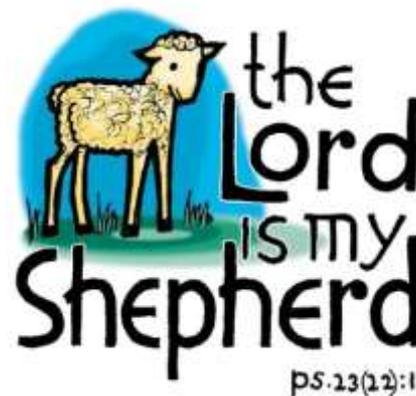


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



\* 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

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## *From the principal....*

One of the great pleasures of my work is getting to know new families who have chosen to send their children to our school. They come here for many different reasons, one of which is the strong sense of community we have as a small, parish school in central Auckland. This community spirit is built up by the individuals that make up our parish and school family and it was clear to see at our Parish/School Mass a couple of Sundays ago. We are a community of shared values and beliefs, centred around our Catholic faith, and coming together at least once a term to celebrate the Eucharist at our parish Church makes a strong statement about our commitment to our community.

The occasion of Reverend Monsignor Patrick Ward's funeral this week was very special, as those who are currently members of our community, or have been part of it in the past, gathered to say farewell to this much loved parish priest of over 17 years. It was a reminder that the community is not just made up of those who are part of it today, but includes all those who have gone before us. It was a privilege to farewell this wonderful man from our parish Church. This is a short video of the children's guard of honour. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2QVbd2PEbl>. I am also aware of the number of families who are currently suffering illness or bereavement and our community of

support and care reaches out to you in these challenging times.

I leave the final word to Pope Francis, who often talks about unity, and achieving unity through the strengthening of community:

*Dear brothers and sisters, the Church loves you! Be an active presence in the community,  
as living cells, as living stones.*

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

## **Good Shepherd School Community Discussion**

**Today, Thursday 20th September**

**5.30pm - 7.00pm in the Staff room**

We invite our parents/caregivers to this meeting to discuss Good Shepherd's current health programmes. We would especially like to have good representation from all the ethnic groups that make up the Good Shepherd school community.

**The programme for the evening will be:**

**5.30pm - pizza, fruit and juice will be provided**

**6.00pm - discussion about health programmes**

**7.00pm - finish**

We will have childcare available if you are not able to organise babysitters.

We look forward to you joining us for this important community occasion.

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Eli Millar** from Room 3 and **Mia Growden** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you, Eli and Mia, for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Good Shepherd School Supports 'Loud Shirt Day 2018' Friday 28 September

This year we are supporting 'Loud Shirt Day' which raises money for the Hearing House. The Hearing House helps deaf children to listen and speak. The theme this year is 'Superheroes' so come to school on Friday 28 September in your best Superhero shirts and bring a gold coin donation for this great cause. Thank you for your support.

## Cans for Christmas 2018



**Thank you** to all the children and families who contributed to our Cans for Christmas drive for St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice. Good Shepherd School managed to raise 300 cans for this great cause.

## Term Dates for 2019

Term dates for 2019 are as follows:

- Term 1 29<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2 29<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 27<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4 14<sup>th</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> December

## Good Shepherd Cultural Celebration Week Assembly - Friday 21 September at 2pm

We are looking forward to sharing our learning about different cultures over this Cultural Celebration Week with you on Friday. Please note the earlier start time for this assembly.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The next of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm in the staff room. All welcome.

## Class Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (week 1 of Term 4). This year there is a change to the ordering process for photos and orders will be placed online direct with Photolife. Further details about this new process and how to arrange sibling photos will follow soon.

## OSCA

Please ensure all new OSCA bookings or changes to existing OSCA bookings are either emailed to [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) or made by phone on 620 4962 or in person at the school office. Thank you for your co-operation with this. All permanent bookings from term 3 will be rolled over to term 4 unless we are notified prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

## Lost Property

Please remember to check the lost property table outside the admin building.

All items not collected will be disposed of at the end of term. Please name all items belonging to your children including uniform, lunch boxes and swimming gear.

## Parent Help on Athletics Day

To ensure a smooth running of our athletics day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November (save day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November) we require parent assistance to help with marshalling for both races and field sports. If you are available to help, please contact Sarah Gleeson as soon as possible on [sgleeson@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:sgleeson@goodshepherd.school.nz).

School will finish next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm. Term 4 starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 8.50am.

## Netsafe Tips for Parents

### If you don't understand it, try it

You need to understand the technology to better understand the challenges that young people face online.

- Explore the websites and apps your child uses to improve your knowledge, and take the time to read terms and conditions.
- You could ask them to show you how it works, as a way to start conversation around online safety.

For more information: [guide to Snapchat for parents.](#)

### Set a good example

- How often do you use your laptop or smartphone at the dinner table?
- How many angry posts have you published?
- Take a look at the way you use technology while young people are around.
- If you see something that troubles you – change it.
- How good is your knowledge around online safety, privacy settings and even online shopping?

Be better equipped to help by expanding your own knowledge – [read the Staying Safe Online Guide.](#)

## Walking School Bus Award

The winner is –Molly Hanrahan for always being a caring and diligent leader.



## School Uniform

Students will change to wearing the summer uniform from the start of Term 4, 2018 and through to the end of Term 1, 2019. Summer uniform also includes a sunhat which must be worn for outdoor play.

The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30 to 9.00am. Alternatively you can place uniform orders anytime by phoning 620 4962 or emailing the school office, [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) and we will send the items home with your child. Payment can be made online.

Sunhats \$12.00; girls day tops \$55.00; boys short sleeve polo shirts \$35.00, boys summer shorts \$27.00

Please note, the school office is not open during the school holidays.

## Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. This is also a gentle reminder to do so, if you haven't already done this. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

## Wanted - Grandparents to help with the Garden Club

Our grandparents are an important part of our school community and we were wondering if there were any out there who could spare an hour a week to help out with our Garden Club? Miss O'Neill and the children meet after lunch eating (about 1pm) on a Tuesday and we would love to have you join us if you can. Please email Miss O'Neill at [joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Please Note

The school office will be short staffed until the end of term. We thank you for your patience if you have to wait to be looked after.

## Sheridan/Connolly Focus Areas for Term 4:

Term 4 at Good Shepherd will once again be a great term of learning. Below are the topics and areas of focus for us for the term.

<b>Inquiry</b>	Our past shapes our future - <b>Social Science</b> Year 0-3 - Understand how the past is important to people. Year 4-6- Understand how time and change affect people's lives.
<b>Health</b>	Kia Kaha programme (NZ Police resource)
<b>Writing</b>	Persuasive, debating (linked to our inquiry)
<b>Maths</b>	Number Knowledge, Targeting number needs, Measurement (Area & Weight), Geometry (Shape)
<b>PE</b>	Athletics, Team sports
<b>The Arts (Music)</b>	<b>Understanding Music</b> Explore and share ideas about music from a range of sound environments and recognise that music serves a variety of purposes and functions in their lives and in their communities.
<b>Maori</b>	Te Huarere (The weather)
<b>Mandarin</b>	Learning basic greetings/phrases and songs
<b>R.E.</b>	Charism (Honesty), Prayer (Traditional), Communion of Saints, All Saints, All Souls, Advent, Christmas, Me, Myself & Others (Refer to school website for me details on the Strands in the different year levels).

### CHESS CLUB NEWS

#### Success at Auckland Catholic Inter-Schools Chess Competition

On Wednesday Mrs Butcher took 3 teams from Good Shepherd, to compete in a chess tournament at St Paul's Primary School in Massey.

Good Shepherd School's Team 1 (Ben Wright, Ethan Sharma, Liam Turner-Padgett and Maxine Barry) placed third out of thirteen teams in the Beginners division.

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



## From the PTA

### **Personalised Artwork Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads & Sketch Pads - A PTA Fundraiser**

In recent weeks the children have been working with their class teachers on pieces of art work that can be made into Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketch Pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas! Further details and order forms will be coming home with your child at the beginning of Term 4.

### **Parents Morning Tea**

There will be a morning tea in the Good Shepherd Staff Room tomorrow morning at 9am. All Good Shepherd School parents and preschoolers are welcome so please come along for a cup of tea or coffee and some home made baking. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents from the Good Shepherd School community.

### **Conservation Week**

This week is New Zealand Conservation week. There is an opportunity coming up this weekend for students and families to get stuck in and help in our local community.



TE AUAUNGA AWA OAKLEY CREEK  
COMMUNITY PLANTING EVENT

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER MIDDAY - 3PM

UNDERWOOD PARK, MT ROSKILL  
BETWEEN WAINWRIGHT AVE AND BUCCANEER ST  
Access to the park through 79-83 O'Donnell Ave, Mt Roskill

**FREE BBQ**

BRING YOUR GUMBOOTS, GARDENING GLOVES, SPADE.  
THE NEW BIKE TRACK WILL BE OPEN SO BRING YOUR BIKES!

Event information: [facebook.com/OakleyCreek/](https://facebook.com/OakleyCreek/) OR  
[facebook.com/tewhangaitrust/](https://facebook.com/tewhangaitrust/)

Friends of Oakley Creeks  
Te Whangai Trust  
Working in partnership with Auckland Council, the Puketapapa Local Board and Fulton Hogan.

A big thank you to everyone who came to the last community planting day, we had over 140 people young and old attend who planted over 1300 plants. We are doing another planting day soon and also give our young people the chance to test out the new bike track in Te Auaunga Awa. Special guests from the Mt Roskill Bike Kitchen will be showing us how to use the new pump track after the planting event. Free BBQ and a chance to engage in planting with friends and family. All welcome, but please do RSVP if you do want to attend for catering purposes. For more info please contact us [info@tewhangai.org](mailto:info@tewhangai.org) or 09 232 7725

# Gardening club!



What a fantastic term we have had at Gardening club! It has been so exciting harvesting all of the wonderful fruit and vegetables we have been able to grow.

We are still on the lookout for helpers. We meet on Tuesdays at lunch time and could do with an extra hand, especially when it comes to making yummy food (and eating it too!!)