

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

Update Notice, 1 September 2016

Good Shepherd OSCA Update

The Good Shepherd Out of School Care programme is an important service that we offer our busy families. As you know there have been a number of changes with the new Health and Safety at Work and the Vulnerable Children Acts recently coming into effect, and it is timely to pass on a couple of important reminders to those families who use this service:

Please ensure you sign your child into and out of both the Before School and After School programmes. These require all parents/caregivers to physically sign their children in as they arrive at OSCA and out as they leave the premises.

Please ensure that you contact the school office or, if after school office hours, Alex Vergis, OSCA Supervisor, if someone other than the nominated people are picking up your child/children. We cannot release children into other people's care unless we have this communication.

Thank you for your co-operation as we continue to ensure the safety and well-being of our children.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Justin Yee** from Room 3 and **Lennox Fuimaono** from Room 9 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Justin and Lennox for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



Room 7 Assembly tomorrow at 2.15pm. You are warmly invited to attend this celebration of the children's learning.

School Uniform

Students will change to wearing the summer uniform from the start of **Term 4, 2016** and through to the end of **Term 1, 2017**. Summer uniform also includes a sunhat which must be worn for outdoor play. The school uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.00am. Arrangements for purchasing uniform items outside of these hours can be made by phoning or emailing the school office. A reminder that the school does not have eftpos or credit card facilities.

Thank you from the School Council

The School Council would like to thank everyone for their support of the 'Keep Little Hearts Beating' mufti day on Friday. Our community collected \$300 towards our goal to raise \$2000 to buy a LifePod incubator by the end of this year. Thank you to all the children who entered the colouring competition and congratulations to the winners of that competition. Keep those gold coins coming in for LifePod Fridays and let's see if we can fill our poster with 'little hearts'.

Daffodil Day raised \$289.90. Thank you for your generous donations.

Remember – LifePod Fridays

Bring in a gold coin on Fridays for the great fundraiser organised by the School Council. Help us to fill the LifePod Poster with 'little hearts' so that we can buy a LifePod to help premature babies.



Reminder about hygiene

As is often the case at this time of year, there have been quite a few instances of sickness in our school community. This is a good opportunity for you to remind your children about the simple rules of hygiene, such as washing their hands well after using the toilet and before eating, keeping fingernails well groomed, and covering their mouth and face either with a handkerchief or their arm when coughing and/or sneezing. A reminder too that children should only attend school if they are well enough to benefit and participate. This will also reduce the chance of illness spreading.

On a happier note – isn't it great to enjoy the early blossoms and the increasing hours of daylight!

Scooters/bikes in school grounds

A reminder please to walk all scooters and bikes, including those ridden by pre-schoolers, in the school grounds before 6.00pm during the week. We also ask all children to walk their bikes and scooters in the car park areas between 8.30am – 8.50am and 3.00pm – 3.15pm. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

Help! The Good Shepherd Garden Club Needs You!

You have probably noticed and enjoyed the lovely gardens we have around our school. These are the work of a dedicated group of children and parents who meet regularly as the Good Shepherd Garden Club. We have a number of parents who have been very involved in the Garden Club over the years but who are now unable to spend as much time because of work commitments, and we are looking for one or more people who can take over the co-ordination of this great work. You will be well supported by the generous parent helpers who come along when they can and by those who, although no longer available to co-ordinate the group, are very willing to offer advice and guidance. Pre-schoolers are very welcome to come along too – there are many of our students who became familiar with the school through their regular work with the Garden Club!

If you can help at all please contact Ms Scanlan or Mrs Hahn – we'd love to hear from you!

From the PTA

DO YOU HAVE YOUR QUIZ NIGHT TICKETS?

Just over a week to go!

The auction prizes are amazing – tickets to Jono and Ben, a memento pack from Madonna's world tour, lunch at Soul Bar, Lone Star voucher, Clare Inn voucher, jewelry, the most amazing family packs, a chance to win mufti day for your child's class – the list is endless!

Quiz Nite order form attached. Please do join us!

Yummy sticker sheets

Please hand these in by Friday 16 September so we can tally up our score and apply for our sports gear.

Thank you to everyone for your support and help – happy September!

Carla and the PTA team



Thankyou to all the children who entered our Library Poetry Competition to celebrate National Poetry Day last Friday.

The overall winners were: Benadiks Kanthi for his poem 'Hi-Tech Auckland in 2050'; Sasha Dickie for her poem 'The little bookstore'; Jemima Lipscombe for "The Black Cat" and Aisling Byrne for 'Candle'.

The little bookstore
By Sasha Dickie

On the corner of a small street not very far from you, there was once the most perfect little place for two.

Not too big or too small, something just right for all. Meaningless to need anything other than to read.

Yet on went the years and the town grew smaller, and all the kids ended up getting taller.

The little bookstore stood small but strong waiting, waiting, waiting for very long, but soon it was just the little bookstore stood in the now middle of nowhere, everyone moving around here and there.

The little bookstore is now closed up, with every single book placed perfectly in there tiny space.