

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 20, 30 November 2017



From the principal....

Tēnā koutou katoa

Education is never far from the news and has been getting its fair share of coverage over the last few weeks. Two areas that we are hearing a lot about are the 'scrapping of National Standards' and the use of physical restraint in schools. I thought it might be useful to comment briefly on those two areas to help clear up any misconceptions that can arise from media reporting.

Measuring students' progress and achievement against National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, and reporting to parents in relation to these standards, has been a requirement in New Zealand schools since 2010. Teachers make Overall Teacher Judgements, considering evidence from multiple sources including standardized tests and students' workbooks, when making these judgements. Schools are required to send in their results every year and these are published on the Ministry of Education website. Our new government has announced that national standards will go, although the process of changing legislation will take time. Meanwhile, schools will continue to use the National Standards and report against these, both to parents and the Ministry of Education. Good Shepherd School uses a range of assessment processes to monitor and evaluate students' progress and uses the information gathered for a number of different purposes, the most important one being to plan effective teaching and learning programmes.

Recent legislation has provided explicit guidelines about the conditions under which physical restraint in schools might be used in schools and introduced a reporting process should such action be taken. Again, there has been much comment on this in the media recently. Good Shepherd School has developed procedures in line with this legislation. We will, however, continue to build a culture of positive behavior management focused on our **Good Shepherd Way** with the values of Care, Respect and Honesty at its heart. If you would like to discuss either of these very topical subjects with me, I am very happy to do so.

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, the season of the Church year during which we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We are all looking forward to sharing with you the special occasions, both in school and parish, that this special time brings.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn



Last day of term 2017

School finishes this year on
Friday 15th December at 2pm

First day of term 1 2018

Tuesday 30th January 2018

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Cassie Bray** from Room 2 and **David Bews** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Cassie and David for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Good Shepherd End-of-Year and Graduation Mass

Tuesday 12 December at 5.30pm

This is a very special event as we come together as a whole school community to celebrate the year and to pray for God's blessings on those students moving on to intermediate school from Good Shepherd. All students are to meet their teachers outside Room 9, on the turf in full school uniform at 5.15pm. Please note there will be a plate collection at Mass for the Parish.

We look forward to the whole school community being present on this occasion.

Health and Safety at Good Shepherd School

At Good Shepherd we are committed to promoting and maintaining the health and safety of our children, families, staff and visitors. We also appreciate the involvement of all members of our community and value your input in matters of health and safety. Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any concerns in this area. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep everyone safe at Good Shepherd.

Gardening Club

We are always looking for extra helpers for our Gardening Club. Please let Miss Briggs or Mrs Hahn know if you are interested in helping with the Gardening Club next year.

Eden/Albert Zone Athletics Results

Congratulations to all those athletes who represented Good Shepherd at the interschool athletics competition recently. The competition was tough and our school performed extremely well overall. In addition to the team doing so well, the following children are to be congratulated for excelling in their events:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Elliott Humphrey | 1 st Boys 10 yrs 800m |
| Rosa Fuli | 1 st Girls 8 yrs High Jump |
| Lachie McHardy | 2 nd Boys 11 yrs Discus |
| Seini Berwick | 3 rd Girls 8 yrs 100m |
| Maggie Lewthwaite | 3 rd Girls 9 yrs Shot Put |

School Attendance Dues

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

Good Shepherd Christmas Concert

Good Shepherd children and teachers would like to invite all families to a Christmas concert. This will be an interactive event where you can come and sing some carols with the school. All classes will be performing a class Christmas item. Parents will be provided with a carol sheet to join in the singing while classes are in transition from one performance to another.

If your child's room number is odd we ask that they bring a non-perishable item of food for their class Christmas box. If your child's room number is even we ask that they bring a wrapped unisex gift for their class Christmas box. The boxes are being decorated by the classes and will line the stage on the night. All donations will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than us.

Bring your own food and drinks and sausages will be for sale at the PTA sausage sizzle. Once the concert is finished all children will be under their parents' supervision. The event will finish at 8.00pm.

Event: Good Shepherd School Christmas Concert

Date: Thursday 14 December

Time: 5.45 p.m. children to report to teacher; performances begin 6.30 p.m.

Place: School field

So come on and book in the event, bring your picnic rugs and join with us to celebrate this special time of year with the children of Good Shepherd!

Lost Property

Please check the lost property. At the end of term, all unclaimed items will be disposed of.

OSCA for 2018

We are currently preparing OSCA for Term 1 2018. Families who currently have permanent bookings are required to complete a form (emailed home yesterday) with their requirements for Term 1 2018. The completed forms need to be returned to the school office by Monday 11th December please.

Swimming Caps

The swimming programme has now started. All children must wear a swimming cap in the pool. Swimming caps are available for purchase at the school office for \$3.00 each, in the house colours.

Room 9 Mufti Day

We congratulate Lucy Lord's family on winning the bid for 'Mufti Day for a Class' at the recent GSS Fair. The lucky recipients are Room 9 students who may wear mufti on Thursday 14th December 2017. We thank Lucy and her family for generously supporting the school in this way.

LIBRARY BOOKS-Annual Stocktake

Please return **all overdue** books as soon as possible. Your child will bring home a notice if they have any overdue books.

All books need to be returned by **Friday 1 December**. There will be no more issues this year after that date. Our annual stocktake will take place at the end of term and we would like all books back on the shelf.

Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost. Many thanks.

Any concerns or questions please see Marguerite Butcher.

2017 GSS Yearbooks

Copies are still available for purchase from the school office. \$20 per copy, cash or cheque only.

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School 2018

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.

Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2017

Good Shepherd put on two great performance groups at the Cultural Festival last weekend. Congratulations to all the children who performed – we were so proud of you! The Irish Dancing group can only happen with the help of two very generous parents who coach, choreograph and outfit the large group of children who are part of this group. Thank you to **Clare Fala and Liz Hanrahan** for your work here. Our wonderful PTA were as supportive as ever in funding the purchase of the costumes for the dancers.

Thank you too, **Matua Edwards** and **Ms Gleeson**, for your work with the Senior Kapa Haka group that resulted in such a powerful performance on Saturday.

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).



There is 1 day left for Reading Challenge!

Thank you for your ongoing support of HELL Reading Challenge. The last day I can stamp your child's reading wheel is tomorrow Friday 1 December. HELL Reading Challenge offer of a free pizza ends on 3 December 2017.

Principal for the Day

We congratulate Otis Irvine on his appointment as Principal for the Day on Monday 4 December. We thank Otis and his family for putting in the winning bid at the fair's Silent Auction and look forward to Otis taking up his position on Monday.

From the PTA

Well whanau – the tally is in!! You all raised \$65,000 from the Good Shepherd School Fair!!! THAT’S AMAZING – THANK YOU!!

The project we were fundraising for was an outside confidence course of some type for all our children (and our community) to benefit from. This project is underway and we will update you as progress is made.

Calendars

Thank you Emma Smoldon for your outstanding job organising the calendars again. We raised around \$1300 from this fundraiser. Thanks to all who purchased and supported!

Yummy Stickers

Thanks to those people who love crunching their apples and saving the stickers – we received \$210 worth of sports equipment which is pretty outstanding.

School Council

These awesome kids have raised \$800 to go towards a flagpole and flags. We’ve matched that sum to help them achieve their job. Kia mau te wehi!

Our amazing Parish

To thank our amazing Parish we have donated \$3,000 to be used as they need. We truly appreciate everything Martin and Monsignor Bernard’s support, enthusiasm, passion and positivity towards our school and community.

JOIN THE PTA!

Our current committee are resigning at the next AGM in March. WE NEED YOU! Please think about taking on a role:

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

It’s a job you won’t regret and can be done regardless of your commitments or stage at school – new parent or old! You’ll have the full support of the exiting committee and school community. Terms last for one year – do it – you won’t regret it!!

Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook page

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

We sell Stuck on You LabelsA FLYER HAS BEEN SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD

Sample labels can be viewed at the school office, more info on our school website
20% of sales go to our PTA so enter **GOODSHEPHERDSCHOOLPTA** in the Fundraiser Code box at the checkout
Order here www.stuckonyou.co.nz - they are shipped directly to you

Room Six

A snapshot of our learning so far ...

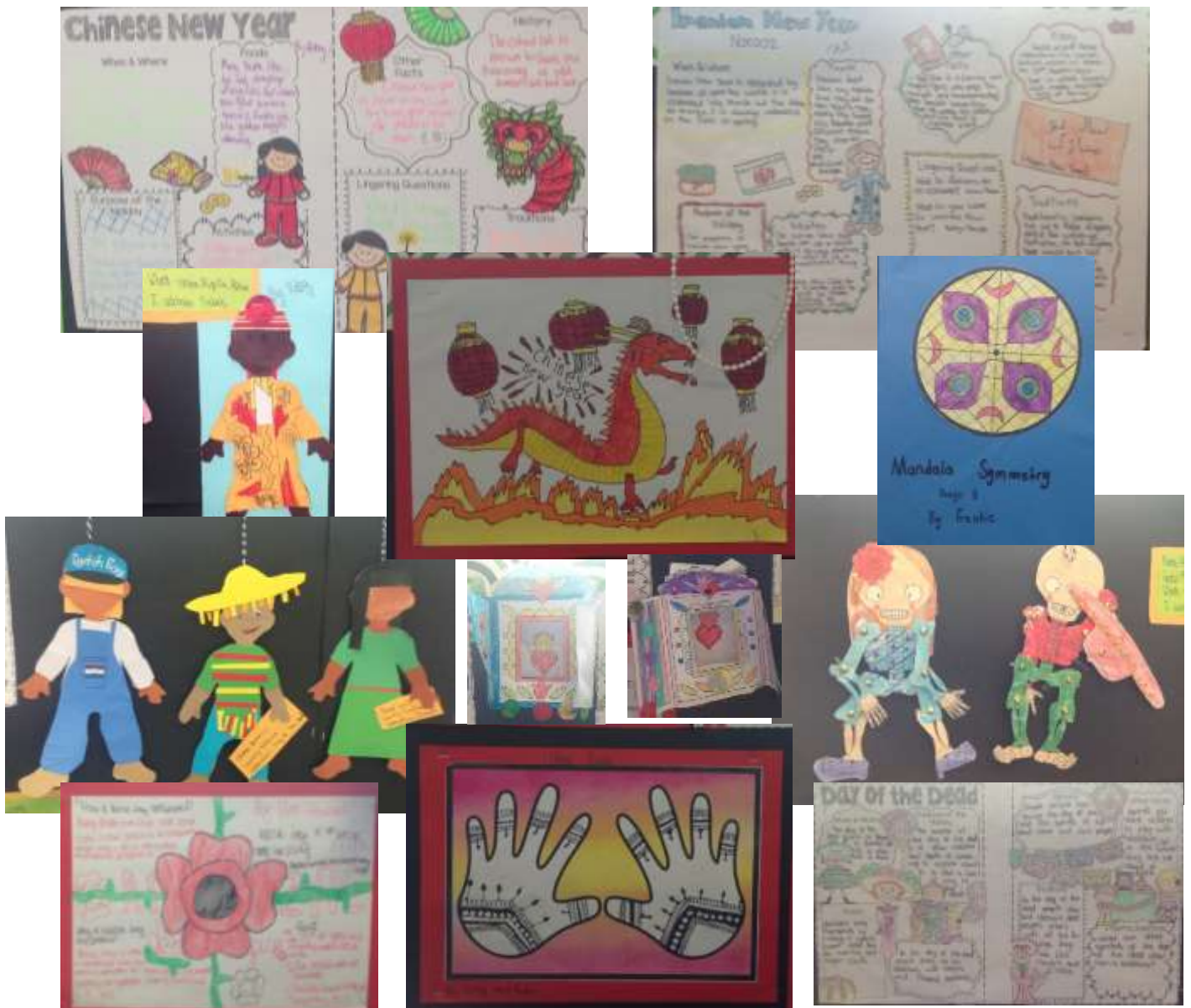
Celebrations around the World

In Room 6 we have been learning about celebrations around the world and how there is much to celebrate all across the world. Our Driving Question was, 'You, me and us? How do we celebrate?' We have explored a range of celebrations comparing them to similar traditions we have in our own and other cultures. During reading, we have explored the myths and legends behind celebrations and researched information as we created a range of fact files. This has supported our knowledge of celebrations as we have taken ownership of our learning completing a range of passport tasks taking us around the world. We are also lucky to have a range of experts in Room 6 that have led us in new cultural experiences and been able to give us greater insight to cultural celebrations. Overall, we have developed the key understanding that..

Celebrations connect people and places.

Some of our Celebrations:

Chinese New Year, Lantern Festival, Diwali, Dia de Los Muertos, Norooz, Las Posadas, Songkran, Hanukkah, Independence Day, Kwanzaa, Thanksgiving, St Patrick's Day, Wet Monday, Vesak,



Make sure you visit Room 6 to see all of the celebrations and the work!
Maybe you can find your favourite celebration on the wall.



Gardening Club Term 4!

We have had so much fun this term gardening!
We enjoyed planting the potatoes and then
harvesting them.

The highlight this term was definitely eating
the fresh strawberries! We loved learning how
to pick them.



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

youth CHRISTMAS PARTY!!



SAUSAGE SIZZLE



MINI GOLF



ZORB



JUNIOR

PAINTBALL

DANCE PARTY

VR GAMING

FRIDAY
15TH DEC 17

6 - 9 PM

CHURCH HALL
GOLD COIN DONATION

AGE 9 +

MUST RSVP BY 13TH DECEMBER 17
youth@balmoralcatholic.org



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**

25th December 2017

Christmas Day - **9:30am** Mass.

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, Balmoral.

ONE NIGHT ONLY
PUBLIC CONCERT
**MATT
MAHER**
3 DECEMBER 2017
VICTORY CONVENTION CENTRE
AUCKLAND, NZ
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM

GET YOUR TICKETS: WWW.MATTMAHERCONCERT.NZ