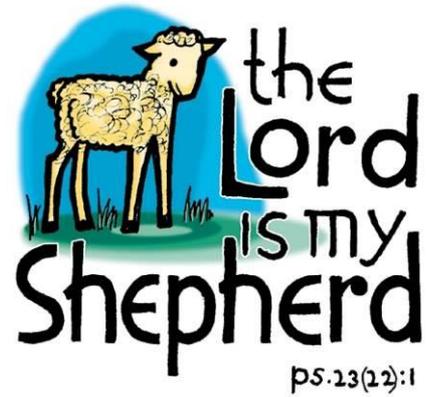


GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



* 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 4, 15 March 2018

From the principal....

One of the joys of my job is working with our student leaders on the School Council. At Good Shepherd we have two representatives from each classroom sitting on the Council, along with our very able leaders, Frankie Booy (chairperson), Ciaran Farrell (vice-chairperson) and Tupou Liku (secretary). The councillors take their role very seriously and have a significant voice in the school, giving feedback on specific events and also working on development projects that will improve the school and reach out to the less fortunate in the community.

At our meeting last week we discussed the issue of children bringing in 'treats' for their birthdays to share with the class. This has become a bit of a habit at Good Shepherd, with families very generously sending in lollies, birthday cakes and sometimes even 'goody bags' for their children to share with the class. The school councillors worked through a 'Plus, Minus and Interesting' exercise about this situation and came to the conclusion that there are far more negatives than positives in this habit. This view point was shared by members of the parent community who attended the last PTA meeting, and by the school staff who have become increasingly concerned about the frequency of children sharing treats on their birthdays.

We are therefore asking that parents and caregivers do not send in any lollies, birthday cakes or any other 'treats' on their children's birthdays, or on any other special occasion, unless it is part of a school-wide celebration. This does not mean that we don't celebrate birthdays at Good Shepherd because, as you know, we believe in making this as special a day as possible for every child, through acknowledgement in the newsletter, in the classroom and by presenting them with their 'birthday blue pens'. Thank you, as always, for your continuing support for the school.

God bless

Jane Hahn

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.

Room 9 Assembly this week

You are warmly invited to attend this assembly on Friday at 2.15 p.m.

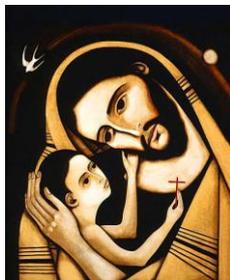
Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Henry Katongo** from Room 3 and **Nigel Pena** from Room 7 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Henry and Nigel for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Feast Day of St Joseph Monday 19 March

Next week we wish you a 'happy feast day' as we celebrate that special man, St Joseph, husband of Mary and patron saint of families, workers, travellers, immigrants and the Universal Church. St Joseph is a very special person to Good Shepherd because our school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) just over 100 years ago. We will, therefore, be celebrating with the following activities:



8.50am Mass We invite you to join us and the parish community. Children need to be in full school uniform and to arrive at school on time.

11.30 – 12.50 Tabloid sports (in house groups) organised by our House Leaders and other senior students – *children can bring house colours to change into.*

12.50 – 1.30pm Sausage sizzle – sausages provided to our students thanks to our PTA – thank you!

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Wednesday 28th March & Thursday 29th March 2018

We allocate 10 minutes to each child's interview and teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress, achievement levels and next learning steps with you and your child. Our on-line booking system will be open for bookings from 12 noon tomorrow, Friday 16th March 2018.

Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code **7mvev** for the Event Code and follow the instructions. If you require assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office.

Please note that school will finish at **2pm on Wednesday 28th March** and at the **usual time of 3pm on Thursday 29th March.**

The Holey Fathers Annual Hot House Challenge



The annual Holey Fathers Hot House Challenge will be held this **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 Aquatics Programme

The Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons with qualified instructors at Mt Eden Swimming Pool have now been completed. We welcome your feedback on this aspect of our Aquatics Programme – please email principal@goodshepherd.school.nz.

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Sophie Gray** from The Adventurers for great role modelling on the WSB to the younger kids.



Light it Orange!

Last week Good Shepherd School came to school dressed in the colour orange to raise awareness and money for families who experience family violence. As a school, we raised **\$256.60!** Thank you to all those children and their families who supported such a great cause.



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.

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.

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

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

St Peter's College Enrolments for 2019 close
Friday 6th April 2018

Contact Details:

Lisa Duffy, Enrolment Office

PH: 524 8108 x7323

Email: enrolments@st-peters.school.nz

From the PTA

PTA Meeting

A quick reminder to everyone that there is a PTA Meeting on Tuesday next week, starting at 7:30 in the staff room. All are welcome, we have refreshments!

We will be covering the following:

- Upcoming PTA events 2018 (Quiz Night, Movie Night).
- Follow up on previous discussions
 - Easter Raffle
 - Flippa Ball balls
 - Rebound nets
 - Senior Library Books
 - Snail Mail Stories (Karen)
- If you are unable to make the meeting, but want to propose any funding requests, fundraising ideas, or have any Thank Yous you want to call out, fire me an email.

Feel free to get in contact any time,
digitalbugsy@gmail.com

St Joseph's Day Feast

The PTA will be putting on a free sausage sizzle for the children on St Joseph's Day, 19 March.

Join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSSPTA/>

Kirsty-Anne, Kelly, Mairead and Buggy
PTA Committee



A great reading challenge with tasty rewards HELL Pizza Reading Challenge

Our school is participating in the **HELL Pizza Reading Challenge**, which is being run in conjunction with the 2018 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.

The HELL Reading Challenge is a highly successful programme that gets children reading and enjoying the pleasures of stories with free pizza rewards.

How the Reading Challenge works:

Children are being given “pizza wheels”. Every time they finish a book, the wheel gets clicked off and signed by a teacher or librarian. When they have finished seven books, they can take their completed pizza wheel to any HELL Pizza store and redeem it for a free 333 Pizza.

All HELL 333 kids’ pizzas pass the FSANZ Nutrient Profiling Scoring Standard 1.2.7. HELL kids' pizzas are very high in protein & calcium, high in fibre, low in sugar, and tasty!

Here are the rules:

- Each pizza wheel is good for one 333 Kids' Pizza from any HELL Pizza store nationwide
- The wheel must be signed by a teacher/librarian, and stamped with the official school stamp
- One pizza per visit per child
- Wheels are non-transferable for money
- Children must redeem their free pizza in person, and before Monday 3 December 2018

If you have any queries about the HELL Pizza Reading Challenge, please contact the classroom teacher or the school librarian.

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**

Walking School Week

What a great start to the week for the wonderful walkers on the Walking School Bus!
We've had Be Bright Be Seen morning, Funky Feet morning, Whacky Wednesday and today
Super Walker morning!

Try and join a Walking School Bus tomorrow for the BIG walk!!

Thank you to all the lovely parents and volunteers walking with our children and well done
to all the walkers!



Choral Mass
in celebration of
St Patrick's
Day
2018

Cathedral of
St Patrick & St Joseph
43 Wyndham Street

Saturday 17 March
at 7.30 pm

With the Cathedral Vocal Ensemble
Directed by James Tibbles

VALIDATED PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE WILSON'S
CARPARKS ON HOBSON STREET (\$4) & DURHAM LANE (\$2)



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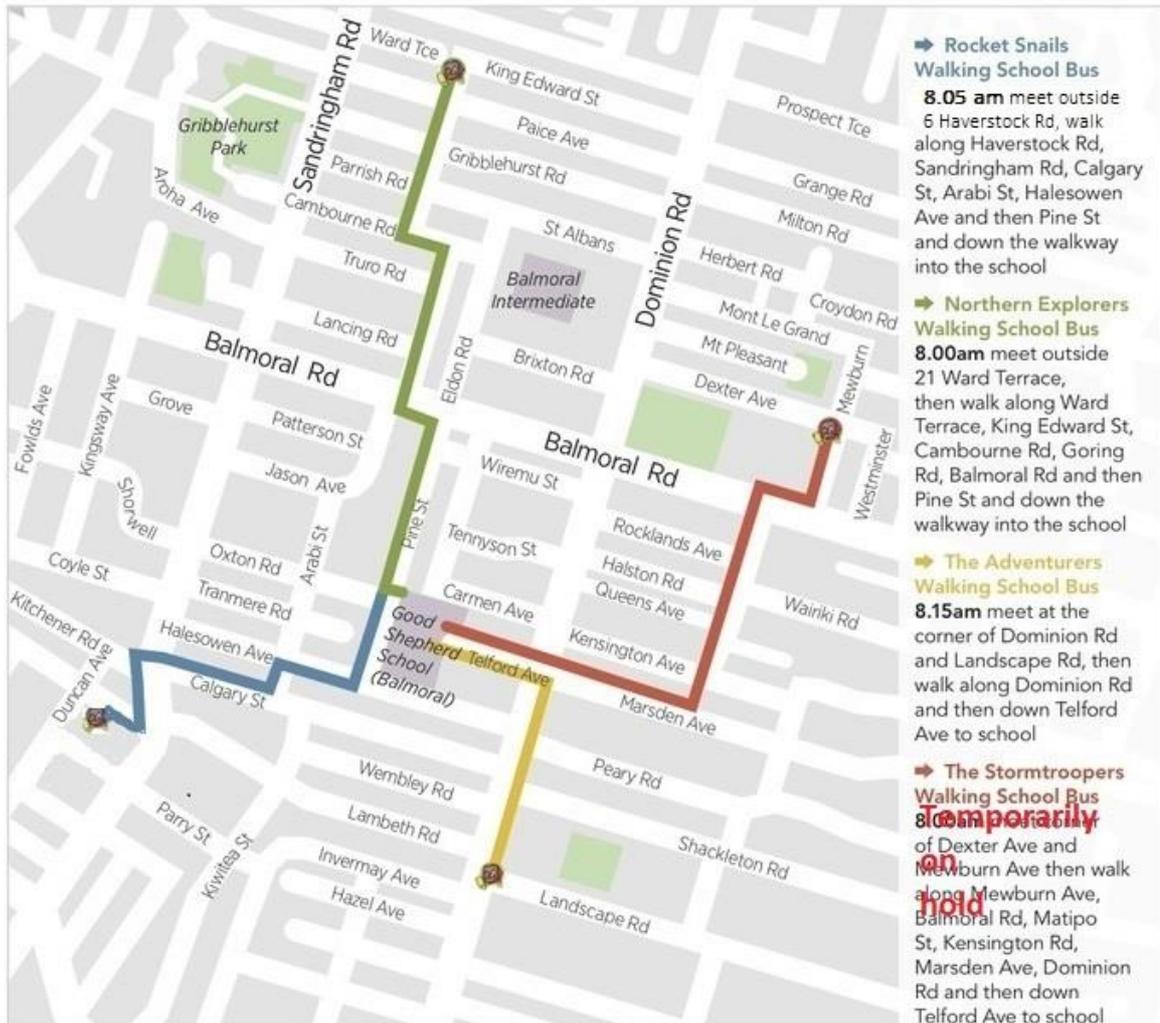
Sunday
25 March
11am-3pm

FAIR

Food Stalls · Books · Raffles
Pre-Loved Goods · Silent Auctions
Amusements · Music · Plants

St Peter's College grounds, 23 Mountain Road, Newmarket

Good Shepherd School Walking School Bus routes



➔ **Rocket Snails Walking School Bus**
8.05 am meet outside 6 Haverstock Rd, walk along Haverstock Rd, Sandringham Rd, Calgary St, Arabi St, Halesowen Ave and then Pine St and down the walkway into the school

➔ **Northern Explorers Walking School Bus**
8.00am meet outside 21 Ward Terrace, then walk along Ward Terrace, King Edward St, Cambourne Rd, Goring Rd, Balmoral Rd and then Pine St and down the walkway into the school

➔ **The Adventurers Walking School Bus**
8.15am meet at the corner of Dominion Rd and Landscape Rd, then walk along Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school

➔ **The Stormtroopers Walking School Bus**
8.15am meet at the corner of Dexter Ave and Mewburn Ave then walk along Mewburn Ave, Balmoral Rd, Matipo St, Kensington Rd, Marsden Ave, Dominion Rd and then down Telford Ave to school

If you are interested in joining please contact:

- ➔ Rachael Koelmeyer at rrrclement@xtra.co.nz
- ➔ Eddie Sella at eddie.sella@xtra.co.nz
- ➔ Liz Barry at elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com
- ➔ Andrea Hannay at andreaHannay1492@gmail.com

For more on the Walking School Bus programme, visit AT.govt.nz/walkingschoolbus

