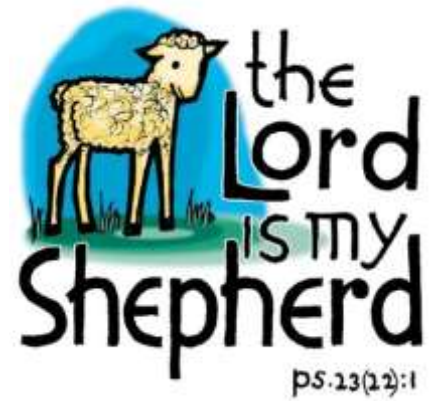


# GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL



\* 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

Newsletter No 12, 28 July 2016

## *From the principal....*

Tēnā koutou nga mihi kia koutou

Greetings to you all!

Welcome back to school for the start of term 3. I hope you all had a wonderful break with lots of rest and family time. This term we celebrate the feast of St Mary MacKillop who devoted her life to following in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. She is an important part of our unique charism (the 'flavour' of our school), and it is from her example that we draw our school values of honesty, care and respect. These are Gospel values, as we can see from the scripture quote from St John below and we are further supported in our understanding by the legacy of wise sayings left to us by St Mary MacKillop.

As always, we are looking forward to working closely with you this term to support your child's learning. There will be more formal occasions, such as the meeting for parents with children who have just started school next week and the Three-Way Conferences on 23 and 24 August. Please do not hesitate, however, to contact us if you have any concerns about your child's learning – early communication and working in partnership is the best way to solve any problem.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

God is watching over you

**Jane Hahn**



**Value: HONESTY**

***You will know the truth and the truth will set you free  
JOHN 8:32***

**Feast of St Mary MacKillop August 8th  
*We must teach more than by example than by word  
(Saint Mary MacKillop)***

## Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Uikilifi Fotofili** from Room 2 and **Stella Fergus** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Uikilifi and Stella for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



### 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 this week the children will be starting 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 will be 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.



## Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new students who have started with us recently:

*Sabine Andrews  
Viela Mahina*

*Heather Rewcastle*

### New Parents' Meeting

All parents/caregivers of children who have started or will commence school with us during term 3 are invited to the new parents' meeting on Monday 1 August at 3.15pm in Room 2.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Attendance Dues Sponsorship Scheme - has been created to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues, for students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

The purpose of the sponsorship scheme is to allow parents or caregivers facing financial hardship another option to seek relief where they may be reluctant to approach their school for help.

The existing financial hardship scheme – operated by your school – is also available to parents or caregivers facing hardship and we do encourage families facing financial difficulties to please contact your school office.

Application forms are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Schools Office Website: [www.catholicschools.org.nz](http://www.catholicschools.org.nz) (go to Property and Finance / Finance / Attendance Dues)

If you have any queries or require assistance with the payment of attendance dues under the sponsorship scheme, you are invited to phone in confidence, Carol Krebs (Ph. 360 3069) at the Auckland Diocese office.

Applications to the sponsorship scheme for 2016 attendance dues will be accepted by the Auckland Common Fund Ltd up to **November 2016**

### Sir Peter Blake Young Leadership Award

At the end of last term, Xavier Setefano was recognised for his leadership qualities with a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award. These awards acknowledge young people whose outstanding leadership uplifts the school community, and who display the qualities of inclusiveness, positivity, humility, humour and a team approach which were all shown by Sir Peter Blake himself. Xavier displays leadership around Good Shepherd in many ways; he is willing to work with anyone, always puts others before himself, supports anyone in need and is consistently responsible and trustworthy. Xavier was presented with his medal by Mrs Gleeson from the Catholic Schools Office.



### Catholic Caring Mass

This week our three School Council leaders, Daniel Nuku, Lucy de Young and Cassandra Liku, represented Good Shepherd School at the annual Catholic Caring Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick Dunn DD at St Patrick's Cathedral. This occasion was to give thanks to the people who make an outstanding contribution to caring and helping those in need in our Auckland diocese. Good Shepherd is very much a community of care and a vital part of the wider Catholic caring community.



### 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.

### Student Voice

At the end of last term, we invited feedback from all our children about their learning through the 'Rich Concepts' we have focused on over the last two years. We asked questions like 'Did you enjoy them?', 'What was good about the topic?', 'What could we do better?' The children worked in small House groups led by our school leaders and some very interesting ideas were collected. We will use this feedback when planning for 2017 and beyond.



## From the PTA

### Good Shepherd School TravelWise Programme

We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of parents who organise and walk with our children on 'Walking School Buses' to get them safely to Good Shepherd School. Walking, scootering or biking to school is not only good for the environment, it also sets children up for a great day at school.

Last term Auckland Transport hosted The Megastars Evening at Eden Park to recognise and thank all the parent volunteers who lead, coordinate or actively participate in the Walking School Bus programme. There are 1800 volunteers in the Walking School Bus programme who help run a total of 343 walking school buses and help 5,000 children get to and from school safely. Liz and Matt took the chance to have their photo taken on the red carpet. We thank them and all our parents who make this valuable contribution. Check out our website for more information about the Good Shepherd Walking School Bus routes.



### Balmoral Intermediate School Enrolment 2017

Families are warmly invited to attend the Open Day/Evening in July

**Where:** Balmoral Intermediate School  
(Brixton Road Entrance)

**When:** Wednesday 3 August

**Time:** Open Day 9.15am-12.15pm  
Open Evening 6.00pm-7.30pm

Monday 25 July: 2017 applications and prospectus available from Balmoral office or website [www.balmoral.school.nz](http://www.balmoral.school.nz)

### THANK YOU!

To those people who have volunteered to help with the Sushi – we REALLY appreciate it and we need more volunteers! If you would like to give up an hour one week this term, please let Head Sushi Boss Maria Gribble know at [mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz). Many hands make light sushi.

### Save the date

Quiz Night is on the **10<sup>th</sup> of September** – keep this date free and start recruiting team mates! Watch out for more info in next week's newsletter....

### 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! Find out more about this in the separate one page attachment.

### 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 your copy - \$65 with \$15 going to the PTA.

We hope you have had a great first week back at school and look forward to the rest of Term 3.

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



# Room Five

We love to have fun while learning and discovering.



## Creating our own instruments:

During Term 2 we looked at different kinds of instruments and learnt about the different instrument families - brass, percussion, wood, string

We created our own instruments using things we found around our homes. We then formed three mini orchestras and presented our musical items to Room 6.



Garden seat



Spinning top



Mobile



Guitar & toy cellphone



Chalk notice board



Musical Instrument

## Concerns and complaints

At Good Shepherd School we are committed to an 'open door' environment. We know that if a problem does occur, early intervention often reaps the best results, so take your concern to the appropriate person at the earliest possible convenient time. It is always better to talk directly to the teacher rather than let a problem grow through not addressing it.

### CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS FLOWCHART

If you are worried by something in your child's classroom here is what to do:

