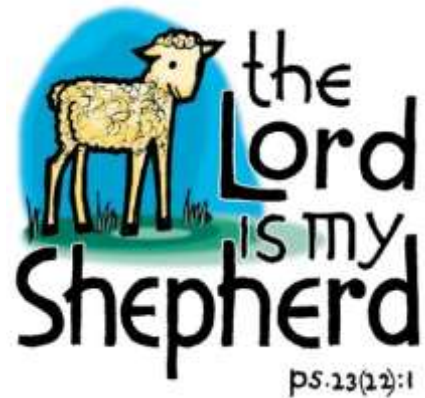


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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 katoa

You often hear the word 'community' around Good Shepherd School and Parish. Our vision for our learners, described in our strategic plan, is that they be **'resilient, positive in their own identity and have a sense of belonging to their community'**. This strong community spirit does not just happen – it must be built and strengthened and this demands time and effort from all its members.

We have so many opportunities at this eventful time of year to actively build community. Yesterday, we joined our parish family for the celebration of All Saints Day Mass and we thank our parents who were able to be there with us. The wonderful diversity that makes our community stronger was celebrated today through the visible signs of dress and food. And the huge fundraising effort undertaken over the last few months, culminating in the Good Shepherd Fair on Saturday 11 November, has brought so many people together with a common objective – the children of Good Shepherd School – and their time and effort will pay off in huge dividends in the on-going building of our community.

That wise woman, our very own St Mary MacKillop, said:

Wherever we are, we are called to create community.

Thank you for your commitment to the Good Shepherd community. I feel very blessed to be part of it!

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

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

Eden Gullery	Matthew Blanch
Eli Turner-Padgett	Maxine Barry
Emelia Fergus	Miranda Flexman
Emma Forbes	Olivia D'Rose
Gina Smoldon	Ryansun Kanthi
Hannah Saunders	Seihara Andrews
Lachlan McHardy	Sharelle Lemalu
Leo Gribble	Sophie Sella
Liam Turner-Padgett	Stephen Arceo
Liam Bowles	Willow Irving



Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Anton Van Aken** from Room 6 and **Asher Sutton** from Room 4 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Anton and Asher for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Student Wellbeing at Good Shepherd School

Nine concepts have been identified as contributing to student wellbeing:

- Belonging and connection
- Achievement and success
- Resilient
- Physically active
- Socially, emotionally competent
- Nurtured and cared for
- Safe and secure
- Included
- Confident in their identity

Education Review Office. (2016). *Wellbeing for Success: effective practice*

This term we will once again actively seek our students' perspectives about wellbeing at school. We do this twice a year at Good Shepherd and use the results to monitor our children's wellbeing and address any areas that need improvement.

An important part of ensuring children's wellbeing at school is having rigorous procedures for bullying prevention and response. As in all areas of school life that impact on our children and their learning, it is very important that our whole community shares responsibility for making our school a respectful and inclusive environment. Our *Bullying Prevention and Response Procedure* is on our website and we welcome any feedback or comments from our parents and whānau on these.

Grass Spraying

This Saturday morning the playing field will be being treated with spray. The field will be closed until late afternoon.

Good Shepherd School OSCA programme

Life can be very busy for many of our families and we are lucky to have such a capable team running our before and after school care programmes at Good Shepherd. We know our community values the great work they do in ensuring our children are safe and happy during these times. Thank you for your co-operation in informing the office in a timely way of any bookings or cancellations, especially in a busy term 4. Just a little reminder to please not share any lollies with children while they are in the OSCA programme as some of them may have allergies. Thank you to Alex and his team for all the good work you do in OSCA.



Welcome

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

Nimilote Fotofili

Reporting injuries

As you know we do everything we can to keep your children safe and happy at school, but sometimes an injury does occur and needs attending in our First Aid Room. If we are in any doubt about the seriousness of the injury we will contact the child's parents or caregivers, and as part of our Health and Safety procedures we investigate any injury or incident that results in a visit to a doctor or hospital. Please remember to inform our school office if an injury at school has resulted in a visit to the doctor or hospital so that we can ensure we have done everything we can to prevent it happening again.

APPA Primary Schools' Music Festival

Choir children will be going home today with their family pre-ordered tickets for the APPA Music Festival, ordered through the school. Please look out for them. There will be limited door sales at the Town Hall on the night for those still wishing to attend.

Parent Help on Athletics day

To ensure a smooth running of our athletics day on **Wednesday 5th November** we require parent assistance to help with the first aid tent and other duties. If you are available to help, please contact Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz.

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.

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

From the PTA

Congratulations to the McHardy family who won Room 5's cake raffle which raised \$131.00

Fudge fudge fudge!

We need people to make fudge, coconut ice, rocky road for the Lolly Stall at the Fair! Please get baking and send your child back with lots of goodies – they can be dropped off in the meeting room on Friday 10 November.

Calendars 2017

Thank you to all those who ordered!

Fair 11 November

Thanks for all the support in regards to the Fair – not long now so keep your eyes peeled for any last minute pieces of info.

Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook page

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

Good Shepherd End-of-Year and Graduation Mass Tuesday 12 December at 5.30pm

Please make sure that this time is set aside for our last formal gathering as a community for the year, when we thank God for all the blessings of 2017, and farewell our senior students.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Florence Twose** from Rocket Snails
"A cheerful start to Term 4 walking"



- Fair will be done & dusted!
- School is just about out!
- Who needs a night out?

Please join the Mother Superiors for an end of year Christmas Party!

Date: Friday 17th November

Time: 7.30 onwards

Where: The Clare Inn, Dominion Road, Mt Eden

Entertainment: Straight from the bright lights of LA....

Austin Powers & Neil Diamond!

WIN: Prize for the Mother Superior with the best Christmas Hat!

Catherine - 0274948603

In room 7 we have been learning about Couplets.
A couplet is a two-line poem with a simple rhyming pattern.

Have a read of our couplets that we made up!

This cake
Is good with steak.
-Victor



My pug
Went under the rug.
-Lia

It is so sunny
I am so funny.
-Emma

Today I want to make a cake
But first I need to learn to bake.
-Rosa

Yellow and sunny
Is my honey.
-Meredith

I baked a cake
But it got ruined by a rake.
-Miranda

It is so sunny
I need some honey.
-Elyssa

I went to see a coral reef
But then I saw some giant teeth!
-Pippa

I baked a cake
And threw it in the lake.
-Yonnie

I was so late
I got up at eight!
-Imogen

Today I baked a cake.
I ate it at the lake.
-Justin

My little pug
Sleeps in a mug.
-Sophie

My kitten
Wants my mitten.
-Celia

Cake
Something very yummy.
Delicious and very scrummy.
-Maggie

Slime
Give me a dime
To buy some slime.
-Liam

I am way too cool
To go to school.
-Jiwoo

Cake
I made a cake
Flavoured chocolate flake.
-Amirah

My Cat
My cat loves its tail.
My cat is eating a snail.
-Faith

I have a very round clock.
My clock goes tick, tick, tock.
-Jack

Rat
The rat saw a cat
And the cat ate the rat.
-Lei'ataua

It is sunny,
Get some money for your honey.
-Leo

Spring
The season is spring.
Time to get a new king!
-Ruby

I see a deer.
Where is the hare?
-Filomena

Cake
My snake
Ate my cake.
-Xavier

My cute little pug
Sleeps on a rug.
-Genevieve

I'll bake a cake.
A cake I will bake.
-Mishael