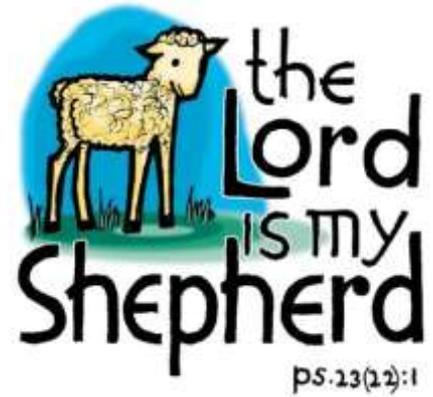


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



\* 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 4 August 2016

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Harry Atkinson** from Room 3 and **Alex Van Straaten** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Harry and Alex for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



## Feast of St Mary MacKillop Monday 8 August

**Wherever we are, we are called to create community**



These words were spoken by Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Good Shepherd School, along with many others in New Zealand, owes much to

this extraordinary woman who was determined to bring Catholic education to the children of Australasia. Mary MacKillop has been described as a 'woman of our time' because her deep love of God combined with a strong dose of common sense and practicality, making her a model of hope in times of doubt and despair. She truly lived our school values of respect, care and honesty.

We will be celebrating this very special feast day with a liturgy on Monday at 12.30 p.m. and you are warmly invited to join us.

## Three-Way Conferences

### Tuesday 23 August and Wednesday 24 August

We are very much looking forward to talking to you about your child's learning this term. Our on-line booking system will be made available to you shortly.

## Notice of PTA Special General Meeting

Wednesday 17 August 2016, 7.30pm GSS Staffroom.  
All school families and staff are encouraged to attend this meeting which is being held to amend the PTA constitution in regards to the PTA accounts.

## Good Shepherd School Code Club

This after school club began for Year 5 and 6 students this week. It is designed to give participants a basic understanding of computer programming and software design. We are very grateful to our volunteer, Josh Arnold, and his support people, Mr Sam Irvine and Miss Gleeson, for giving our students this great opportunity.

## Some developments in Rooms 3 and 4

Supporting our children to become independent learners is one of Good Shepherd School's strategic goals. There is a move across the education system to develop innovative learning environments (ILEs) that encourage co-operative learning, flexibility, concentration and engagement of children in their learning. This term the children and teachers of Rooms 3 and 4 will be working more flexibly and closely together, initially in the area of reading. The advantages to both teachers and learners of working in this way are well documented, although we will continue to monitor these changes and their impact very closely. You can read more about innovative learning environments at:

<http://elearning.tki.org.nz/Teaching/Innovative-learning-environments>

**Room 4 Assembly tomorrow at 2.15pm. You are warmly invited to attend.**

### Parent use of facilities

Parents/caregivers visiting the school are asked not to use the children's toilet facilities please. The sick bay toilet is available for adults although we would appreciate use of this facility being kept to a minimum.

### Visit by Education Review Office

This term we welcome reviewers from ERO into our school. This regular external review is a very important process for the school because it complements our internal review processes to ensure that we are continually improving every aspect of our school. We will be welcoming our visitors with a pōwhiri on Monday 8 August and, as always, we invite our community to join us.

### Pūmanawa Programme

'Pūmanawa' conveys the ideas of talent, special gifts and in depth learning and last week the children started their focus on an area of particular interest or strength. Teachers have worked hard to develop challenging and rewarding nine-week programmes in each of the learning areas and are looking forward to working with the children in subjects that they have chosen. Although we were not able to accommodate all first choice options, we are confident that everyone will have an enjoyable and challenging experience through the Pūmanawa programme.

### Irish Dancing

This very popular performance group is back this term. Remind your children to listen carefully to Monday morning notices to hear when practices will take place.

### Traffic at the school gates

For the safety of our children we remind all parents and caregivers to take extra care during drop off and collection at the school gate. Please use the designated carparks outside of the chain barrier or the Volcanic Street carpark.

### School Council works to 'Keep Little Hearts Beating'

In the school council we have been working on a project called 'Keep Little Hearts Beating'. Sir Ray Avery has designed new LifePod incubators that cost just \$2000 each and he wants to give them to countries that need help. We would like to raise money for one incubator this year. We are having a **mufti day** on the 26 of August - please bring a gold coin donation to school. We will be having a colouring in competition with a mystery prize during the week of the mufti day and we would like you to give a \$1 donation entry so we can continue fundraising.

We will also be having a **Bake Sale** on the 14 September so if you could bring some baking that would be great. We will also be having 'LifePod Fridays' when you can give a \$1 donation and you can put a heart anywhere on our heart sheet which will be displayed in the admin notice board area. You could find out more at <https://thelifepod.co.nz/>

**So help us  
Keep Little Hearts Beating  
Daniel Nuku, Lucy de Young, Cassandra Liku.**

## From the PTA

### Quiz Night 10th September

A fun filled evening with lots of laughs. If you can help with sourcing or by donating any items to auction at our famous silent auction please contact Alanah on [info@steppingstonesdaycare.co.nz](mailto:info@steppingstonesdaycare.co.nz).

### Sweet Enough Cook books

WIN YUMMY BAKING! Buy a copy of the amazing **Sweet Enough** cook book and go in the draw to win a slice or cake fresh for Friday afternoon tea!

### Entertainment Books

Did you make the most of those amazing deals over the holidays? If not, you've still got plenty of time to get the most out of this fantastic book. Vouchers last until August 2017 and range from Fast Food vouchers, restaurant deals to cheap activities. Contact Alanah on 021 348 327 to purchase

**Carla and the PTA Team**

## Marcellin College - Open Day

617 Mt Albert Road, Royal Oak

[www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Tours at 10.00am and 12.00pm

Enquiries: Telephone 625 6509

Enrolments for 2017 are now being accepted