

Good Shepherd School



...Care...Respect...Honesty...

Newsletter No 10, 25 June 2020

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Thank you to those parents and whānau who were able to come to the PTA meeting last night - it was lovely to see some new faces, especially some who are just beginning their journey with the school. It shows real commitment to venture out in the middle of winter, but I think those who were able to make it appreciated the opportunity to get to know other parents of the school and to hear in more detail about what is happening in their children's daily school lives. Last night, along with valuable discussions about the financial support the PTA gives the school, we talked about student achievement in mathematics and reading, and the school term dates for 2021. Yes, the PTA raises money to help provide some of the wonderful resources we have at Good Shepherd, but it is also a very valuable vehicle for communication and for building community.

Next week we see another return with a meeting for parents of children taking part in the Sacramental programme. We look forward to reconnecting with you in this very important milestone in your children's faith journey.

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

26 June	Assembly
1 July	Sacramental Programme Meeting
3 July	End of Term 2
20 July	Beginning Term 3
8 August	Confirmation
11 August	BOT Meeting
14 August	Teacher Only Day
19 August	Speech Competition
30 August	First Holy Communion Mass
6 Sept	Father's Day
11 Sept	Grandparents' Day
15 Sept	BOT Meeting
19 Sept	General Election
25 Sept	End of Term 3
12 Oct	Beginning Term 4
13 Oct	School Photos
23 Oct	Teacher Only Day
26 Oct	Labour Day
2 Dec	End of Year Mass
9 Dec	Christmas Concert
10 Dec	End of Term 4

Please note that some of these dates may change

Term Dates 2021

The following 2021 term dates were approved at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees:

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 2 February	Friday 16 April
2	Monday 3 May	Friday 9 July
3	Monday 26 July	Friday 1 October
4	Monday 18 October	Wednesday 15 December

Special Character

Good Shepherd Sacramental Programme

We are very glad to be able to resume our Sacramental Programme over the next few weeks. There will be a Confirmation meeting in the Church for parents of the children involved on **Wednesday 1st July at 6.30pm**. Please make sure that you are at this meeting, and if for any reason you cannot make it, please send someone else to represent your child and family. For any questions please contact office@balmoralcatholic.org.

Sacramental Programme Dates

1 July Confirmation Parents' Session 6.30-8.30pm

26 July Confirmation Session 1

2 August Confirmation Session 2

12 August First Holy Communion Parents' Session 6.30-8.30pm

16 August First Holy Communion Session 1

23 August First Holy Communion Session 2

30 August First Holy Communion Mass 2pm

Good Shepherd Awards



Jasmine Dove - growing in responsibility and resilience

Rashan Dias - joining in, participating and trying really hard

Please Keep in Your Prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time.

In and Around School

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Max Madarasz who started with us recently.

Learning Well

Last night at the PTA meeting, Jane Hahn presented some schoolwide findings from recent assessments in maths and reading. Teachers use these results for formative assessment, a process where they work out how to move each student forward in their learning. It is gratifying to see that as a group Good Shepherd students continue to perform well above

the national norm in both of these core learning areas. Please visit our [school website](#) under student learning to view the reports.

Information for Whānau

Lunchbox reminder

We have a water only policy at Good Shepherd School. Children are welcome to bring their own water bottles to school but please ask them to leave juice and sugary drinks at home.



It is great to see children bringing fruit for a healthy brain break each morning but please be mindful of what else goes into your child's lunchbox each day. There is no doubt that children learn and concentrate better when they are eating mostly nutritious food.

Uniform

As we approach the end of the term at last, please check that all aspects of your child's uniform are present and correct. Remember, Good Shepherd children arrive at and leave school, in full uniform. The only exception is that junior children may wear their sports shoes to school on fitness mornings, so long as they bring school shoes to change back into. School shoes, including soles, are black, without coloured laces or markings. Canvas shoes are not recommended in winter as feet can get wet and cold. Shoes are generally not allowed in classrooms but slippers are encouraged during winter. Children change into sports clothes at school to play on the field in winter. Hair is 'bling free' with long hair tied back and off the face - this also complies with health and safety. Hair should be a natural colour with no extreme hairstyles please. Studs only, are permitted as earrings.

And why all the fuss about school uniforms? Our students are very proud to attend Good Shepherd School and we are very proud to have them here. Correct school uniform not only looks great, it also proves the point!



Correct uniform shows we are proud to be part of the team...

Moosies are Back!

Find a two dollar job to allocate to your child tonight - reward them with a lunchtime moosie tomorrow! Thank you house captains for resuming this important task.



Assembly

Parents, caregivers and family are warmly invited to attend our next school assembly tomorrow (Friday June 26) at 2:15pm which will be hosted by the students in Room 5.

Small Boys' Clothing

As indicated on our school [Facebook Page](#) we have some clothing for small boys upstairs which we would like to recycle. Please help yourselves.

Contacting the School

If your child is away from school for any reason you **must** contact the **office** and not the classroom teacher to have their absence noted and coded correctly.

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School 2021

We are currently taking enrolments for 2021. Please pass the word around your friends and families to submit an enrolment as soon as possible if they are considering Good Shepherd School for their child. It makes our planning much easier when we know in advance about enrolments. It is always a pleasure to hear from prospective Good Shepherd families that they know someone who has children here, so

thank you for your support in recommending our school to friends and whānau.

Incredible Years Parenting Programme

This free 14 week programme for parents is being hosted at Christ the King Catholic School. See the outline of the course for more information and register on this [link](#) before 3 July.

[Course Outline](#)

[Letter to Parents](#)

[Registration](#)

School Attendance Dues

A reminder that every family has a responsibility to do their very best to pay their Attendance Dues. Thank you to those families who have paid their 2020 account in full or are making regular payments. We are very grateful if you are also able to contribute to the voluntary donations. If you have not made any payment for term two please take some immediate action, either by paying some or all of term 2's fees, or coming to see me to make some arrangement.

School Attendance Dues Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available from school and parish offices, or can be down-loaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/ (go to Catholic Schools in Auckland / Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions).

Lost Property

From Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July the lost property table will be at the entrance of the admin building.

Please check for lost property. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.

Chess Club News

Good Shepherd School Jackets

This Friday 26th June is your last day to get your orders in for the soft shell jackets for this winter. The jackets will be pre-ordered and pre-paid and we are working towards them being delivered by the beginning of term 3. Sample jackets in all sizes are available for you to try on your child and an order will then be placed with the provider. Price of the jacket is \$60. Please complete the attached form if you would like to order and return to the office by Friday 26th June.

[Jacket order form](#)

Sushi and Pie Days

Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on Fridays.



Pie Day is coming up on Tuesday 30th June, with pies supplied by Jester's Pies. **Orders for Pie day close at 11am Monday 29th June.**

Ordering is done online only, by setting up an account on Kindo. To set up an account, please go to the Kindo website:

<https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/shop/index.html>

Balmoral Intermediate School Enrolments

Balmoral Intermediate School is now accepting in-zone and out of zone applications for students in Year 7 or Year 8 in 2021. You are able to enrol online now at

<https://www.balmoral.school.nz/intermediate-enrolments/>

If you are thinking about an intermediate school then we are holding two open times for you to visit our school.

Wednesday 29th July

9:30am – 11.00am

6.00pm – 7:30pm

Come and view our purpose built intermediate campus and visit our Arts Centre, Technology Centre and our Sports Centre. We look forward to seeing you at our school.



Upcoming Chess Tournaments in Term 3

Tuesday 28 July Central Auckland

Primary-Ponsonby Primary

These competitions are open to students in Years 4-6. If you are interested in competing please complete the entry forms that are sent out later this week. Any questions to Mrs Butcher.

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The first set of 10 chess lessons finished Monday 21 June. The second and final set of lessons will start on Monday 20 July. These will not be suitable for beginners as they build on the first set of lessons.

These will be suitable for students who have passed the Level One test or have had at least one set of lessons with Mr McLaren. We will be running a School Chess Championship Competition during the next set of lessons.

Look out for the information being sent home this week.

Test Results

Congratulations to the following students who have earned their **Level 1 chess badge**.

Benjamin Maddox

Sophia Corrales

Library News

Please renew or return overdue books.



We would love to have our overdue books back in the library by the end of Term 2.

Your child will bring home a notice if they have any overdue books. Please encourage your children to find and return their library books.

Please let me know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

Books can be borrowed over the holidays.

Many thanks

Marguerite Butcher

mbutcher@goodshepherd.school.nz

School Holiday Programmes

There are a number of holiday programmes available during the upcoming holidays. Please pop into the office if you would like further information about these.

Creating a Safe Online Environment

This week we would like to direct you once again to the [Netsafe](#) website. Netsafe has put 7 tips together to help parents and whānau talk to their young people about online safety. They are designed to enhance your digital parenting knowledge and have been developed with parents in mind.

School Organisation for Terms 3 and 4

Good Shepherd School has had an increase in the number of new entrants this year and we are lucky enough to have the classroom space to accommodate these increased numbers.

From the beginning of term 3, the current Room 2 class, students and teachers, will move to Room 9. New entrants will then be able to continue to start their schooling at Good Shepherd in the Room 1 and 2 area.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Schools should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing. If you have the NZ COVID Tracer app we have a QR code for GSS at the front door of the office. It is advised that you use this if you come on site.
8. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and schools should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
9. People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you're feeling - it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.

Message to Families From Auckland Regional Dental Service



Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service) during COVID-19 Alert Level 1:

Kia ora,

Some of our dental clinics will be open during Alert Level 1. We will be offering appointments to children with the most urgent dental care needs. Our staff will be in contact with the parents/caregivers of these children to book appointments.

We will contact parents/caregivers of children who are due for their routine appointments in due course.

We are unable to put a timeframe on this at present, which means there may be delays in routine appointments.

If your child is in pain, or if you have any immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak to one of our therapists. The therapist may offer an appointment for your child if required.

We kindly ask that you do not present to the clinics if you don't have an appointment booked. This is because we need to ask all parents/caregivers and patients COVID-19 questions over the phone before booking an appointment. This is to protect our staff and other patients in the clinic.

If you have any questions, please email ARDS@waitematadhb.govt.nz.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this time.

Kind regards,
The Children's Community Dental Service.

Balmoral Intermediate Open Day 29 July

Wednesday 29 July at 9:30am - 11:00pm or 6:00 - 7:30pm see attached [flyer](#).

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To ensure that your child doesn't lose their beautiful new Good Shepherd jacket why not order some personalised labels from Stuck on You? It is a fantastic way of labelling school uniforms, hats, lunchboxes, bags (and everything else kids bring to school) and as a bonus the PTA will receive up to 20% commission for all orders that are processed with our code.

It is easy to place orders:

1. Go to <http://www.stuckonyou.co.nz/>
2. Create a personal account
3. Log into their website and place your order
4. Enter our code:
GOODSHEPHERDSCHOOLPTA in the Fundraiser Code box at the checkout
5. Orders are shipped directly to you

Orders can be placed anytime during the year and you can order as often as you like. Feel free to share our code with your family and friends too!



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NAME LABELS



Art teacher is opening an **Art Studio** for children. In a warm and inviting home studio environment, your child's **creativity** will be nurtured through fun **art activities**, in a small group setting.

Our focus:

- Art knowledge and skills development
- Improvement of artistic expression and confidence
- Teaching about inspirational artists
- Experimenting with various techniques, tools and media processes on a wide range of styles.

Lessons **Monday and Wednesday, 3:30pm** during **school term**.

Holiday workshops available.

Contact Olesya on 021 145 3254

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