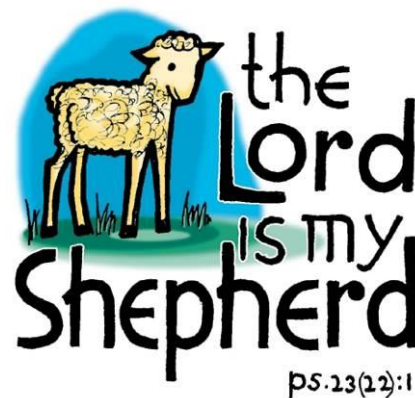


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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, 9 November 2017



Personnel

This year we farewell **Janet Scanlan** from her role as full time classroom teacher. Janet has been an important member of our team for a number of years and many of your children will have spent their first year in Janet's room as a new entrant/Year 1 student, benefitting from her total commitment to their well-being and their learning. Janet has made such a great contribution to our school community, taking on many responsibilities over the years, including coordinating the library and the school Garden Club. Her links with our school families and the wider community are very strong. Janet will still be part of the Good Shepherd team in 2018 and beyond, but in a capacity that allows her to spend more time with her family and pursuing other interests.

We also wish **Jessica Briggs** well as she moves on to a position at St Kentigern Boys' School. Jessica has been such an asset to Good Shepherd in her work in the Year 1/2 area, and has made a great contribution in working closely with Heather McLeod to set up the special learning space in Rooms 3 and 4. This year she also took on responsibility for the Garden Club and brought great energy and enthusiasm to that role.

We have been fortunate in our appointment of **Peyton Evans**, who is a past pupil of Good Shepherd School and Marist College, as a classroom teacher in 2018. We are looking forward to welcoming Peyton into our teaching team and introducing her to the current Good Shepherd community.

We are currently finalizing the organization of classrooms for 2018 and will share this information with you as soon as we are able.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate from **Leo Gribble** Room 3 and **Havana-Shai Baker-Leger** from Room 8 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Leo and Havana-Shai for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Good Shepherd Choir

We wish our school choir all the best as they make their final preparations for the big performance as part of the Auckland Primary Principals Association (APPA) Choir at the Town Hall next Tuesday. These children have been practising regularly all year under the choir leadership of Ms Li and have shown resilience and self-discipline in persevering with these practices and rehearsals. It is a wonderful experience for them and their audience and those of you who are able to go will be impressed with the event.

Lockdown Drill after School

As part of our health and safety procedures, our OSCA team will be participating in a lockdown drill sometime after school hours next week. We ask your cooperation in complying with any instructions from staff if you happen to be in the school grounds when the lockdown drill is signaled.

School closes tomorrow, Friday 9th November at 2pm.

Good Shepherd School Athletics Wednesday 15 November (Saving Day Friday 17 November) Venue – Margaret Griffen Park, Mt Roskill

The day will be divided into two sessions, the morning session approximately 9.45am – 11.45pm and the afternoon 12.00pm – 2.00pm. The following is an estimated timetable of events although please note that it may change depending on the time taken for each event:

Morning Session 9.45am – 11.45pm	
Senior Students (8-11 years)	Junior Students (5-7 years)
800 m (optional)	Field events: Frisbee Throw Long Jump Softball Throw Bean Bag Throw Tag Relays 3 Armed Race
400m	
100m	
200m	
Afternoon Session 12.00pm – 2.00pm	
Junior Students (5-7 years)	Senior Students (8-11 years)
50m	Field events: Long Jump Softball Throw Discus (High jump and 10 year old long jump take place at school during lunchtimes)
75m	
100m	
House relays will take place after the afternoon session, if we have time.	
Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for the day with:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunscreen and sun hats Plenty of food and drink (water only) Years 4-6 in their sports uniform Years 1-3 in sports gear (preferably in their house colours) All children in sports shoes 	
Thank you to all our parents who are able to help on the day. You are all warmly invited to come along to support the children at any time during the day	

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.

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.

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 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.

Cultural Celebration Week

Last week we had a visit from Judy Zhao from the World Tai Chi Federation and performers from the Nurenha Dance Group as part of our Cultural Celebration Week. We were treated to a Tai Chi demonstration and two Chinese dances, 'Good Luck' and 'Return from Target Practice'. We are very grateful to Ms Li for organizing this experience and thank our performers for sharing their culture with our community.



There are 24 days left for Reading Challenge!

Thank you for your ongoing support of HELL Reading Challenge. We still have pizza wheels in stock. Pop into the library and pick one up today. HELL Reading Challenge ends on 3 December 2017.

Year 5 Retreat

On Friday the 3rd of November, the Year 5's participated in their annual retreat at the St Francis Retreat Centre. They were guided by Brother Philip who arranged some very challenging and enjoyable team building activities, which they did wholeheartedly. As the next leaders of Good Shepherd School, they took the opportunity to engage in silent prayer, reflection and connected with other year 5 students they weren't familiar with. We wish them well on this new journey as leaders and encourage them to lead with honesty, care and respect.



"The reason why they took us was to teach us what kind of leader we want to be"- Setaita

"I learnt to never ever give up no matter how long it takes"- Jayden

"During the treasure hunt, we learnt how to be a good leader. We used perseverance and resilience"- Gina

"In my future, I would love to be a leader that likes to challenge himself"- Ethan Sharma

"Year 5 retreat was a good time to connect with other classes and prepare for camp"-Anna

"I learnt to be kind and sharing"- Ben Wright

Travelwise

What an amazing day the Travelwise Leaders had yesterday at the Cloud!

Auckland Transport put on a wonderful day full of adventures! We travelled down to the Cloud and took part in an Emergency Services Challenge. We had 11 stops to visit around the Queens Wharf and Wynyard Quarter. At each stop we learnt about the different Emergency Services that help keep us safe both on land and at sea.

We ended the day by receiving a Silver Award for our efforts at promoting Travelwise at school!

Well done to our Travelwise leaders of 2017!





- 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

NPH Latin market.

NPH Latin American Market, Sunday 12th November, 4-8pm, Mt Eden War Memorial Hall. Great food, crafts and entertainment from Latin America. \$5 donation entry supports NPH NZ, a Catholic charity helping vulnerable children in Latin America.

Job Vacancy – Part time

Picture framing job available. 3 hours per day Monday to Friday. Full training given. Must be motivated and reliable. Please call Alex on 625 2855