

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 1, 1 February 2018



From the principal....

After a period of preparation for the beginning of the school year, we were very happy to see our children and their families back this week! It is lovely to hear the holiday stories and to see the excitement of beginning a new school year. I am also very mindful at this time of the year of our leavers starting at intermediate school. We wish them and their families every blessing as they move on and hope to hear about their progress this year and beyond.

We have a number of new families joining our Good Shepherd family and we warmly welcome them to this special community. Miss Peyton Evans has joined our teaching team and will be working closely with Mrs McLeod and Mrs Chambers in Room 3 and 4. As a past pupil, Miss Evans has a special connection to Good Shepherd and is known by many in our community.

We wish our Year 6 children and their teachers well as they enjoy a week of outdoor activities at the Marine Education and Recreation Centre in Long Bay. They are having a wonderful time and will return to school on Friday, tired but very happy. A great way to start their final year at Good Shepherd.

By now your child will have brought home an introductory letter from their classroom teacher, telling you a little about them and some of the expectations of their particular class and year level. You will also have had a 'Tell me about your child' sheet which we hope you will fill out and return to their teacher as the beginning of a meaningful two-way communication between home and school. As part of this process we have included our 'Concerns and Complaints' procedure at the end of this newsletter for your information. We find that most problems can be dealt with very quickly if addressed early on, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

We know you will continue to be closely involved in your children's learning and school activities and look forward to working with you again this year.

God bless

Jane Hahn

Congratulations

We are very proud to have a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in our school community. **Hare Paniora**, who many of you know as a grandfather of students, was awarded this honour in the New Year. Pa Hare has worked in education for more than 55 years and is currently Māori Advisor at Unitec Institute of Technology in Auckland. He was closely involved in the establishment of Te Noho Kotahitanga Marae at Unitec in 2009. Many of you have been part of the school group which has visited the marae over the last few years. The honour is well-deserved and we congratulate Hare on the recognition of his services to Māori and education.

Good Shepherd School Staff for 2018

Jane Hahn	Principal		
Sarah Gleeson	Deputy Principal	Leader Connolly Syndicate	
Heather McLeod	Teacher Years 1/2	Leader Sheridan Syndicate	Room 3 and 4
Sandra Cultrera	Teacher Years 0/1	Director of Religious Studies	Room 1
Marguerite Butcher	Reading Recovery	SENCO	
Peyton Evans	Teacher Years 1/2		Room 3 and 4
Louise Drummond	Teacher Years 5/6		Room 5
Melissa Down	Teacher Years 5/6		Room 6
Kezia Vergis	Teacher Years 3/4		Room 7
Jade O'Neill	Teacher Years 3/4		Room 8
Fengmei Li	Teacher Years 4/5		Room 9
Megan Chambers	Teacher Room 3 and 4 (Teacher release 3 days per week)		
Rachel Suggate	Teacher Room 6 (Teacher release 2 days per week)		
Janet Scanlan	Teacher Room 1 (Teacher release 1 day per week)		
Clare Fala	Classroom support		
Kathryn Twort	Office Administrator		
Irene Petau	Office Assistant		
Sharyn Hodge	School Caretaker		
Liam O'Reilly	Teacher Aide		
Zdenka Krivokuca	Teacher Aide		
Janelle Pool	Teacher Aide		
Alex Vergis	OSCA Supervisor		
Vanessa Vergis	OSCA Assistant		
Stacey Burnett	OSCA Assistant		
Anusta Arulsebastiyan	OSCA Assistant		
Nory Estal	OSCA Assistant		

As you can see, our classes have two year levels in the one room. This organization is known to be effective for all children and all children will be working at their appropriate levels. You will also 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.



Welcome

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

Miriam Kaufman	John Paul Kaufman
Nathaniel Kaufman	Yoel Dawit
Thomas Erickson	Jessica Arceo
Lathan Chitambo	Eva Patterson
Ashton Noel Pereira	
Andre Dias Comicholli Linhares	

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in JANUARY 2018:



Jessica Arceo	Lathan Chitambo
Thomas Erickson	John Paul Kaufman
Jodeci Lagofaatasi	Maggie Lewthwaite
Harrison Maddox	Kevin Murphy
Hao Nguyen	Ashton Noel Pereira
Soeun Park	Eva Patterson
Aiden Pool	Mackenzie Taito
Victor Telequido	Ella Tuibenau
Benjamin Woffindin	

Leadership Assembly

On Friday 9 February at 9.00am, the Good Shepherd School leadership badges will be awarded. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend this assembly.

Parish/School Mass for Term 1 Saturday 10 February 6.00 p.m.

On Saturday evening, the 10th of February, Good Shepherd School and parish community are celebrating our first Parish School Mass of 2018. We are expecting all of our Good Shepherd School whanau and their children to attend this very important Mass, which will include a special welcome to all those families and children who are new to Good Shepherd School. The children must wear their school uniform and will sit with their families.

Because there is an expectation that all Good Shepherd children and their families attend this Mass, please advise Mrs Hahn in writing if for some reason you are unable to join us.

principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

We are hoping that we will continue to be blessed with beautiful weather for this special occasion and invite you to bring a picnic dinner after Mass as we continue to build a strong and vibrant Good Shepherd community.

Please keep in your prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time.

Good Shepherd Sacramental Programme

This year we will again be working closely with the parish on a slightly differently organized sacramental programme. Applications and more details about the Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation will be available next week.

Good Shepherd PTA Meeting

The PTA is a very important part of Good Shepherd School and is a way you can become more involved in your children's learning and help to make our community even stronger. The PTA works not only as a fundraiser for important learning resources for the children but serves as a valuable means of communication between home and school.

You are warmly invited to the first meeting for 2018 Tuesday 13th February, 7.30pm in the school staff room. Parents new to the school will be especially welcome.

Connolly Swimming Carnival – Rooms 5-9 Monday 12 February, 9am -1pm

The carnival is on **Monday 12 February**, from **9am until 1pm** at Westwave Pool and Leisure Centre in Henderson.

If you are able to help at our Connolly Swimming Carnival, could you please email Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz. Please indicate if you are willing to get into the pool. More information will be sent home with the children next week.

Eden/Albert Cricket Zones Tuesday 13 March

If any parents are keen to coach and supervise a team at the zones this year please email Heather McLeod – hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz. We would like to enter 2 boys teams and 1 girls team, but we need an adult per team.

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February 2018

Waitangi Day is widely recognized as New Zealand's national day and is an occasion for reflecting on the Treaty of Waitangi and its place in Aotearoa today. School will be closed next Tuesday for Waitangi Day.

The Good Shepherd School App

Good Shepherd has an app to provide another way to communicate between school and home. This app enables easy access to: newsletters, informing the school of absences, receiving up-to-date notifications about events, class blogs, useful links to help your children in their learning, the school calendar and more.

All you need to do is go to the Apps Store and search 'Good Shepherd School' and download the app to your smart phone.

We highly recommend you download this app to get the most up-to-date information concerning Good Shepherd School.

If you have downloaded the app from last year and your child has changed classes, you will need to change the class you want to receive notifications from. Go to the drop down menu icon, located in the top left corner, select Alert Subscriptions, Classrooms, and then select the classroom/s.



Some reminders for the beginning of the year:

Stationery

Thank you for making such an effort to pay for your child's stationery. It is very important that we make maximum use of every school day for learning and having the correct tools helps to provide your child with a positive start to the school year.

Uniform

It was great to see the children turn up this week looking neat in their uniforms. We continually reinforce the importance of taking care and pride in our school and part of this is the school uniform.

Please name all clothing.

School uniforms can be purchased on **Thursday mornings** between 8.30am and 9.00am. Please note, the school does not have eftpos or credit card facilities.

We are sun smart!

School sunhats are compulsory for all children as part of our summer uniform. These are available from the school office. Children without school sunhats will be required to play only in shaded areas during break times. We also encourage all children to put on sunblock in the morning and to re-apply this before going out during break times. Sun block is available in all classrooms and teachers will also be re-enforcing this message.

Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is for children to be at school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend. **EVERY DAY COUNTS.**

Our school day starts at 8.50 a.m. Any one arriving after this is asked to report to the school office. Please aim to have your children at school before 8.45 as this gives them a positive start to the day.

Car Park Safety

The chain into the Telford Avenue car park is put up every day between 8am and 9am and then again from 2.45pm to 3.30pm to keep all cars out of this area. This is to keep our children safe during those busy pick up and drop off times. All children are required to wait on the church steps to be picked up in the afternoon and we appreciate your promptness in doing this. Don't forget we have some excellent Walking School Buses at Good Shepherd so please contact us if you would like some more information on these.

Attendance Dues and Donations

As always at this time of year, there has been a lot in the media recently about the attendance dues and donations schools are asking their parents to pay. Next week you will receive a statement outlining 2018 dues and donations for your child/children at Good Shepherd School. Attendance dues are compulsory and enable the Catholic Diocese of Auckland to provide and maintain the land and buildings in our Catholic school system. The Special Character donation also supports the wider Catholic education system by helping to provide religious education advisers and other personnel.

The other contributions you are asked to pay come directly to the school and enable us to provide the resources and programmes for all children that you have come to expect from Good Shepherd. We ask that, if at all possible, you pay all the contributions outlined in your account. As always, if you have any difficulties at all please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Hahn.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website:

www.catholicschools.org.nz (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2018 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2018**.

Class Masses this term

Once a term each class attends the 9.00am Mass with the parish. Class Masses for the rest of the term:

- Thursday 15 February Room 9
- Thursday 22 February Room 7
- Thursday 1 March Rooms 1
- Thursday 8 March Room 6
- Thursday 15 March Room 3/4
- Thursday 22 March Room 5
- Thursday 29 March Room 7
- Thursday 5 April Room 8

You are warmly invited to join the classes at these Masses.

Whole school prayer

Room 9 will be leading our whole school prayer next Monday at 8.55am. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

- Monday 12 February Room 3/4
- Monday 19 February Room 1
- Monday 26 February Room 7
- Monday 5 March Room 8
- Monday 12 March Room 6
- Monday 19 March Room 3/4
- Monday 26 March Room 5
- Wednesday 4 April Room 1
- Monday 9 April Room 9

2018 Term Dates

- Term 1:** 30th January – 13th April
- Term 2:** 30th April – 6th July
- Term 3:** 23rd July – 28th September
- Term 4:** 15th October – 14th December

Guitar Lessons at Good Shepherd School

This year we will again be offering our families the opportunity to learn to play the guitar during school hours with the New Zealand Modern School of Music. The lessons will once more be with Michael Collier and if we have too many applications preference will be given to senior students. Please fill out the attached Enrolment Form and return to the school office if you are interested in this offer.

From the PTA

Welcome back to Good Shepherd School!

Sushi

Sushi orders and Moosie sales will start in Week 2.

THANK YOU Emma Chan for processing these orders every Thursday. WE NEED YOU!

Please email Emma emma@virtualtag.co.nz if you can collect the Sushi at lunchtime on a Friday and hand it out to the children.

Dates we need help with please:

February 9, 16 & 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6

PTA AGM

February 13, 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

Our current committee is standing down so now is your chance to make a difference to our school! We still need people to volunteer for Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary.

The roles suit any type of parent or caregiver – working full time, part time, toddlers at home, last child at school, stay at home parent. You won't regret it.

Please contact Carla at rbc@xtra.co.nz or 027 210 2124 if you are keen or have any questions.

Keep in touch with any news via our Facebook page – Good Shepherd School PTA.

Carla, Leonie, Helen and Sarah

**St Peter's College
Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13**

**OPEN DAY
For Year 7 Enrolments in 2019
Tuesday 27th February 2017**



The Toy Shop on Zip Zap Avenue

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This year Good Shepherd will be putting together a school production. This production will involve the whole school and we will be needing as much help as we can get. Teachers will be working with students on their part of the production and will be no doubt asking for help with costumes, makeup, hair, etc.

The story is of a toy shop on Zip Zap Avenue which comes alive when the shopkeeper closes up each night. The toys celebrate the sale of a much loved toy and friend. Each class will be a different toy and so the teachers and students will be letting their creative juices flow to create an amazing experience for our audiences.

The production will be performed early Term 2 so make sure you keep an eye out for the dates and also when you can purchase tickets to one of our performances.

Auditions will be in week 3 of Term 1 for our lead roles and a full list of main characters will be sent out to the students with any information they will need.

This will be a great experience for our students and community and we thank you in advance for all your support.



Speech and Drama Lessons

Who:	Year 3-6 (4 to a class)
When:	Wednesday or Thursday 4pm or 5pm
Where:	Springwood Place
Teacher:	Rachel Commons (BA, Post Graduate Diploma in Teaching, ATCL, Working towards LTCL)
Contact:	rachelgleeson38@gmail.com



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GUITAR and THEORY LESSONS

AT SCHOOL WITH VERY AFFORDABLE FEES

NZ Modern School of Music is proud to be able to extend to parents once again the opportunity to give your children private **GUITAR and THEORY** lessons at **GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL, BALMORAL**. These superior extra-curricular activities are provided by NZ Modern School of Music.

WHAT WE DO:

- ◊ Your child can learn either **Guitar and Theory** during school hours.
- ◊ Your Principal, has kindly given approval for children to have **one lesson per week**, in school hours.
- ◊ We offer the opportunity for your children to have Practical and Theory examinations, and Competitions.
- ◊ Pupils do need an instrument to practice music at home.

BENEFITS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN:

- ◊ Our course is especially designed to cater for all ages from Tiny Tots or Beginners to Adults.
- ◊ Your children will be receiving tuition from one of the largest private music teaching organisations in Australasia (established 63 years in New Zealand).
- ◊ Teachers are hand-picked and undergo training and continuing workshops and refresher courses.
- ◊ We manufacture our own tutor books, therefore able to supply to pupils at very competitive prices.

COMPETITIVE TUITION COSTS:

GUITAR – **Group Lessons** are of a 30 minute duration (no more than 2 -3 in a group) \$15.50 or a 30 minute duration at **\$27.50 per private lesson**.
These payments can be paid by internet to our teachers.

TO ENROL: PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL.

ROOM NO:..... Group / Private (please circle)

CHILD'S NAME:..... PHONE NO:.....

ADDRESS:..... EMAIL:.....

PARENTS SIGNATURE:..... DATE:.....

WE WILL CONTACT YOU TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT TIME

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TEACHING SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT NEW ZEALAND

Concerns and complaints

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. We know that if a problem does occur, early intervention often reaps the best results, so take your concern to the appropriate person at the earliest possible convenient time. It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

If you are worried by something in your child's classroom here is what to do:

