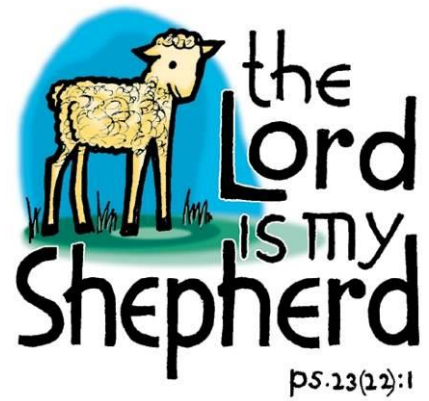


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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, 8 March 2018



Welcome

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

Matthew Jansen

Light it Orange Week! 3rd - 9th March

Good Shepherd School is supporting the Light it Orange charity for those who are victims of domestic violence, helping them to stay safe. Tomorrow, **Friday the 9th March**, children are invited to dress in the colour 'orange' and bring a gold coin donation. The Good Shepherd Special Character leaders will be collecting money before and after school for this charity.

Sandra Cultrera
DRS

Sheridan Team Swimming Rooms 1- 4

The Sheridan team would like to invite you to observe your child during a class swimming lesson at the school pool on **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

Please note the swimming timetable:

Room 3, 11.30-12.10pm

Room 4, 12.10-12.50pm

Room 1, 2.00 to 2.45pm

The Holey Fathers Annual Hot House Challenge



The annual Holey Fathers Hot House Challenge will be held on **Saturday 17 March 2018!!** Bring along your togs and racing faces and feel free to dress in your house colours. Face paint is encouraged!! The kickoff is at 2:30pm, so if you can arrive from about 2pm to collect your wrist bands, that would be great!!

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Henry Russell** from Room 5 and **Ayrestyn-Skye Leger** from Room 1 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Henry and Ayrestyn-Skye for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 28th & 29th March 2018

This is one of those special times for children, parents and teachers when we get together to focus on individual children's learning. Schools in the 21st century focus on enabling students to learn how to learn and so become life-long learners. Children are encouraged to take control of their own learning so it is very important that your child comes with you to these three-way conferences. The teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress, achievement levels and next learning steps with you and your child.

Remember: school closes at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 28th March to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00 p.m. closing on Thursday 29th March).

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/ Student conferences will open at 12 noon on Friday 16th March. Instructions for booking the appointments online will follow shortly.

Early close of school

School will close early on **Wednesday 21st March at 1.00pm** as staff will be attending an offsite conference. OSCA will operate from 1.00pm. Please make arrangements to collect your children promptly at 1.00pm.

Attendance Dues

Thank you to all the families who have made payment towards their school account. If you are paying your school account in term instalments, payment is due this week for term 1. If you are planning on making regular payments (weekly/fortnightly/monthly) and have not yet actioned this, please commence payments as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your family's circumstances please arrange an appointment with the Principal through the school office.

Easter Break

School will close at 3pm on Thursday 29th March for the Easter break and will resume on Wednesday 4th April at 8.50am.

Lost Property

Please remember to check the lost property shelves inside the admin building.

Please name all items belonging to your children including uniform, lunch boxes and swimming gear.

Safety in the car park

Thank you to those parents and caregivers who take extra care when driving down Telford Avenue, and Volcanic and Pine Streets when dropping off and picking up children. We are all responsible for the safety of all our children and we ask that everybody respect the limit of 40km/hour during those crucial before school and after school times.

Cycles and scooters

Just a reminder about protocols around riding cycles and scooters to school. We encourage children to travel to and from school by walking, cycling or on scooters but we do ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden in the school grounds before 6.00 p.m. during the week; they must be walked. Helmets are mandatory when riding bikes and it is good to see that lots of parents insist on their children wearing helmets when riding scooters as well. We also ask that all children walk their bikes and scooters in the car park areas between 8.30 a.m. and 8.50 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe as they make their way to and from school.

Class Mass Changes

Room 5 will be going to Mass on **Thursday 15 March (week 7)** and **Room 3 & 4** will be going to Mass on **Thursday 22 March (week 8)**.

Auckland Diocese Preference Forms

At this time of the year many of our families are asking for our Parish Priest to sign Preference forms for Catholic secondary schools. Msgr Bernard will be available to sign Preference forms after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 9.30am Mass on Sundays.

Imaginary Play for Year 5 and 6 students

Once again our Year 5 and 6 students are invited to participate in Imaginary Play sessions at lunchtimes on Fridays. This is one of those great parent-run initiatives that encourages children to play co-operatively and in ways that may be different from the usual form of play they engage in, using different, non-routine equipment. Part of this approach is to encourage children to take acceptable risk in their play, and although we do not normally allow children to climb trees during the school day, they are allowed to do so during the Imaginary Play sessions. As always, our first consideration is the safety and well-being of our students and we believe that by encouraging them to judge what is acceptable in terms of risk will equip them with skills to make good judgments in the future.

If you **do not want** your child to participate in this particular activity, please communicate this to the school office in writing. We thank Julie O'Toole for organizing these sessions for our senior students.

Required for school production, big empty fridge boxes. Please bring to the office. Thank you.

Marcellin College Open Day

Saturday 10th March 2018

Tours at 9am, 10am, 11am and midday – no registration needed.

Come and find out about our college and view our campus. Enrolment packs for 2019 will be available.

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www.marcellin.school.nz



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MERC has two fun, family friendly events open to the public to celebrate Sea Week which runs from March 3 - 11

Thursday 8th March from 6:00 - 8:00pm
Evening Intertidal Exploration

Sunday 11th March from 10:00 - 3:00 pm
'Sea' MERC Day

ST MARY'S COLLEGE – NOW ENROLLING FOR 2019

Enrolments are open for Year 7 students and a small number of places for girls in other Levels.

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions.

***CLOSING DATE FOR 2019 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018***

**For more information see our website
www.stmaryak.school.nz**

**Eden Rugby
Junior Rugby at Eden.**

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Tackle players must weigh in Sat 3rd and 10th March 1-4pm. Eden Rugby Clubrooms – Gribblehirst Park.