

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – PTA – 7 May 2025

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Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow stronger as a community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff, Parish, and broader members of the Good Shepherd Community. And continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of you, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

It is my pleasure to present this report at the beginning of a very busy term 2. We are thankful for the fundraising efforts and opportunities provided by the PTA. Ahead of us we have the disco scheduled to run on Friday 6 of June - always a highlight for our Tamariki! The ongoing work done by members of the PTA in providing Sushi lunches every week, and organising the cake raffle every second week is very much appreciated by the school community. We look forward to our Matariki Celebration scheduled for the 19th of June.

Community Mass

On May the 4th we celebrated our Community Mass with Fr Martin. We are grateful for the many creative and exciting ways Fr Martin engages our children in Church. He is often seen moving around classrooms demonstrating service leadership and our children are motivated by the good messages he shares.

Sacramental Programme

This term our children participating in the Sacramental Programme move from Reconciliation to focus on learning about the Sacrament of Confirmation. Children have workshops during Mass time on both Sunday 18 & Sunday 25 of May.

Auckland Central Pasifika Mass

Once again this year families are invited to take part in the Auckland Central Catholic Community of Schools Pasifika Mass. This will be held on June 18 at St Joseph's Church, Grey Lynn at 6pm. We hope to see members of the Good Shepherd School Community there in support.

Reporting to Parents

Written reports will be sent to parents and caregivers for all students in Years 4 to 6 at the end of this term. Students in their first three years at school receive written reports on their progress and achievement at the anniversary of their start date. You may have seen in the media news of changes to reporting and curriculum. We continuously undergo professional development as a part of this and will share relevant new information with the community as it arises. In term 2 we are planning a Parent Information Evening to help whanau understand the many changes that have been introduced as a part of the new Mathematics curriculum.

Grand Plans and Requests from the Student Council!

Last year the Grand Plans were achieved and appeared in the shape of a revamped swimming pool area. This year in our most recent Student Council discussion we have decided to shift our focus towards a theme of 'Community Outreach'. Ideas include 'reading to' and looking after the young at a contributing ECE, companionship to those in a retirement home and feeding the hungry. This is a theme Fr Martin has been discussing with us also and we look forward to hearing more about his ideas also.

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