GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

- * Hello * Kia Ora * Malo e Lelei * Namaste * Cead Mile Failte * Talofa Lava *
- * Kia Orana * Zdravo * Dzien Dobry * Apa Kabar * Guten Tag * An Nyung Ha Se Yo *
- * Privet * Kwaziwai * Mabuhay Kayo * Kon Nichi Wa * Hola * Ola * Salaam * Fakalofa Atu

Newsletter 13, 9 August 2018



From the principal....

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou

Greetings to you all!

Part of Good Shepherd's vision for Year 6 students leaving the school is that they 'are resilient, positive in their own identity and have a sense of belonging to their community' (Good Shepherd Strategic and Annual Plan 2018 - 2020).

Cultural Diversity is one of the eight Principles that underpin our New Zealand Curriculum, which states that we value 'the histories and traditions of all its people' (p. 9).

Our school and parish community reflects the rich cultural diversity of Aotearoa New Zealand, with our families coming to this country from all over the world, bringing with them knowledge and experience of living life in different ways. What a wonderful resource to be able to draw on! Please read the notice further on in this newsletter about how you can support us with your knowledge of different cultures during our Cultural Celebration Week later in the term.

This week I have had the privilege of spending two days at St Mark's Catholic School in Pakuranga as part of the external Catholic Special Character review team. During this time we talked to teachers, leaders, children and parents/whānau about the impact the Catholic special character had on them as individuals and as families. They all talked about the sense of community in their school and how the values they have inherited from their founding order, the Mission Sisters, build this community of caring for each other and doing their best as part of God's family. I think we should all be proud of being part of the very strong Catholic school system in New Zealand.

Ngā manaakitanga Jane Hahn

Teachers' Strike Wednesday 15 August

Last week Mrs McGillivray, chair of the Good Shepherd Board of Trustees, informed the school community that our school will close if the teachers' strike goes ahead next Wednesday. This means that children must not come to school on Wednesday and there will be **no out-of-school programme** (OSCA) in place for the day. We know the strike action is inconvenient for our families. We also know you understand the reason behind the action - the crisis facing education today, with fewer applicants for advertised teaching positions and fewer people training as teachers. Please contact Mrs Hahn if you have any questions about the strike action.

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in August 2018:

James Arcilla Lily Millar
Maisie MacGilvray Henry Olliver
Rosalie Fala Rishmikaa Selvathas

Otis Irvine Kalo Sundin Jiwoo Jang Bianka Woffindin

Henry Katongo

Havana-Shai Baker-Leger

MuftiMania (2)

On Friday 10th August, Good Shepherd School are invited to come to school in mufti to help raise money for Apifo'ou College in Tonga whose school was badly damaged by cyclone Gita. Please bring a gold coin donation as we come together as a community to support this special cause.

Feast of the Assumption Wednesday 15 August

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven and is the most important of all Marian feasts, and a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 7pm on the Feast of the Assumption.

Parish/School Mass Sunday 9 September 9.30am at Good Shepherd Church

We look forward to our whole school and parish community coming together to celebrate the Eucharist this term. Please ensure that you put this time aside in your calendar.

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.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate Harriet Russell from Room 3 and Elijah Betonio from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Harriett and Elijah for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Blessing of the Flagpole

You will have noticed the new flagpole on our Good Shepherd site. Raising money for the flagpole was the School Council project for 2017, supported by the Good Shepherd PTA. We were proud as Monsignor Bernard blessed the New Zealand flag and it was raised for the first time on Friday.



P.E. and sport contact in school

Mrs McLeod will not be responsible for P.E. and sport for the remainder of the year. Please address all enquiries or communications in this area to Miss Gleeson at sgleeson@goodshepherd.school.nz

Good Shepherd Cultural Celebration Week 17 - 21 September

With so many cultures making up our Good Shepherd School community we want to celebrate as many as we can over the year and so this year we have decided to have a full week of celebration.

During our Cultural Celebration week our cultural leaders will be organising different activities and performances but we also have the whole school mixing up and choosing a culture that they would like to learn more about. Just like our Pumanawa programme in the past, each teacher will be working with students on a particular culture each afternoon in Week 9 to learn dances, songs, phrases and traditions. On Friday 21 September each group will perform something at our cultural celebration assembly.

Next week each student will come home with a letter and tear off slip to fill out which cultural group they would like to join. We hope to give students their first choice but we may have to go to a second or third choice, depending on numbers.

If you are available to support our teachers with the different cultures please contact them. If you have some time to come in and work with them or even just emailing or popping in to share some resources or ideas would be greatly appreciated. Below is the list of cultures and the teachers you can contact.

Italian - scultrera@goodshepherd.school.nz
Brazilian - cfala@goodshepherd.school.nz
Filipino - hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz
Korean - pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz
Spanish - kvergis@goodshepherd.school.nz
German - joneill@goodshepherd.school.nz
Japanese - fli@goodshepherd.school.nz
French - ldrummond@goodshepherd.school.nz
Indian - mdown@goodshepherd.school.nz

Introducing Good Shepherd's Cultural Leaders

Miracle, Maggie and **Bella** are our cultural leaders. They are busy planning events for Cultural Celebration Week and we wish them well in this important work they do.



Good Shepherd School Speech Competition Finals Tuesday 21 August 2018

All children are expected to give a speech in the first few weeks of Term 3.

Year 0-1 will give a simple talk, a little like Show and Tell. All other year groups will present a speech including the key features they have learnt in class. No props or grand gestures are acceptable. Children are encouraged to have cue cards (the size of the palm of their hand) and practise their speech for homework.

Some points to remember:

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Year 0-1	One minute
Year 2	Two minutes
	Three minutes maximum. A bell will go
Year 3-6	at two minutes thirty seconds.

Judging Criteria:

Research, content, expression, volume, eye contact, pace.

Finalists will be chosen from each year group and will present speeches on Tuesday 21 August 2018 in the school hall in front of the whole school.

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

Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Phoebe Carlson** from the Rocket Snails for always being a pleasant walking companion.



CHESS CLUB NEWS

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The current set of 10 lessons will finish tomorrow Friday 10 August.

The third and final set of Chess coaching lessons for 2018 will begin next week Friday 17 August (numbers permitting).

Enrolment forms have been sent out this week and are also available from the office or Mrs Butcher. The cost is \$40.

These lessons build on the intermediate course that has just finished, so are not suitable for beginners. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

LIBRARY BOOKS

We are currently experiencing an issue with overdue library books. At any one time there are about 100 books overdue. We would love to have our overdue books back in the library for others to borrow.

Students visit the library weekly and may issue up to 2 books (Year 1-2) or 3 books (Year 3-6) at a time. They can keep these books at school or take them home. The loan period is set at 2 weeks. After this time they can renew their books if they wish.

Your child will bring home a notice if they have any overdue books. Please encourage your children to find and return their library books.

Please let me know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

Many thanks
Marguerite Butcher
mbutcher@goodshepherd.school.nz



ROOM 5'S CREATIVE MINDS

Room 5 and Room 7 worked together for the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop to create some beautiful dot art inspired by Aboriginal Australian designs! The students used acrylic paint and cotton buds to create the patterns. Room 5 students said they loved the peaceful feeling of creating the art, and they had fun choosing and mixing the colours they used.















From the PTA

Cake Day Raffle

Thank you to Lisa Paniora for the making the cake last week – we raised \$177 and the cake was won by Otis Irvine.

Feast Day for Mary MacKillop

Yesterday was the Feast Day for Mary MacKillop – a massive thank you to Helena Whyte and Matt Dwyer for offering up their time to cook sausages for the school.

Sushi Update

In an effort to reduce our impact on the environment with sushi, we are implementing a couple of initiatives:

- 1) We have requested that the sushi is delivered without soy sauce, and have purchased a soy sauce bottle for each classroom for the kids that like it.
- 2) We have purchased some buckets for washing of the leftover containers so that we can recycle the plastic instead of sending to landfill.

Grandparent's Mass

A reminder that Grandparent's Mass is <u>Friday 24 August 2018</u>. We need everyone's help to make it a success. It's a great day for parents to help out and get involved. We need at least 20 volunteers to set up or make sandwiches or sell food or clean up. Please email Nikki Flexman at <u>nikkiflexman@gmail.com</u> if you can help. AND we need all parents to send in baking to school on Friday 24 August - to be dropped to the office before school.

Please email Nikki Flexman on nikkiflexman@gmail.com if you can volunteer to help on the day or for part of the day.



P.T.A. Samosa Fundraiser

Do you love samosas? Enjoy some delicious samosas and support the school.

Place you order now via Kindo (www.kindo.co.nz).
All orders must be received by Thursday 23 August 2018.

Details:

Sold in bags of 10 these samosas are delicious and authentic. Eat them fresh or throw them in freezer for a weekend treat. Each bag of 10 costs \$20 and is available with the following fillings.

- Butter Chicken
- Lamb
- Chicken
- Vegetarian

Delivery is scheduled for Wednesday 29 August.

If you are taking orders for your workplace or extended families, please coordinate and submit via your Kindo account.

If you have any queries, please contact Paul Maddox on 0278075531.

Pie Day

We will be having another PTA **PIE LUNCH FUNDRAISER** for the children on Friday, 17th August. This will replace our usual sushi lunch fundraiser for that day.

What you need to know:

- The pies are supplied by Jesters and are \$5 each
- They can be ordered online only by clicking 'here'
- Cut off for orders is 11am Thursday 16th August
- The pies will be delivered to each child's class on Friday
- Pies are made freshly on Friday morning by Jesters. Your child's pie will have a Kindo sticky label with his/her name, room number, order and the date which the pie was ordered via Kindo. If necessary, please assure your child that this was not the date that his/her pie was made!

The online system (Kindo) is the same one we use for online sushi ordering - it's really easy and hopefully many of you are familiar with it. If you haven't already, please register 'here' then place your order.

The following choices will be available:

- Mince
- Mince & Cheese
- Bacon Egg & Cheese
- Steak
- Steak & Cheese
- Smoked Salmon
- Butter Chicken
- Spinach, Mushroom & Feta
- Apple & Custard
- Gluten-free mince, steak or butter chicken
- Small sausage roll (\$2.50)

If you have any problems ordering your pies you can contact: Kindo Help Desk (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm) 09 869 5200 or your **PTA representative Emma Chan emma@virtualtag.co 027 7745 941**

As always, feel free to get in contact any time, digitalbugsy@gmail.com
Or join us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSSPTA/
Thanks!

Kirsty-Anne, Kelly, Mairead and Bugsy



90th Jubilee

Saturday 8th September 2018

Marist Catholic School Herne Bay

82 Kelmarna Ave, Herne Bay

Invites all past pupils, families, PTA, Board members, teachers, priests and school leaders to join in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the establishment of the school by the Marist Sisters.

2pm Mass

and blessing of the 90th Anniversary Orchard site

3pm - 4.30pm Afternoon tea

Enjoy a complementary glass of bubbles, purchase a commemorative tea towel, visit the classrooms, view old photos, decade photos to be taken

Tickets \$35.00
Current pupils free

Register today

For more information, to register, purchase a ticket or contribute to the 90th Anniversary orchard project please visit maristhernebay/school-nz
And click on '90th Jubilee' or email:
principal@maristschool.co.nz

