

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, 15 September 2016



First Holy Communion and Confirmation School/Parish Mass This 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. There will be one collection during the Mass – thank you for supporting our Good Shepherd Parish.

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.

If for some reason your child is unable to attend Mass, please advise his/her classroom teacher through a note on Friday.

Cans for Christmas

Good Shepherd is supporting the St Vincent de Paul and Mercy Hospice Can Drive and we ask 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.

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Ruby Gray** from Room 4 and **Lucas D’Rose** from Room 6 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Ruby and Lucas for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



School Council works to ‘Keep Little Hearts Beating’ Bake Sale

A big ‘thank you’ from the School Council for all your support for the Bake Sale this week. With your generosity in providing a great selection of home-baked goods, and making sure your children came to school with some money to purchase something yummy for morning tea, we were able to raise \$847.00 for our LifePod incubator.

Thank you

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.

School Assembly

The Performance Assembly tomorrow starts at 2pm.

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

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.

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.

The Holy Fathers Annual Pool Competition

- **Date:** Friday 16 September 2016
- **Time:** 7:30 (ish) for an 8pm start
- **Place:** Ponsonby Pool Hall, Ponsonby Road (under the Food Hall)
- **Format:** Doubles teams and comp run by the Pool Hall
- **Prize:** Widespread adulation and a trophy
- **Optional dress-code:** 80's Pool Shark
- **Cost:** Approx \$10 to \$15 per player, depending on numbers.

Kindly RSVP to holyfathers@gmail.com so that they have an idea of numbers

EPRO8 Challenge

On Tuesday 13th September 8 Yr 5/6 students participated in the EPro8 Challenge Semi-finals. The teams were 'GSS Grizzlies' and 'GSS Dream Team'. Both teams did amazingly well under the pressure of the competition and problem solved the engineering tasks extremely well. 'GSS Dream Team' came 9th in the competition and 'GSS Grizzlies' came 4th. Well done to these students who displayed the GSS values throughout the whole competition.



Catholic Schools Cross Country

A team of 18 runners represented Good Shepherd School at the annual Catholic Schools Cross Country at Monte Cecilia Park. The course is a challenging one and our children should be very proud of themselves in the way they completed their runs. The competition is fierce at this event but we had a number of runners who came in the top ten places. A special congratulations goes to our Year 5 Boys who won their age group, with Elliott Humphrey taking first place, Lachie McHardy in fourth and Aston Growden in 29th place.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property table outside the office. All unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Winners of the NZ Junior Rugby Festival Competition

Last weekend, Elliott, Stanley and Max from Room 9 went with their U9 Eden rugby club to the NZ Junior Rugby festival in Taupo. After exciting games in the quarter and semi-finals, Eden played Taupo in the finals. Eden U9 won the game and the tournament, with our three GSS students being acknowledged for their skills throughout the tournament: Elliott was player of the tournament, Max was best defender and Stanley was best support player. Amazing achievement. Image is of Stanley, Elliott and Max holding the winning trophy.



Eden Albert soccer

On the 7th September, some of the Good Shepherd students went to the Eden Albert soccer tournament. Our Good Shepherd Boys A team won the B grade, and our girls team came second in their competition. Congratulations to both our teams as they both did a fantastic job at the Eden Albert soccer tournament.

Sofia Carter (Student Journalist)

End of Club Soccer

As we come to the end of winter sport season, it is great to hear about and celebrate the achievements of some of our Good Shepherd children. Congratulations to Logan Butcher who was awarded Player of the Year for his 10th grade Three Kings United Team. We also congratulate Lucas D'Rose and Ben Howard, who played for the Central United Club for winning the Most Improved Player and Most Valuable Player respectively for their 10th grade teams.

We would love to hear about any other outstanding achievements by our students in club sports.

From the PTA

THANK YOU to **Bridget Olliver** for organising the quiz night. A mammoth task effortlessly done by Queen B - you did an amazing job Bridget Olliver.

Thank you to **Alanah Dando** for the incredible silent auction baskets, supported by **Kelly Peterson** - thanks so much.

Thanks to **Kane Dickie** for organising the sound etc.

Thanks to **Eddie Sella** and **Sarah Sella** for the best bar in town - incredible job guys.

Thanks to **Sarah McHardy** for running the competitions on the night - brilliant!

Thanks to **Dianne Van Aken** for selling ALL of the raffle tickets after being asked on the night - what a sales woman!

Thanks to **Michael de Young** for his artwork - another wonderful job.

Thanks to **Carolyn Ihaia** for her artwork also - another talented GSS parent.

Thank you to the office staff who made every request an absolute breeze.

Thanks to those who came and set up the hall and cleaned etc. Thanks also to those who stayed behind to clean up. Thanks to those who donated raffle items - you are very much appreciated. And thanks to those who dressed up and came to the Quiz Night and had a blast!

Carla and the PTA team

