Good Shepherd School



Update Notice, June 04, 2020

Upcoming Dates

Friday 3 July - End of Term 2 Monday 20 July - Start of Term 3

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Lyanna Lemalu - being a happy and helpful leader during Samoa Language Week Joshua Irving - considering others and showing values of kindness and honesty

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in our Liturgical calendar. On this day we celebrate one of the mysteries of our faith, the Trinity - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - te Matua, te Tamaiti me te Wairua Tapu.

Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

After the government announcement that the limit of people attending Church services was raised to Good Shepherd parish recommenced celebrating Weekday Masses, Tuesday to Saturday as usual at 9am. There is also an additional evening Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6.30pm. Very shortly we are hoping to be able to gather together for Mass on Sunday. Msgr Bernard has also suggested that once the situation returns to 'normal' we will look at resuming the sacramental programme, which is centred around the Sunday gathering for Mass. May Jesus the Good Shepherd guide us always!

Good Shepherd Blessing Box

This is a Good Shepherd community environmental sustainability initiative. You are invited to bring in your fresh surplus produce for others to enjoy. Please remember that its success depends on the sharing of surplus goods, so don't forget to help yourself if you can use any of the items in the Blessing Box.

In and Around School

Reporting to Parents

Close communication with parents and whānau is very important to us at Good Shepherd. We know that students benefit hugely in both wellbeing and learning when home and school work closely together, and we saw this in action during the weeks at Alert Levels 4 and 3. Obviously, our formal reporting process has been interrupted by the COVID-19 crisis. We would, however, like to make contact with the families of each of our children before the end of this term to talk in a more informal way about their learning and the transition back to school after home learning. Next term we will be in a position to talk in more detail about individual student's progress and achievement levels.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to **Ryan Menezes** who started with us recently.

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in June:

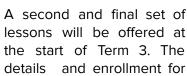
Cassie Bray Celeste Andrews
Esme Shaw Eva Carlin-Shadbolt
Felicia Tibbles Genevieve Vogels

Gretta Tuibenau Justin Yee
Leo Zigliani Patrick Diver
Ronan Farrell Rosa Lewthwaite

Vincent Gatt Yoel Dawit

Chess Lessons at Good Shepherd School Mondays 1-2pm

Chess lessons are scheduled to resume on Monday 8 June. This is for those students who were enrolled in Term 1.





these will be sent out towards the end of Term 2. Marguerite Butcher-Chess Club Coordinator

Scholastic Book Club

The Scholastic Book Club is up and running again. Parents and families have the opportunity to purchase books from the Lucky Book Club. Issue 2 will be sent home with your child this week.



If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website **LOOP.** We are unable to accept cash payments.

LUCKY Book Club

Closing Date 26 June 2020

Any orders will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school.

Any queries can be directed to Marguerite Butcher.

Environmental

Walking School Bus

Looking for an adventure? Join the "Adventurers"

The "Adventurers" have moved their meeting point to the corner of Foch Ave and Dominion Road at 8.15am, leaving at 8.20am. Please contact Liz Barry, email: elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com or mobile: 021 549 948.

Information for Whānau

Encouraging Resilience and Self-Management

We thank you again for your cooperation during Alert Level 2 in not coming into school with your children in the mornings, and picking them up outside the school gates in the afternoons. We have noticed the positive effects of this on our children's self-management which is such an important part of becoming an independent, resilient learner. It has been wonderful to witness this independence in even our new five year olds making their own way to their classroom, putting their bags away and managing their equipment in preparation for a day of learning.

We know that there may be a change in guidelines when we move to Alert Level 1 but it would be disappointing to see this wonderful progress lost on our return to 'normal'. You might consider continuing to drop your children off at the gate, or perhaps coming into school with them only one day a week, and asking them to carry their own bag and make their own preparations for the school day.

Beginning of the Day Prayer in Classrooms

We have also noticed that our classrooms are very quiet, peaceful places as the children gather for prayer to begin their day. Again, we ask for your support in joining in for classroom prayer perhaps only when your child is a prayer leader, or on special occasions, rather than on a regular basis. We will, of course, be back to joining together for full school prayer on a Monday morning soon and all our parents and whānau are welcome to join us as we as for God's blessing on our school week.

Health and Safety Reminders for Alert Level 2

We are still in Alert Level 2 and will know more about any change in this situation with the government's announcement due to be made next week. A reminder about Alert Level 2 guidelines:

- Keep your child/children home if they are sick and inform the office straightaway that they are not coming in
- Drop children off at the school gate they will be welcomed into school by a staff member
- No adults will be allowed in the school gates other than one adult accompanying a new entrant
- Adults keep your 2m distance from each other while waiting for your children

- Send your child to school with a full, <u>named</u> water bottle
- Entry into the school office will be on a 'one out, one in' basis
- Email the school office if you would like to book your child/children into OSCA

Please refer to the <u>Good Shepherd School Plan for</u> Alert Level 2

Sushi and Pie Days

Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on Fridays. We also have Pie Days twice a term with pies supplied by Jester's Pies. Ordering is done online only by setting up an account on Kindo. To set up an account, please go to the Kindo website:

https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html

In order to provide this service, we need parent volunteers. Helping with sushi and pies is pretty straight forward but we can always buddy you up with an experienced volunteer for your first time if you like. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help for sushi this term via the Good Shepherd PTA Facebook Page.

We are looking for someone who can help with pies on **Tuesday 30th June**. If you are able to help please email Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

Thank you.

Change of Clothes

With the final arrival of the rain, our school field will begin to get muddy. Children must bring in a change of clothes if they want to play on the field during break times. This way we can keep their uniforms looking smart and clean. Remember that senior students in Years 4-6 should be bringing their PE uniform in every day.

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/

Message to Families From Auckland Regional Dental Service



Kia Ora,

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs.

We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment.

Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists.

We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes.

This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed.

For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitematā DHB website.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

The Children's Community Dental Service.