

# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



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\* Kia Orana \* Zdravo \* Dzień Dobry \* Apa Kabar \* Guten Tag \* An Nyung Ha Se Yo \*  
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## *From the principal....*

Kia ora te whānau

The notion of community is at the heart of Good Shepherd School and what makes it special. We are linked by our Catholic faith and by the children who are at the centre of everything we do. We saw community in action at the beautiful Confirmation Mass on Sunday as families, whānau and friends gathered to support our young people as they took a further step in their faith journey.

Strong community is essential to human wellbeing, bringing a sense of belonging, common purpose, shared values and opportunities to grow with others. It also provides support and comfort in those difficult and distressing moments that are a part of life. Because we are a community of faith prayer plays an important part in this support and comfort, and our wonderful PTA Caring Committee provides practical help when families are facing a particular challenge. If you know of a family needing this kind of support please don't hesitate to see me so that I can liaise with this generous group within our community.

Like all good things, community needs attention and input from those who value it and we have many opportunities to build this vitality over the next few weeks. This Saturday is the Back2School Dance for parents and friends, organised by the Holy Fathers with the support of the rest of the PTA. I've been to a number of these occasions over the years and they are always a lot of fun so do get those tickets and come along to create some more great Good Shepherd memories. On 29 June at 6pm we have our once-a-term Parish/School Mass. Attendance at this Mass is expected as part of your enrolment at Good Shepherd School and is an acknowledgement of the importance we place on being part of a Catholic community and the Catholic education system.

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

Te Atua ki a koe  
God bless  
Jane Hahn

## **BOT:**

### **Board of Trustee Elections**

Thank you again to the parents who put their names forward for the positions of parent trustees on our board. Votes for these positions are currently being counted and the members of the new board will be announced as soon as the information becomes available.

**Walking School Bus Morning Tea**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 11am in OSCA Room**  
*Please note this is for the Walking School Bus Students only*

## Important Dates

### Coming up Term 2

|                |  |
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| 10-14 June     | Book Week  |
| 14 June        | Walking School Bus Morning Tea                                       |
| 15 June        | PTA Fall Ball  |
| 18 June        | Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting                                |
| 19 June        | Wig Wednesday  |
| 20 June        | Eden/Albert Cross Country  |
| 21 June        | Assembly: Room 3/4   |
| 24 June-5 July | Matariki   |
| 25 June        | Artistic Gym Fun Fest (Boys)<br>BOT Meeting (TBC)                    |
| 26 June        | Artistic Gym Fun Fest (Girls)<br>Hearing and Vision in School        |
| 28 June        | Auckland Girls Chess Championships                                   |
| 30 June        | Parish/School Mass (TBC)   |
| 5 July         | Mufti Mania Day<br>Assembly: Room 7<br>Reports home<br>End of Term 2 |

*Please note that some of these dates may change*

## Good Shepherd Awards



This week we congratulate **Sharelle Lemalu** from Room 8: *You always demonstrate the Good Shepherd Values in a quiet and gentle manner* and **Po'oi Kaho** from Room 5: *You demonstrate the Good Shepherd Values by being helpful to your peers and teachers.*

## Walking School Bus

The winner is –  
Ronan Farrell,  
Room 3.  
Well done Ronan.  
Great to see you  
supporting the walking  
school bus.



## Fruit for Brain Break

Please bring any fruit you can spare to the office for children who have forgotten food for brain break.



## Religious Education

### **Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates!**

It was wonderful to see our Sacramental Candidates celebrate their Confirmation on Sunday evening. Thank you to all their families for supporting them during this second step in their faith journey.



### **Wig Wednesday's coming up on 19th June**

We are excited to be taking part in 'Wig Wednesday' on the 19th of June and fundraising for Kiwi kids with cancer. It's easy to take part – just wear a wig on the day and bring a donation for the Child Cancer Foundation.

### **Suzanne Aubert's Birthday**

Good Shepherd School will be celebrating the 184th birthday of Venerable Suzanne Aubert-New Zealand's potential first Saint! The children are all decorating 'footsteps' to be hung in the church as we strive to walk in her footsteps-we all have the potential to become a Saint! Prayers for her will be held at Monday 17th June at 9.00am in the school hall.

## Library

### Book Week at Good Shepherd

Monday 10 - Friday 14 June

The **Scholastic Book Fair** closes tomorrow after school. So there is still time to pop in and have a look before (8.30-9.00am) or after school (3-3.30pm) on Friday.



**Friday 14 June: 11.30-12.30 Literary Treasure Hunt**-Find and answer the book clues around the school.

**9.00-10.00 (approx) Book Character Parade**-come to school dressed as your favourite book character.



*You're Invited:*

Friday 14 June at 9.00am- Book Character Parade

## Netsafe Tips for Parents

### Keeping kids safe

One of the best ways to help kids navigate online safety challenges is by making an online safety plan. It's important to make this plan together, so you both understand what to do if something goes wrong or they need help.

Part of your plan should include how to use the block and report features on apps/ websites, and who they can get help or advice from.

Learn more about online safety plans

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/make-a-plan/>

## Student Clubs

### CHESS CLUB NEWS

#### Upcoming Chess Tournaments

The **Auckland Girls Chess Championship** takes place on Friday 28 June. Look out for entry forms being sent out this week or see Mrs Butcher if you are interested. Open to girls in Years 4-6.

## General Parent Info:

### PTA Meeting

The next meeting of our PTA is:  
Tuesday 18 June in the staff room  
Everybody welcome!

### Opening of fitness trail

Thanks to the generosity of the Good Shepherd PTA and wider community, we have this great new facility in our school. The funds from the 2017 School Fair were dedicated to this project as part of our focus on building physical resilience in our students and the children are now enjoying the fitness trail during break times and as part of their regular fitness routines. We are having a blessing and 'opening' of the fitness trail next week before our school assembly: Friday 21 June at 2pm. You are all welcome to attend.

### Cross Country Certificates

Certificates for place getters in the Good Shepherd and Eden/Albert Zones cross country competitions will be presented after whole school prayer on Monday 24 June. As always, you are very welcome to attend.

### Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme

Every second year Good Shepherd School runs the NZ Police *Keeping Ourselves Safe* programme. In this programme children learn a range of age-appropriate safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Next week on **Tuesday 18 June** there will be a parent information session with our school liaison constable at 2.30pm at school. You are all welcome to come to this meeting or to talk to teaching staff about the programme.

## Sports

Sports Events in Term 2:

**Week 8 - Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones**

**Thursday 20 June**

**We need 3 more parents to help transport the children to and from cross country zones.**

Week 9 - Gymnastics Festival at Tri-Star

Boys - Tuesday 25 June

Girls - Wednesday 26 June

With all of these events above we need parent help and support for them to go ahead. If you are able to help out in anyway this term please contact Heather McLeod on [hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

You don't need to be an expert in a certain sport, help is always available. The amount of parent support does influence how many teams we are able to enter.

### Cross Country Fun

Cross Country certificates will be handed out after whole school prayers on Monday 24 June (week 9).



### Resilience on the netball courts

Netball season is well underway, along with the colder wintry weather! One story that came to us from a parent was about the Year 5/6 Taniwha team (and their coach and supporters) who had the option to stop a game after the third quarter due to an extreme downpour but who chose to play the last quarter. They ended up drenched to the bone but very happy! That's the spirit!



## PTA Update

### PTA Meeting

A reminder to everyone that there is a PTA meeting on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us if you're free. We will be discussing fundraising and events upcoming, including the movie night and the fair. Any fundraising requests please come along and raise them. As always, there will be an update from Jane around the school and the opportunity to ask questions.

### Newsletter

Hopefully you will have all received the newsletter we sent out, it contains a bunch of key dates and info for events this year, as well as info on the PTA in general. Let me know if you didn't receive a copy and I'll send one through.

### Raffle

Thank you to Liz Hanrahan for organising the raffle items - the raffle raised \$162 which is fantastic! Congrats to the Fergus family for winning on the day!

### Yummy Stickers



Collect Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores.

All stickers must be collected by the end of Term 3 so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

A collection sheet is attached or you can get one from the office. For more information please see the yummy fruit website here <https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/schools/>

### Back 2 School Dance

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Back2School Dance on Saturday Night - get your tickets if you haven't already, it will be fun night!

As always, feel free to get in contact any time, [digitalbugsy@gmail.com](mailto:digitalbugsy@gmail.com) or 027 523 7374.

Or join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSSPTA/>  
Thanks!

Kirsty-Anne, Kelly, Mairead and Buggy

## Room 9 Class Work (as featured in assembly)



By Maia Doran, edited with a group of Room 9 children

A group of children are playing rugby and jumping ropes outside, when it starts raining.

**Drip drop drip drop...**

**A: Oh! No!** It's raining again!

**B:** But wait, it's the perfect time to tell you some interesting facts about rain. Come on, let's go inside.

**C:** I wonder where rain is from.

**B:** Well, rain is actually formed because of the water cycle.

**D:** I know, I know. The water you are drinking could have once been a dinosaur's bath. But I don't quite understand how it works.

**B:** You are right. It is possible that the water you are drinking now could have once been a dinosaur's bath. This is because water on the earth is always moving in a cycle.

**E:** Oh, yes. I remember we learnt this at school.

**B:** True. The first stage of the water cycle is called accumulation. Water on the earth is stored in the form of oceans, rivers, lakes and so on. When the sun shines on the earth, it heats up the water accumulated in the oceans, rivers, lakes and other water forms. When water is heated up, water turns into vapour and rises up to the air, which is called Evaporation. The vapour cools down and turns into droplets when it gets up really high in the sky. The droplets gather together and form clouds, which is called Condensation. When more and more droplets stick together, they become heavier and heavier. Finally, when they are too heavy, they can't stay in the sky anymore and fall down to the earth as rain. This stage is called precipitation. This is how rain is formed.

**F:** That's amazing.

**B:** Right. I am going to tell you more interesting facts about rain. Rain is a very weird thing. Did you know that one droplet of water can stay over 3000 years in the ocean before moving onto the next stage?

**A, C: WOW.**

**D: Can we drink rain water?**

**B:** That's a good question. Theoretically you can drink rain water because rain water is freshwater. However, when you know what rain water can contain, you probably will stop drinking rain water. In fact rain can have all sorts of things in it, such as bugs, dirt, grass, dust or even chemicals, because the clouds can carry all sorts of material. You can imagine how many dust particles are thrown into the atmosphere with all the activities of people on planet earth, such as building and manufacturing; as well as natural phenomena like storms, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Tiny dust particles also go up the sky with water vapour. Do you know that there have even been fish raining from the sky? The fish got sucked up from lakes, rivers and even oceans, into a water tornado called a waterspout, during a storm. Eventually the storm calmed down and fish rained from the sky!

**D:** Now I know that rain water is not clean enough to drink directly.

**C:** I think it is important for us to look after water because there is huge water shortage around the world.

**E:** Water covers 70% of our planet, and it is easy to think that it will always be plentiful. However freshwater, the water we drink, bathe in, and irrigate our farm fields with, is incredibly rare.

**F:** Only 3% of the world's water is freshwater, and two thirds of that is tucked away in frozen glaciers or otherwise unavailable for our use.

**A:** 3% is really not a lot. We all need do something to help with the water shortage.

**C:** For example, take shorter showers and keep water from washing for watering the plants in the garden.

**D:** Not having a running tap when you brush your teeth is definitely helpful.

**All:** If everyone gets into the habit of doing these things it will certainly help. So start saving water today!

**A:** It's stopped raining. Let's go out and play.

**All:** Ok, Let's go!

