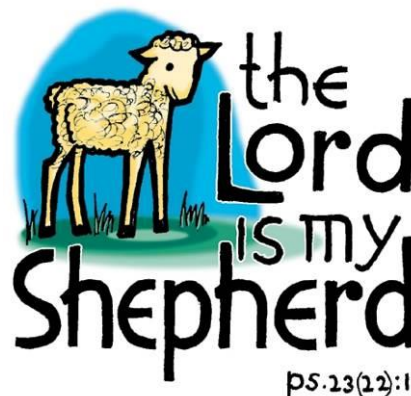


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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 17, 19 October 2017



From the principal's office....

Ni hao and namaste

This is a term to celebrate the many cultures that make up our school community, beginning in our first week with Chinese Language Week and the celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. The celebration continues in Week 3 (30 October to 3 November) which we have designated our 'Cultural Celebration Week'. Finally, our senior Kapa Haka and the Irish Dancing group will be performing at the Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival on Saturday 25 November. This is a truly wonderful event that hosts a number of schools in our area and showcases the rich diversity of the cultures that make up our community.

Some of the reasons why we focus on celebrating our cultures can be found in the Principles outlined in The New Zealand Curriculum. These eight Principles should underpin all school decision-making and include the following:

Treaty of Waitangi – all students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga

Cultural diversity – the curriculum reflects New Zealand's cultural diversity

Inclusion – the curriculum ensures that students' identities, languages and abilities, and talents are recognized and affirmed

Community engagement – the curriculum connects with students' wider lives, and engages the support of their families, whānau, and communities

Future focus – the curriculum encourages students to explore future-focused issues like citizenship and globalization.

We are so fortunate to have such rich diversity within our school and parish community and I look forward to you joining us in celebrating this over the term.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

Condolences

Please remember in your prayers Mrs Enid Crocker, grandmother of Sarah Gleeson, who died recently, and all those families who have lost loved ones over the last few weeks.

Change of date for our End-of-Year and Graduation Mass

Please note that the date for this important event has been changed because of a clash with the St Peter's College Prize giving, as both these events involve their whole school communities. The Good Shepherd School End-of-Year and Graduation Mass will now be held on **Tuesday 12 December at 5.30pm.**

Please make sure this date is on your calendar.



Welcome

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

*Alec MacGilvray Leo Zigliani
William Moulder Dana Fa'apopo
Matila Fa'apopo*

Fair Mufti Day Tomorrow

In support of the Fair Chocolate Trailer stall. If your child chooses to wear mufti please have them bring in a donation of a king size bar of chocolate or a gold coin donation.

Invitation to perform at the Auckland Irish Society Fleadh 2017

A Fleadh is a Festival of Irish music, singing, poetry and oratory and will be held at the Auckland Irish Club, Fowlds Park, Western Springs 12.00 – 5.30pm on Sunday 5 November. Registrations close at 8pm on Friday 20 October. If you are interested in your child/children taking part in solo or group singing, instrumental or speech please see Mrs Hahn for a registration form.

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 4 instalment is due by week 6. If you have any queries regarding the school account please email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz

Uniforms

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.

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.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Rishmikaa Selvathas** from Room 8 and **Miracle Lemana** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Rishmikaa and Miracle for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



PTA Calendar Fundraiser

The children have created 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 this week in the school office.

Art calendars and other art products can be ordered through order forms which were sent home earlier this week. Orders close on Tuesday 24th October 2017.

GSS Monster Raffle

Please return the money, ticket stubs along with any unsold tickets to the school office by **Wednesday 25th October.**

The raffle will be drawn live at the School Fair 2pm on Saturday 11th November.

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

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**

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

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Alec MacGilvray | Annika DeLacey |
| Imogen MacRae | Imogen Prentice |
| Xavier Fala | Liam McKinnel |
| Mishael Bacus | Phoebe Carlsen |
| Joey Mirfin | Jack Barry |
| Xavier McKinnel | Maverick Capao |
| Rohan Sharma | Siena Carter |
| Natasha MacRae | Sanjay Beeramathy |
| Benjamin Wright | Elyssa Ioane Matafi |
| Shane D'Souza | Luca Kennedy-Woods |
| Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh | |



Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Levi Harris** from Rocket Snails for Great Term 3 Walking!



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!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and Search Good Shepherd School to download the App to your phone or tablet.

From the PTA

你好! Nǐ hǎo

Thank you

For your support for our Fair – looking forward to the big day!
Keep your eyes peeled for further ways you can help in the weekly Fair newsletter.

Calendars 2017

Thanks to Emma Smolden for once again running this amazing fundraiser. Please get your orders in by **Tuesday 24 October**.

A shout out to all wannabe fudge makers.

If you'd like to learn how to make chocolate or russian fudge then join Carla and Nikki for a fudge making lesson - on Thursday 26 October 7.30pm at Nikki's house - 2A Tenterden Avenue, Mt Eden.

Just bring yourself, enjoy some wine, sample some fudge and get some great tips on how to make yummy fudge! Everyone is welcome especially new parents (and those who love eating fudge).

Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook page

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

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:

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|------------------------------|--------|
| 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 |

Thank you - 谢谢



Muriwai Surf Lifesaving

For further information please contact Sharon or John on theirvings@xtra.co.nz

Photo: www.Christi@ttden.co.nz

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:

