

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice, 5th March 2020

Teacher Only Day Wednesday 11 March

The school will be closed for students on Wednesday next week to allow teachers to attend a conference as part of the Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 6 March-Sports Assembly
Friday 6 March-Sheridan Swimming Display
Saturday 7 March- Ordination of Bishop-elect
Tuesday 10 March- Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
Wednesday 11 March- Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 17 March- St Patrick's Day
Thursday 19 March- St Joseph's Day
Thursday 19 March- First Reconciliation
Friday 20 March-Room 6 Assembly
Saturday 21 March- Parish/School Mass
Wednesday 25 March- Three Way Conferences
Thursday 26 March- Three Way Conferences
Friday 27 March- Earth Hour
Monday 30 March- Cultural Week this week
Tuesday 31 March-BOT Meeting
Tuesday 31 March-Marist College Open Day
Wednesday 1 April- Opera in Schools
Friday 3 April-Room 1/2 Assembly
Sunday 5 April- Holy Week begins
Tuesday 7 April - Eden/Albert Touch Zones
Thursday 9 April- Holy Thursday
Thursday 9 April- Term 1 Ends
Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

You're invited!

Bishop Patrick Dunn invites you to the episcopal ordination of Rev Fr Michael Gielen, Auxiliary Bishop
The Vodafone Events Centre, 770 Great South Road, Wiri, Manukau. **Saturday 7 March - 11.00am**
aucklandcatholic.org.nz



Good Shepherd Awards



Mia Merrick - You were not a bystander when you saw that something wasn't right
Rosa Lewthwaite - You were not a bystander when you saw that something wasn't right

Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have made their Sacraments. Saturday Mass is at 9.00am followed by Reconciliation at 9.30am, and Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in the evening. Sunday Mass is at 9.30am and Phillipino Mass at 11.00am.

Good Shepherd Blessing Box

It is great to see all the fresh produce arriving into the Blessing Box, and then disappearing again as people help themselves. Remember, this is a sustainability project, meaning that it is about sharing our excess produce with each other - please don't hesitate to help yourself if you see some fresh tomatoes that are just what you need for your dinner tonight! Similarly, take the time to drop in those excess lemons, parsley, silverbeet, etc.

Sport

Upcoming events

Sheridan Swimming Display Friday 6 March

Rooms 3 and 4 - 11:30am TO 12:15pm

Rooms 1 and 2 - 12:15pm to 1pm

Come along to see the activities your child participates in, during class swimming sessions. We look forward to seeing you.

Week 7 - Tuesday 10 March - Eden/Albert Cricket Zones (save day Thursday 12 March)

Week 11 - Tuesday 7 April - Eden/Albert Touch Zones

If you are able to help out at any of these events please email Heather McLeod:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Certificates from the GSS Y3-6 Swimming Carnival will be handed out at our sports assembly on Friday 6 March.

Information for Whānau

Sports Assembly

Will take place at 2.15pm this Friday. All welcome.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

25th & 26th March

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/ Student conferences will open tomorrow at 12 noon.

Online bookings will close on Monday 23rd March at 12.00pm.

Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Event Code: bnmkg

Remember: school closes at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 25th March to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00 p.m. closing on Thursday 26th March). After school care will be available from 2pm on Wednesday.

Marist College Open Day 31 March

Tuesday 31 March 2020, 3.00pm - 6.00pm

31 Alberton Avenue, Mt Albert - See attached flyer.

[Link](#)

Walking School Bus

Looking for an adventure?

Join the “Adventurers”

The “Adventurers” have moved their meeting point to the corner of Foch Ave and Dominion Road at 8.15am, leaving at 8.20am. Please contact Liz Barry, email: elizabethjanebarry@gmail.com or mobile: 021 549 948.

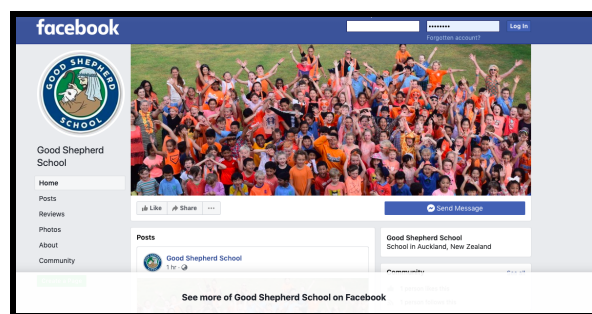
Facebook Update

At Good Shepherd Primary we have a *lot* to boast about! Last week we introduced our brand new [Facebook page](#). Already, we have shared photos and stories of school adventures, examples of learning, and handy reminders.

Like our website, the Facebook page is accessible to the public. However people from outside our community may not post comments or images without administrator permission.

As a public forum, the page is not appropriate for personal queries or concerns. However we would love to see your positive and encouraging contributions and comments.

Some children at GSS do not have permission for their photos to appear online so do ensure that you have consent from parents, or administrator Megan Dyer before posting recognisable images, and that images are respectful. Email Megan (mdyer@goodshepherd.school.nz) if you have suggestions or queries.



Don't forget to like our page!

GSS PTA Meeting and AGM

Thank you to those people who were able to attend the PTA AGM and meeting last night. We farewelled Andrew Shaw as Chairperson and thank him sincerely for the wonderful contribution he has made to this important group in our school community over the last two years. We congratulate

and thank the following on their election as office holders in the PTA:

Chairperson: Kirsty-Anne Singleton

Vice-Chairperson: Mairead Woods

Secretary: Aimee Greenhough

Treasurer: Kelly Peterson

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In line with advice from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health, Good Shepherd School is focusing on encouraging good hygiene practices as a preventative to the spread of illness. These include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet
- Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow
- Putting used tissues in the bin
- Encouraging staff and students to stay home if they are unwell

Advice from the Ministry of Health asks everyone to wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure you dry them thoroughly. Singing Happy Birthday twice, slowly should take about 20 seconds. You might want to work out what other song you could sing along to at home - or you could say two 'Hail Marys' slowly!

Details of further travel restrictions and requirements can be found on

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information-specific-audiences/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-advice-travellers>.

To assist with this message, there are a couple of useful videos from the National Health Service (UK) that might help teach good hand washing techniques:

Teaches hand washing technique (UK NHS):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Hand washing happy birthday (UK NHS):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGJNspLRdrc>

School Disco

The P.T.A has confirmed the much anticipated GSS School Disco date to be Friday 3rd April from 6pm-7:30pm. To make sure this fun night runs as smoothly as possible, parent helpers are needed to help set up, sell drinks and snacks and help with the clean up - If you are able to help in any way, please email Tracey Harkinson at tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz

Tickets for this event will be on sale shortly please watch this space!

Preloved School Uniform

A reminder that if you have any Good Shepherd School uniform that is no longer needed, please think of donating it to the school uniform shop. We gratefully accept all preloved items of uniform.

Please remember you are also welcome to purchase second hand items from the uniform shop on Thursday mornings for \$5 per item.

GSS Softshell Jackets

Due to a hold up with the supplier, the delivery for the Softshell Jackets is now due for dispatch next week. We will get the jackets to those who have ordered, once they have arrived.

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U5 - U8 Three Kings United
U9 - U17 Auckland United
Register at www.threekings.org.nz



Open Day

Sat 4 April, 9am-12pm at Keith Hay Park