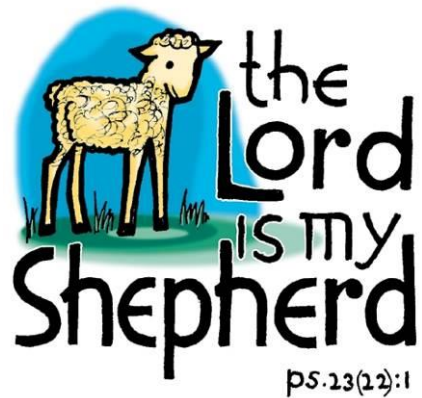


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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 19, 16 November 2017

From the principal...

Tēnā koutou katoa

Good Shepherd School provides a Catholic environment in which students become critical and creative thinkers who are positive in their own identities and who contribute to the global community.

The Good Shepherd School Vision for Year 6 students leaving the school is that they:

- Have a personal relationship with God and grow in the knowledge of Jesus the Good Shepherd, living and experiencing his values on a daily basis.
- Are motivated, active seekers, users and creators of knowledge; critical and creative thinkers; and informed decision makers.
- Are resilient, positive in their own identity and have a sense of belonging to their community.
- Are global citizens.

We make this important statement in our school Charter and it is a good idea to remind ourselves periodically about what it is that drives our decision-making at Good Shepherd School. At this time of the year we look at every aspect of the school – our Catholic special character, curriculum, organisation, resources and culture – and use this review to plan for 2018 and beyond. This process is well underway and we thank those of you who have so willingly participated in surveys to help us gather information.

What a special day we had on Saturday. Our prayers for beautiful weather were answered and everything came together to produce a truly wonderful experience that will bring significant benefits to our children and also to our community as a whole. Congratulations and thank you to that amazing fair committee, to the great Good Shepherd parent community and their extended families and friends, to Sharyn for all the extra work she has taken on over the last few weeks, to all the staff who have entered into the spirit of the fair so willingly at this very busy time of the school year, and to our wonderful children who are at the centre of everything we do at Good Shepherd.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

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.

Good Shepherd School Choir Performance at the Town Hall

Congratulations to Ms Li and the children in the choir on a wonderful performance at the Town Hall as part of the APPA choir on Tuesday night. The sound of so many voices coming together in a massed festival choir was a delight to hear and a great treat for the audience. These children showed great resilience in persevering with regular rehearsals and the long process of practising with other school choirs but they were rewarded with the unique experience of performing to a full Town Hall audience.



Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2017 Saturday 25 November 9.30am-3.00pm Rocket Park, Mt Albert

This is the major performance event for our Irish Dancing and Kapa Haka groups for this year. We would love you to come along to support our children, and also to enjoy performances by our neighbouring schools, the great food stalls and extra activities, and the on-site cafe. Our children are performing on the Outside Stage at the following times:

2.00pm Senior Kapa Haka Group
2.25pm Irish Dancing Group

The Albert-Eden School Cultural Festival was recently the winner of the Outstanding Event Award at the NZ Recreation Awards so bring along the family and enjoy a vibrant multicultural event.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Riley Dwyer** from Room 9 and **Rosa Lewthwaite** from Room 7 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Riley and Rosa for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Good Shepherd School Athletics

What a great day we had yesterday at the Good Shepherd Athletics at Three Kings Reserve. Well done to all our competitors and special congratulations to all those who were placed in their events. We also saw many examples of good sportsmanship happening and these children made us proud with the effort they put into their events. We had a great team of parent helpers on the day, ensuring that everything ran smoothly. Thank you, Mrs McLeod, for your organization of this event. Certificates for those children placed in their events at our athletics day will be presented after the 9am whole school prayer on Monday 20 November.

Good luck to the athletes representing Good Shepherd at the interschool athletics next week. The organisers of this year's Eden/Albert Zone Athletics advise that the event will be held at Margaret Griffin Park on Thursday 23rd November. However, the park is under ground works and the competing area is surrounded by a mesh wire fence. Spectators will be able to view the events from outside the fence, but will not be provided with access within it.

School Attendance Dues

If you are paying by term, the instalment for term 4 is due next week (week 6). **All accounts are required to be settled by 1st December 2017.** If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact Kathryn in the school office.



Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new students who started with us recently:
Ayrestyn-Skye Leger William Woods

Chess Club News

Success at Seventh Auckland Catholic Inter-Schools Chess Competition

Last Thursday Mrs Pool took three teams from Good Shepherd to compete in a chess tournament at St Paul's Primary School in Massey.

Good Shepherd School's Team 1 (**Stephen Arceo, Ciaran Farrell, Luke McKinnel and Ben Wright**) were the overall winners and received first place certificates and a trophy in the Beginners division.

Ben and Ciaran both received 'Highest Score' on their Boards, winning all of their 6 games.

Well done to all our students who took part. Thank you to our parents who gave up their time to provide transport and supervision.



Swimming Pool Keys

A limited number of keys will be available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer, from **Monday 27th November**. Further details will be communicated in next week's update notice. In fairness to all families we are not accepting reservation for keys or allocating keys prior to Monday 27th November.

School Uniforms

The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am. Outside of these hours, orders can be placed via email, phone or in person at the school office and the uniform items will be sent home with the child.

The last day for purchase of school uniform items will be Thursday 30th November after which the school uniform shop will be closed.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **George Hanrahan** from Rocket Snails for being "a polite and cheerful walker".



School Photographs

The school photographs ordered through PhotoLife are being sent home with the children today. Please look out for these.

PTA Calendar Fundraiser

Children's art calendars and other art products ordered through the PTA fundraiser will be sent home via the children tomorrow. Thank you for your support of this fundraising activity.

From the PTA

Truly amazing!
How you all pulled together
Always thinking of the tamariki

Netting a whopping sum, which
the
Kids get to enjoy
So thanks Good Shepherd
community

YOU ARE THE BEST!!!

You all raised over \$60,000 (exact number still being totalled) which will all go straight back to benefiting your children.

As well as the resources we allocate money for each year, the project benefiting most from this money will be a confidence course of some type, supporting our children's emotional and physical resilience. This track will be on school grounds and be another fantastic activity to entertain our children and help them grow. School staff have already begun the process of getting this started – watch this space!

End of year PTA meeting/xmas do!

Join us on November 29th at 7.30pm in the staffroom – we will celebrate you – our amazing parents and whanau. We'll also say goodbye to some special people who are leaving Good Shepherd. See you there!

Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook page

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

**friends
& family
deals**



NZCEO

Offer is available Monday 20 November -
Sunday 26 November 2017

Offer is available at Noel Leeming Nationwide

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cost*
+7.5%
storewide

excludes IT accessories, PC Software,
AV Accessories & PC Consumables



hurry in store and make the most of this offer!

Print and present this flyer or show it on your device in store



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Advent Vespers and Carol Service

A service of Carols and Readings for the Season of Advent at the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Joseph. Saturday, 2 December at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to share this beautiful tradition as we journey towards Christmastide and prepare the way of the Lord. Entry FREE but there will be a retiring collection. Validated parking is available at the Wilsons' car parks on Hobson Street (\$4) and Durham Lane (\$2 entry from Queen St only).



- 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

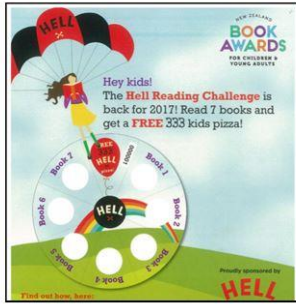
Where: The Clare Inn, Dominion Road, Mt Eden

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



NEW ZEALAND
BOOK AWARDS
FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

There are 17 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.



**GIFT Centre -
Driver/Maintenance Staff**

Growth in Faith Together (GIFT Centre) is an Apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland. We are a Not-for-Profit organisation established as a Ministry and to provide 24 hour residential accommodation for people with intellectual disabilities. We have a vacancy for fulltime Driver/Maintenance staff.

If you are interested in applying, we would appreciate it if you could send your updated CV to Mylene Caballero at mylene@giftcentre.org.nz or you could ring me for more information 09-6209524.

Parish Secretary

Good Shepherd Balmoral Parish is currently seeking a highly capable and motivated Parish Secretary for 15 hours per week.

We are seeking a talented person able to ensure the effective and efficient day to day running of our Parish office and to support the Parish Priest.

This is a varied role and responsibilities include:

- Secretarial services
- Parish Finances and Accounts
- Parish Records
- Website maintenance
- Parish Communications

Applicants should have excellent administration skills, accounting knowledge, excellent communication skills – both written and oral, strong interpersonal skills, sound computing skills in MYOB and the Windows environment including Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Wordpress. Good time management skills and capability to prioritise competing time demands are required for this role.

To view the full position description, please visit the parish website.

Applicants for this position should have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit.

Please send a covering letter and CV to Leanne Killgour, HR Manager for the Diocese at leannek@cda.org.nz.

Applications close 24 November 2017.

Christmas Mass Times

24th December 2017

Christmas Eve - **5pm** Family Vigil Mass
with Nativity presentation and picnic after mass.

Christmas Eve - **Midnight** Mass
with Carol Service from **11pm.**

A silhouette illustration of a nativity scene. In the center, a baby lies in a manger, illuminated by a bright light. Two figures stand on either side of the manger, and a third figure is visible in the background. The scene is set against a backdrop of palm trees and a sunset sky.

25th December 2017

Christmas Day - **9:30am** Mass.
Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, Balmoral.