

Good Shepherd School



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

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From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

One of the things that defines Good Shepherd School is our strong community spirit and it is something that I am always proud to talk about with new families to our school. Many of our plans were of course interrupted by the impact of COVID-19 but we are looking forward to continuing our partnership between home and school through a resumption of our formal reporting process over the next two terms (see details below).

Please remember also that our PTA presents a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know your school better and to get involved in your children's school lives - I hope I see you at the meeting next week.

Finally, we really appreciate you recommending Good Shepherd School to your friends and whānau. We are a 'hidden gem' in Balmoral and we want the word to get out about the great work being done in transforming the lives of our children - achieved through strong partnerships and vibrant community spirit.

Ngā mihi nui

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

5 August	PTA Meeting
8 August	Feast of St Mary MacKillop
8 August	Confirmation Mass
11 August	BOT Meeting
14 August	Teacher Only Day
15 August	Feast of the Assumption
19 August	Speech Competition
21 August	PTA Disco
27 August	School Council Fundraiser
30 August	First Holy Communion Mass
31 Aug-4 Sept	Tongan Language Week
1 September	Eden/Albert Netball Zones
3 September	Netball Save Day
5 September	PTA Quiz Nite
6 September	Father's Day
11 September	Cans for Christmas
11 September	Grandparents' Day
15 September	Catholic Schools Cross Country
15 September	BOT Meeting
19 September	General Election
22 September	Eden/Albert Football Zones
24 September	Written Reports Home
25 September	End of Term 3
12 October	Beginning Term 4
13 October	School Photos
23 October	Teacher Only Day
26 October	Labour Day
28 October	Three Way Conferences
29 October	Three Way Conferences
9 November	Kids for Kids Concert
11 November	GSS Athletics Day
14 November	Ukulele Festival
18 November	GSS Athletics Save Day
27 November	Parent Helpers' Morning Tea
2 December	End of Year Mass
9 December	Christmas Concert
10 December	End of Term 4

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

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 Filipino Mass at 11.00am.

Sacramental Programme Dates

2 August Confirmation Session 2

8 August Confirmation Mass 6pm

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

Please keep the children who are on this important faith journey, and their families, in your prayers.

Good Shepherd Awards



Elia Landon-Paniora and Emma Forbes - for their thoughtful and considerate leadership

Whole School Prayer on Monday Mornings

We love to have our parents and whānau join us for whole school prayer on Monday mornings. These are usually hosted by a class, and are followed by the presentation of the Good Shepherd Award to students who are displaying our school values of *care, respect* and *honesty*. You also get a chance to hear what is happening at school during the week through our Monday Announcements. Here is the timetable for prayer leaders for the remainder of term 3:

Monday 3 August	Room 6
Monday 10 August	Room 3/4
Monday 17 August	Room 7
Monday 24 August	Room 1
Monday 31 August	Room 5
Monday 7 September	Room 9
Monday 14 September	Room 2
Monday 21 September	Special Character Team

In and Around School

Room Five Learning

We have been doing some seriously fun learning in Room 5! We have been baking cakes for maths - putting into practice the skills we learned about measurement and volume. Room 5 are loving learning about music from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. And for the last two weeks we have been sharpening up our soccer skills as part of the sports rotation. There are some incredibly gifted sportsmen and sportswomen in Room 5.

Lunchtime Clubs

Year six students have begun running lunchtime clubs this term to develop their leadership skills further. So far they include netball, touch rugby, drama, photography and exploring our Special Character. Something for everyone and lots of fun!



Sport

These are the upcoming sporting events for Term 3:
Eden/Albert Netball Zones - Tuesday 1 September (week 7)

Catholic Schools Cross Country - Tuesday 15 September (week 9)

Eden/Albert Football Zones - Tuesday 22 September (week 10)

More information will come home with the children, closer to the events.

Please email Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz if you are able to help out with any of these events. We will definitely need help with football zones.

Netball



The Year 5 GSS Daredevil Netball Team were invited to be the Supporters Crew for the Good Oil Tactix Supporters Crew on Sunday! They were asked to wear red and black and sit behind the Tactix team and cheer them on during the game! It was lots of fun, topped off with a Tactix victory!

Information for Whānau Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

We are currently processing enrolments for 2021 and would like to finalise our roll numbers. We would appreciate your help in advising friends and whānau intending to enrol their children in our school to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Application forms can be obtained via the school website - please click [here](#) - or by visiting the school office. Submissions can be delivered to the school office or by emailing a scanned copy of the application, Preference of Enrolment Form and Baptismal certificate to: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Home-School Partnership: Reporting to Parents

Teachers very much enjoyed catching up with families at the end of last term to discuss children's transition from home-learning back to school. The following arrangements have been made for more formal reporting on progress and achievement for the rest of 2020:

24 September - written reports go home
28-29 October - Three Way Conferences

Remember - you do not have to wait for these more formal opportunities to discuss any concerns about your child's learning.

CHESS CLUB NEWS

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championship

The Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championships were held on Tuesday 28 July at Ponsonby Primary School. Mrs Hahn and Mrs Butcher took 3 teams from GSS to compete. Although we didn't place in the competition all teams had a wonderful day.

Thank you to our parents who so generously gave up their time to provide transport and supervision on the day.



OSCA - Health & Safety Reminder

It is very important that you let the school know, either through the school office or by direct communication with Alex, if there are any changes on the day of an OSCA booking. We have had a few incidences lately of children wanting to go to sports practices without OSCA staff being notified.

PTA Meeting Next Week

Wednesday 5 August
7.30pm in the staff room

A great way to get involved in your children's school lives. All welcome!

Sushi and Pie Day

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

Due to a Teacher Only Day (14 August) and Grandparent's Mass (11 September) both being scheduled for Friday, we have moved sushi to Thursday on those weeks.



We also have Pie Days coming up on Tuesday 4th August and Wednesday 23rd September with pies supplied by Jester's Pies.

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

myKindo.co.nz

Orders are now open for the whole term. You can choose to order in advance or just week by week.

School Disco

Mark the date for the GSS School Disco Friday 21st August from 6pm-7:30pm.

Tickets are \$5 for one student and one adult, \$10 for two or more students and one adult.

Tickets will be available soon via Kindo, from the office or through door sales on the night.

Please note this is not a drop off event so do remain at the venue with your children.

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 Tracy Harkison at tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz

Seek the Best
Rapu i Te Pai

Y7 – Y9
**OPEN
EVENING**

18th August 2020
4pm – 7pm

MARCELLIN COLLEGE

www.marcellin.school.nz

The poster features a group of students and staff in blue uniforms standing in front of a statue. The text is in white and yellow on a dark blue background.

NORTHERN MYSTICS VS THE GOOD OIL TACTIX

Tickets on sale at TICKETEK

PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY: BHANA FAMILY FARMS

Sunday 9th August, 5pm
THE TRUSTS ARENA, AUCKLAND

LIVE ON SKYSPORT 3

ANZ PREMIERSHIP

The poster is for a rugby match between Northern Mystics and Good Oil Tactix. It features logos for Ticketek, Bhana Family Farms, and ANZ Premiership. The match is scheduled for Sunday 9th August at 5pm at The Trusts Arena, Auckland, and will be live on Sky Sport 3.