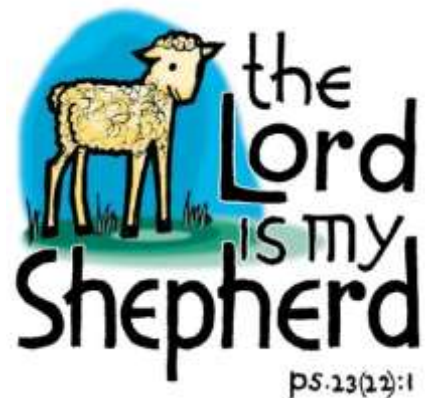


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

* 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, 7 December 2017



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!

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



Parent Helpers Morning Tea tomorrow Friday 8th December 10.45 – 11.30 a.m. in the staff room

At Good Shepherd we are blessed with an army of generous parents and family members who give up their time in so many ways to support the children of our school. Please give us the opportunity to say 'thank you' by coming along to this morning tea if you have been in any way involved in supporting the school.



Good Shepherd End-of-Year Celebration 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.

Reports

The final reports for the year will come home with your children on Monday 11th December.

If you require a second copy of the report due to family circumstances, please send this request in writing to the school office.

School Pool

The pool will be closed on Sunday 17th December from 12noon for a private function.

Sushi/Moosies

The last day for sushi delivery and moosie sales this term is tomorrow **Friday 8th December 2017.**

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Elizabeth Harkison-Merrick** from Room 1 and **Lucy Lord** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Elizabeth and Lucy for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



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.

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.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in December:

Seini Berwick		Yonnie Berwick
David Bews		Lana Chitambo
Jackson Edwards		Ava Elbourne
Uikilifi Fotofili		Molly France
Elizabeth Harkison-Merrick		Damon Jackson
Remy Kastelan		Harper Kelly
Liua Lemana		Setaita Likiliki
Nathan Mlinde		Ava Murphy
Zara Peterson		Harriet Russell
Henry Russell		Rex Sheridan-Bishop
Christina Wang		Siena Woods
Alyssa Yee		

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.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

Chess coaching has now finished for the year. We hope to offer chess lessons again early next year. The first set of 10 lessons will be at the beginner's level. They would be suitable for children in Years 4-6 who are new to chess or have not yet passed their Level 1 badge.

New Zealand Junior Chess Badges

Congratulations to the following child who recently gained a badge.

Maxine Barry Level Two

Ciaran Farrell Level Two

2018 Classes

As you can imagine, placement of children in classes is a complex process that brings together a number of considerations before any decision is made. These include ensuring siblings and where possible cousins are in different classes, working for a balance of girls and boys, looking at friendship groups and deciding which particular teacher may suit your child at any given year level. Where possible, we give children the opportunity to experience being at the younger end of the age range as well as the older end of the age range through their time at Good Shepherd. Throughout this process you can be assured that we have the best interests of every child in our school at the forefront of our minds and we are determined that every child will have the best year possible, whatever their year level. We appreciate your trust in us and we are very confident that through working closely together throughout the year we will achieve this goal.

On the last day of school your children will have the opportunity to visit their classrooms for 2018 and to spend some time with their teacher next year. Organization of classrooms for the beginning of 2018 will be as follows:

Room	Teacher	Year Groups
1	Sandra Cultrera	Years 0/1
2		
3	Heather McLeod	Years 1/2
4	Peyton Evans	Years 1/2
7	Kezia Vergis	Years 3/4
8	Jade O'Neill	Years 3/4
9	Fengmei Li	Years 4/5
5	Louise Drummond	Years 5/6
6	Melissa Down	Years 5/6

You will notice that we are not starting two Years 0/1 classes at the beginning of the year but will begin with one class and start the second one later in the year. Please note that some children will stay in the same class with the same teacher. This is not a disadvantage for your child as they will be working with someone who knows them well, nor is it an indication that they have not done well in 2017. As always, our goal is that every child has a great year of learning in 2018. A letter will come home to you on Friday 15 December advising you of your child's placement next year, and will also give you some information on stationery requirements for 2018.

Principal of the Day

We congratulate **Otis Irvine** on his appointment as Principal for the Day on Monday 4 December.



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.

Congratulations to **Jack Barry** who won a day in a class of his choice at the GSS Fair. Jack joined Room 6.



From the PTA

JOIN THE PTA!

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

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| 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



Last Friday Eileen and her team from St Luke's Library visited our school to tell students about the free summer reading programme-Dare to Explore. Children will bring home a booklet from Auckland libraries full of challenges that encourage them to read over summer. Check it out!

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.