

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

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From the principal....

Mālō e lelei!

Greetings to you all!

This week we celebrate Tongan Language Week/ Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga and the theme for 2016 is 'Fakakoloa 'a Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Loto'i Tonga' (Enriching Aotearoa with the Tongan Spirit). We are fortunate to have a number of Tongan families as a part of our school community and this week they become our 'experts' as we learn some basic lea faka-Tonga. *Cultural diversity* and *inclusion* are two of the principles that underpin our New Zealand Curriculum and celebrating the customs and languages of the different groups that make up our community helps our children to explore the values of diversity, community and respect, supports them in the learning languages area and develops the key competencies, especially *using language, symbols, and texts*, and *relating to others*.

As you will be aware, Pope Francis has declared the year between the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on 8 December 2015, and the Feast of Christ the King on 20 November 2016, as a Holy Year of Mercy. The Pope urges us to heed 'the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor', and has established a Season of Prayer for Creation 1 September – 4 October. In his encyclical on the environment and human ecology, *Laudato Si* (2015) he reminds us:

All Creatures are connected, each must be cherished with LOVE and RESPECT, for all of us as LIVING Creatures are dependent on one another

The Year of Mercy fits beautifully with our very own Good Shepherd charism, built on the Josephite tradition of service to the poor and the values of care, respect and honesty.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

God is watching over you

Jane Hahn

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in September 2016:

Mia Growden	Rose Tooman
Ananyaa Prem	Marcuse Salamat
Elijah Betonio 	Mackenzie D'Cruz
Cassandra Liku	Robin Corpuz
Celia Gatt	Isabella Olliver
Aston Growden	Amirah Makani
Emily Pool	Joshua Irving
Pippa McHardy	Dean Fernandez

Cluster Speech Finals

Congratulations to **Xavier Setefano** on his third placing at the Eden/Albert Speech Finals held at Gladstone Primary today!

Xavier delivered an entertaining and well-written speech titled '4 Words'.

**School Council works to
'Keep Little Hearts Beating'**

Bake Sale 14 September at 10.30 am

Next week is the great Bake Sale! Please support our school council with this project to purchase a LifePod incubator that will help premature babies. All donations of home baking will be gratefully received and please send your children to school with some money to purchase something for morning tea.

Don't forget 'LifePod Fridays' too – bring in a gold coin and let's fill up our heart poster in the meeting room! You could find out more at <https://thelifepod.co.nz/>

Thank you for your help in
keeping Little Hearts Beating

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Emelia Fergus** from Room 7 and **Josie Gaoa** from Room 5 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Emelia and Josie for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



**First Holy Communion and Confirmation
School/Parish Mass
Sunday 18 September at 2.00 p.m.**

The Celebration Mass for the sacramental programme will occur at **2.00 pm on Sunday 18 September**. This will also be our once-a-term Parish/School Mass and we will be expecting all our families to come to this celebration to support the children. All children, other than the first communicants and their siblings, are to come in their full school uniform. The First Holy Communion candidates are to meet in the hall **no later than 1.40pm**. Good Shepherd School children will be sitting together in the loft and the candidates for the sacraments and their siblings will be sitting with their families in the pews set aside for them.

As is the custom at Good Shepherd School, families of children who participated in the Sacramental programme last year will help with the afternoon tea after Mass. All children are invited back to share in this celebration and it would be very helpful if the wider school community could contribute some finger food for this event too. Any contributions can be left at the hall before Mass. One further request – please wait for the food to be blessed before beginning the afternoon tea.

We wish all our candidates well and keep them in our prayers as they make their final preparations for this important step in their faith journeys.

Balmoral SDA Primary School Production

We have accepted an invitation from Balmoral SDA Primary for our students to attend a matinee performance of their school production 'Noah'.

The matinee performance is at 1pm on Wednesday 14th September 2016 and our students will walk to and from Balmoral SDA Primary, in class groups.

We are blessed to share this wonderful cultural activity with our neighbouring school.

**PTA Calendar Fundraiser
- Coming Soon!!**

The children are currently working in class to create their fabulous artwork that will be used to make 2017 diaries/calendars and greetings cards or notebooks. You will be able to view the art during the first week of next term, in the school office.

Art calendars and other art products can be ordered through order forms which will be sent home on the first day of Term 4.

Close off day for orders and payments is Tuesday 18th October - Week 2.

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.

Caritas Social Justice Week, 11-17 September 2016

We all have a migration story

The topic we are focusing on this year during Social Justice Week is *We all have a migration story*. Today, migration is changing our world in ways we cannot ignore. In preparing for Social Justice Week this year, Caritas invites everyone to consider 'what is my migration story?' and 'how are we fostering a culture of encounter?'

Welcoming others means welcoming God in person! Do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope and joy of life born of your experience of God's mercy, as manifested in the people you meet on your journey!"

Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2016

NZEI and PPTA Paid Union Meetings in September

The government is proposing to dramatically change the way schools are funded. NZEI and PPTA are the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff who work with children and young people from birth to Year 13. It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings which are taking place over these two weeks. These paid union meetings will not impact on your children's attendance at school.

Congratulations to our Soccer Teams!

Good Shepherd School fielded a number of teams at the interschool soccer tournament yesterday. We congratulate the girls' team who came runners up in their competition and the boys' A team which won the B grade of the boys' tournament. Well done on great team play from all our footballers and a big 'thank you' to the parent volunteers who coached and managed the teams before and during the event.

Good Shepherd Ski Team

Last week two of our boys represented Good Shepherd School at the North Island Primary School Ski Championships at Whakapapa ski field on Mount Ruapehu. This was the first time we had entered a team and we thank Stephen Farrell for organising the occasion. Christopher McGillivray and Ciaran Farrell completed each type of race over the three days and came away with a few good stories to tell.



Cans for Christmas

Good Shepherd is supporting the St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice Can Drive and we asking everyone to bring in a can of food on **Friday 16th September**. These cans along with those collected earlier in the year will be distributed to families in need at Christmas by St Vincent de Paul.

Please deposit the cans in the baskets provided at the school office foyer.

Pūmanawa Invitation

On Wednesday 21 September (Week 9) Good Shepherd School is having a celebration of what has been achieved during our Sheridan and Connolly Pūmanawa programmes.

You are invited to come to school at **2pm on Wednesday 21 September** and spend some time in the classrooms seeing what the students have been up to.

You are more than welcome to stay in one classroom or visit all the activities in progress. The children are very excited about sharing with you what they have been doing during these sessions in Term 3.

We hope many of you can come along to see what your child/children have been doing and celebrate all of the wonderful learning that has occurred as part of the Pūmanawa programmes.

Gymnastics Champion of Champion Competition

We wish our two gymnasts, Natalie Saunders and Lucca Landon-Paniora, good luck as they enter the Champion of Champion gymnastic competition today.



Walking School Bus Award

The winner is – **Ruby Saunders** from the Northern Explorers walking school bus for being one of the longest standing members of the bus and for always being an enthusiastic member.



Found

Last Friday a sum of money was found in the school grounds just after the conclusion of the assembly as parents were collecting children.

Please contact the school office to claim this.

Get, Set, Go!!!! - Room 3

Every Thursday Room 3 has a session with Fabian from Auckland Sport. He is delivering a programme from Kiwi Sport called Get, Set, Go. It is especially designed for 5 - 7 year olds and works on ball skills (throwing, catching, passing), team games and co-ordination. We are really enjoying all the activities we get to participate in. Here are some photos from one of our sessions.



From the PTA

QUIZ NIGHT - IT'S THIS SATURDAY!!!

Last chance to get your tickets – look forward to seeing you there!!

If you are going, don't forget to take lots of gold coins for the 'roll the coin' and 'heads or tails' competitions – we have lots of prizes.....

Thank you

Alanah Dando for organizing the Entertainment Book fundraiser – she raised \$325 for our school. If you are gutted you missed out, she will still get one to you.

Liz Barry for organizing the Sweet Enough Cook Books – Liz raised \$405 through selling the books. If you want one, she is able to get her hands on a spare, just let her know.

To the Sushi team – it's great to have you organizing this and providing a yummy option for lunch on Fridays.

Yummy sticker sheets

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

Thanks everyone!

Carla and the PTA team