

# 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....*

What a great time of year this is! We still have seven weeks packed with exciting learning ahead of us, but we are also looking forward to celebrations of and within our community. Look out for details of our inaugural Cultural Celebration Day, the Albert/Eden Cultural Festival, athletics and other sporting competitions, end-of-year celebration and Graduation Mass and the Christmas Concert, all coming up before the end of term.

This time of year can be a time of farewells and welcomes and we are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Jordana Lima and Mr Lawrence Sharma at the end of the term. We thank them both for their commitment to our children and wish them well as they move on to new challenges. We welcome Ms Sandra Cultrera and Ms Fengmei Li to the Good Shepherd team in 2017. We will keep you updated as we finalize the organization for both staff and students for 2017 and meanwhile you can be confident that all decisions are made in the best interests of the children of Good Shepherd School.

Next week we celebrate the important feasts of All Saints and All Souls, when we honour all the saints, known and unknown, and remember those friends and loved ones who have died. Your children are talking about the Communion of Saints at school and All Saints Day on 1 November is a good time to talk or read to them about the saints they are named for. All Souls Day on Wednesday 2 November is a more solemn day for families when we can remember the dead spiritually and also remind our children about their ancestors.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki

God is watching over you

*Jane Hahn*

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

Thank you for all your support for this project to help purchase a LifePod incubator for premature babies in a developing country. So far we have raised \$1,546 towards the \$2,000 needed for one incubator and we are sure we will be able to raise the \$454 needed by the end of the year. We will do this through:

1. Our 'LifePod Fridays' – bring in a gold coin donation and place another 'little heart' on our poster.
2. A special mufti day on Friday 25 November – more details to come.

Thank you for your help in  
keeping Little Hearts Beating

## **Sandringham Spring Festival Saturday 29 October 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

This is a special community event and although we are not performing at the festival this year there will be lots of live music and bands, food stalls and Kidzones.



## Welcome

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

Xavier McKinnel      Natasha MacRae

## Good Shepherd Awards

The Good Shepherd Awards are an acknowledgement of the special charism of our school. This charism draws on the history, tradition and values of our founding order, the Josephites, who dedicated their lives to living up to the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Our values of respect, care and honesty have come directly from these sources and the children chosen to receive the Good Shepherd Award have been noticed explicitly living out one or more of these values over the past week. All members of the staff have input into choosing the recipients of the award every week and great thought is given to the choice. This week we acknowledge the following children for their living out of our school values:

**Ryansun Kanthi** from Room 2 and  
**Jessica Lord** from Room 5



## School Masses

Every week one of our classrooms joins the parish community for Mass on Thursday morning at 8.55am. You are warmly invited to come along to these Masses. The following classrooms are timetabled for term 4:

Thursday 3 November	Room 7
Thursday 10 November	Room 3
Thursday 17 November	Room 9
Thursday 24 November	Rooms 1/2
Thursday 1 December	Room 5
Thursday 8 December	Room 6

## Good Shepherd School Athletics Wednesday 2 November (Saving Day Wednesday 9 November) Venue – Three Kings Reserve

The day will be divided into two sessions, the morning session approximately 9.45am – 11.45pm and the afternoon 12.00pm – 2.00pm. The following is an estimated timetable of events although please note that it may change depending on the time taken for each event:

Morning Session 9.45am – 11.45pm	
Senior Students (8-11 years)	Junior Students (5-7 years)
800 m (optional)	Field events: Frisbee Throw Long Jump Softball Throw Bean Bag Throw Tag Relays 3 Armed Race
400m	
100m	
200m	
Afternoon Session 12.00pm – 2.00pm	
Junior Students (5-7 years)	Senior Students (8-11 years)
50m	Field events: Long Jump Softball Throw Discus (High jump and 10 year old long jump take place at school during lunchtimes)
75m	
100m	
House relays will take place after the afternoon session, if we have time. If we run out of time, relays will take place at school.	

Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for the day with:

- Sunscreen and sun hats
- Plenty of food and drink (water only)
- Years 4-6 in their sports uniform
- Years 1-3 in sports gear (preferably in their house colours)
- All children in sports shoes

Thank you to all our parents who are able to help on the day. You are all warmly invited to come along to support the children at any time during the day.

### Imaginary Play for Year 5 & 6 students

Thank you to Julie McKenzie who has offered to take an imaginary play session with our senior students at lunchtimes on Fridays. The children can choose to join this session, during which they are encouraged to explore alternative materials for play, for example, large cardboard boxes and ropes. They are also allowed to climb trees during this time, something which is not normally allowed during the school day. Please advise the school if you do not want your child to participate in these sessions.

### Attendance Dues

Statements were sent out to families last week. If you have any queries regarding your school account please contact Kathryn in the office.

### Year 6 Photo

Tomorrow at 9.15am all year 6 students will have their photo taken together in the playground.

### 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**.

### COMING UP IN TERM 4

28 October	Year 5 Retreat
28 October	Year 6 Photo taken
2 November	Good Shepherd Athletics Day. All Souls Day
4 November	Room 1 Assembly
11 November	PTA Parents' morning tea
18 November	Room 6 Assembly
16 November	Cultural Celebration Day
24 November	Eden/Albert Athletics
26 November	Albert/Eden Cultural Festival
30 November	Sports and Performance Assembly
2 December	Room 2 Assembly
7 December	Weetbix Tryathlon End of School and Graduation Mass
13 December	Class picnics
15 December	Christmas Concert
16 December	End of term 4

## From the PTA

Thank you!

To those who came to the last PTA meeting.  
Kapai e hoa.

All those Sushi volunteers – you are wonderful!

Lisa Paniora for cleaning out the PTA shed – she made it out alive!

Liz H and Bridget for organising the leaving students photos frames.

Michael de Young & Carolyn Ihaia for their professional design work.

Emma S for organising the calendars etc – keeping us on time in style!

### Oil up this summer

Our next fundraiser is just around the corner. We'll be selling gorgeous packs of Olive Oil that taste great and make sensational Christmas presents. Keep your eyes peeled for more info in the next couple of weeks.

Hope your short week has been great!  
**Carla and the PTA team**



# Factual Posters - Room 6

During reading we have been learning to source information from a range of different text for our topic. We summarised the key information, selected and grouped our ideas and then we got creative with our presentation.

Each reading group had a different subject: Bees, Snakes, Sharks and Spiders.

Here are our posters to show you how they turned out. Make sure you come to Room 6 before school to have a better look and to read all the interesting information we learnt.





