

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 8 December 2016

Good Shepherd Awards

This week we congratulate **Seth Cowley** from Room 5 and **Seihara Andrews** from Room 1 for winning the Good Shepherd Awards. Thank you Seth and Seihara for being such great role models for our values of care, respect and honesty.



School Pool

The pool will be **closed** on these days for private functions:

Sunday 11 December from 3pm
Tuesday 13 December

Year 6 Pool Party

To mark the end of their time at Good Shepherd the Year 6 students will be having a pool party on Sunday 11 December 4-6pm. Please note that the school pool will be out of action for other families during this time.

School Roll 2017

As you are aware, there is pressure on our roll and we thank you for your diligence in informing us if you have a preschooler expecting to start at Good Shepherd next year. It would be useful to know those expecting to start in 2018 and beyond now too.

If you are not expecting your child or children to return to Good Shepherd School next year, please inform the Principal in writing as soon as possible so that we can make the place or places available for other families.



Welcome

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

Emma Forbes

Sarah Forbes

Last day of term 2016

School finishes this year on
Friday 16th December at 2pm

First day of term 1 2017

Tuesday 31st January 2017

Reports

The final reports for the year will come home with your children on Monday 12th December.

If you require a second copy of the report due to family circumstances, please send this request in writing to the school office.

Sushi/Moosies

The last day for sushi orders and moosie sales this term is tomorrow **Friday 9th December 2016**.

Library Books

Please return **all** books. Our annual stocktake will take place at the end of term and we would like all books back on the shelf. We will send a letter home this week if we think your child still has a book out. Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

Lost Property

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

2016 GSS Yearbooks

We still have copies available for purchase. \$20 per copy, cash or cheque only. Please see the office.

Good Shepherd Christmas Concert

Good Shepherd children and teachers would like to invite all families to a Christmas concert. This will be an interactive event where you can come and sing some carols with the school. All classes will be performing a class Christmas item. Parents will be provided with a carol sheet to join in the singing while classes are in transition from one performance to another.

If your child's room number is odd we ask that they bring a non-perishable item of food for their class Christmas box. If your child's room number is even we ask that they bring a wrapped unisex gift for their class Christmas box. The boxes are being decorated by the classes and will line the stage on the night. All donations will be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than us.

Bring your own food and drinks and sausages will be for sale at the PTA sausage sizzle. Once the concert is finished all children will be under their parents' supervision. The event will finish at 8.00pm.

Event: Good Shepherd School Christmas Concert
Date: Thursday 15 December
Time: 5.30 p.m. children to report to teacher; performances begin 6.15 p.m.
Place: School field

So come on and book in the event, bring your picnic rugs and join with us to celebrate this special time of year with the children of Good Shepherd!

Congratulations to the following children who are celebrating their birthday in December 2016:

Dominic Arceo	Seini Berwick
Yonnie Berwick	David Bews
Sofia Carter	Lana Chitambo
Phoebe Dando	Jackson Edwards
Uikilifi Fotofili	Molly France
Damon Jackson	Remy Kastelan
Liua Lemana	Setaita Likiliki
Jessica Lord	Nathan Mlinde
Ava Murphy	Zara Peterson
Rex Sheridan-Bishop	Christina Wang
Siena Woods	Alyssa Yee



OSCA

Please find attached a 2017 OSCA booking form for permanent bookings. Please complete the form and return to the school office by Monday 12th December for all Term 1 2017 permanent booking requirements. **If your child currently attends the OSCA programme you are still required to complete and return a form for Term 1 2017.**

If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Swimming Caps

The swimming programme has now started. All children must wear a swimming cap in the pool. Swimming caps are available for purchase at the school office for \$3.00 each, in the house colours.

Eden/Albert Zone Athletics Results

Congratulations to all those athletes who represented Good Shepherd at the interschool athletics competition recently. The competition was tough and our school performed extremely well overall, coming fifth out of thirteen schools. In addition to the team doing so well, the following children are to be congratulated for excelling in their events:

8 Year Boys - Liam Bowles: 3rd 200m
9 Year Boys - Elliott Humphrey: 1st 800m
Max Morgan: 2nd 100m
10 Year Girls - Grace Barry: 1st 100m
11 Year Boys - Xavier Setefano: 2nd Shotput
11 Year Girls - Anija Irvine: 1st 200m; 2nd 100m; 3rd High Jump
Lucca Landon-Paniora: 1st Long Jump; 2nd 200m; 3rd Discus

Relay Results: 10/11 Year Girls – 1st Good Shepherd (Lucca Landon-Paniora, Ella Lord, Anija Irvine, Alice Barry)

Catholic Charities

Come along to the NPH Latin American Christmas Market on the 18th December, 12-4pm at Mt Eden War Memorial Hall. Great food, entertainment and gifts. Donation entry for NPH, helping orphaned and abandoned children in Latin America.

www.nph-nz.org

From the PTA

To **Pauline Gaoa** for organising the Monster Raffle and THANK YOU to you amazing parents who sold/bought the tickets. We really appreciate your efforts!

In the words of Cliff Richard, Christmas is a time for giving, so let's share our love...

The Caring Committee is organising food/cans and gifts for St Vincent de Paul.

You can bring your donation to the end-of-year picnic – there will be boxes beside the front of stage table.

Cans/Food item – if your child is in an **ODD** numbered class

Unisex small wrapped gift – if your child is in an **EVEN** numbered class

These will be delivered to St Vincent de Paul on Friday – they will be thrilled by our thoughtful community!

As always, we thank you and wish you a wonderful last week of school next week!

Carla and the PTA team

Walking School bus



The winner is **George Hanrahan** from the Rocket Snails for being well behaved and a pleasure to walk with, he always listens and is in the right place at the right time.



Christmas Day Mass

The 9.30am Christmas Day Mass at Good Shepherd Parish will be a children's mass, led by the children with Fr Philip.

Carols by Candlelight

On Sunday the 2nd day of Advent, students from Good Shepherd performed three carols in the Carols by Candlelight event at Potter's Park.

When the students arrived they assembled near the stage to prepare and hop into their lines for their performance. They enjoyed a few minutes chatting with their friends before they went on.

As the students made their way up to the stage, a few girls sat down facing the performers and holding up pieces of paper with lyrics to help out the juniors. The students started with the flowy 'We Three Kings', then continued onto the energy filled 'Hark the Herald' and ended with the peaceful and calming 'O Holy Night'. They sounded so beautiful!

After the students sang each song the crowd of families applauded for their wonderful singing.

The students exited the stage and had done their part and joined their families to enjoy the rest of the performances. Mrs. Hahn, Ms Gleeson and all the parents were very proud of all the students for singing up on stage magnificently and representing Good Shepherd with elegance.

Erylle San-Gabriel (Student Journalist)

