \$727.90 which is all going to our flagpole fund and the Caring Foundation.

Riley	Rohan	Lucy
Chairperson	Vice-Chair	Secretary

## Class Photos

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

Order envelopes need to be returned by 9am 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**Room 3 & 4 School Assembly tomorrow at 2.15pm.  
All Welcome.**

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Kara McGillivray** from Room 9 and **Daniel Peterson** from Room 3 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Kara and Daniel for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



### Library Books

Please return **all overdue** books to the school library by **Friday 29 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.

### PTA Calendar Fundraiser

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 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### GSS Fair Monster Raffle

The school holidays are a great opportunity to get out and about and sell your raffle tickets. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

## *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.

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

### 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. Arrangements for purchasing uniform items 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

Please note, the school office is not open during the school holidays.

### Student Achievement at Good Shepherd School

Last night a report on student achievement in reading was presented and discussed at the PTA meeting. This report is now available on our website.

## 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.

## 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.

## GSS OSCA

All permanent OSCA bookings from term 3 will roll over to term 4. Please notify the school office by email to [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) before the start of term 4 if you require any changes.

## Lost Property

Please check the lost property table outside the office. All unclaimed items will be disposed of.



**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 466 863) or visit [ARPHS.govt.nz](http://ARPHS.govt.nz)

Auckland Regional Public Health Service  
Rāronga Hauora ā Iwi o Tamaki Makaurau

**immunise**  
their best protection

## 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 School now has a School App!**

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# Room 1

Room 1 celebrated Tongan Language Week by learning the 'Three Blind Mice' in Tongan, Tongan numbers and colours. We did this with the help of our valued student Sio Sundin and his dad who came to talk to us about Tonga, and their family cultural traditions.

Leading up to the Marae visit, Room 1 have been reading and retelling Maori stories such as the 'Maui and the Sun', and 'Maui and the Big Fish'. We are very proud of our writing, and feel blessed that we live in such a beautiful and multi-cultural country like Aotearoa New Zealand.

