

# Good Shepherd School



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

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## From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

There was a lovely feel around the school yesterday as parents and caregivers came and went with their children to Three-Way Conferences. There is quite a lot of [research](#) that shows the positive impact on student achievement of a strong home-school partnership, and this relationship is even stronger, I believe, after the challenges we have faced this year. Thank you for your partnership and the time you take out of your busy lives to become involved in your school and community.

Thank you, too, for your support in keeping your children home last Friday (or for using it as a long weekend break away). It was a very useful day for all the staff as we spent time on some of those important planning and review activities that help us on our journey of continuous improvement.

We are looking forward to the weeks ahead, including our Open Day on Wednesday 4 November. This is a great way to see Good Shepherd School in action so please do pass the word around and share the event from our [Facebook](#) page.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Jane Hahn**

## Upcoming Dates

29 Oct	Three Way Conferences
4 Nov	FHC Mass Parents & Candidates
8 Nov	FHC Session 1
9 Nov	Kids for Kids Concert
11 Nov	GSS Athletics Day
14 Nov	Ukulele Festival
15 Nov	FHC Session 2
18 Nov	GSS Athletics Save Day
19 Nov	Performance Assembly
22 Nov	First Holy Communion Mass
23 Nov	Athletics Certificates handed out
24 Nov	E/A Athletics Zones
26 Nov	E/A Athletics Zones Save Day
27 Nov	Parent Helpers' Morning Tea
28 Nov	Albert/Eden Cultural Festival
2 Dec	End of Year Mass
9 Dec	Christmas Concert
10 Dec	End of Term 4

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



*Ramona Pearce - for being enthusiastic in her learning and helpful toward others*  
*Olivia Liu - for being respectful, polite and being helpful around the classroom*

## All Saints' Day Mass Friday 30 October

Please join us as the whole school joins the parish community for 9am Mass to commemorate All Saints' Day which falls on Sunday 1 November.

## All Souls' Day Monday 2 November

All Souls' Day is a more solemn day for families when we can remember the dead spiritually and also remind our children about their ancestors. You

can remember your loved ones on Monday at 7pm Mass at Good Shepherd Church.

### Sacramental Programme

Special thanks to Monsignor Bernard for his commitment to the programme and assisting many of our Good Shepherd students in receiving the Sacraments.

### First Holy Communion:

Wednesday 4 November 6.30pm - this will be a 'child-centered' Mass for candidates and parents.

Sun 8 Nov 9.30am FHC 1 - learning takes place in Mass and a short session after Mass in the hall.

Sun 15 Nov 9.30am FHC 2 - learning takes place in Mass and a short session after Mass in the hall.

**Sunday 22 November 2.00pm** Celebration of First Holy Communion.

### October-The month of Mary and the Rosary

In Religious Education to begin Term 4, children will be engaging in Traditional and Devotional Prayers, including in their classroom prayers. This is a wonderful opportunity to revisit The Rosary, especially in the month of October. There can seem to be a lot of prayers to remember for the Rosary! The free app called 'Laudate' is a fantastic resource for parents and even has interactive Rosary beads within it.

### In and Around School

#### Personnel Update

It is with mixed feelings that we farewell Miss Melissa Down from our Good Shepherd teaching team at the end of this year. Melissa came to the school as a beginning teacher 15 years ago, and has been a very valued colleague in a number of roles over the years, including DRS and Across School Teacher in our Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako/Community of learning. Although sad to lose her, we are very glad for her as she moves into a team leader position at Marist Catholic School, Herne Bay. We thank Melissa for the wonderful work she has done for many, many students over the years, and for her significant contribution to our school community.

### Our Yearbooks are Being Published!

2020 is a memorable year. Our yearbook will provide you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at home and at school. All students are celebrated in this book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers. There is also an exclusive account of the events of 2020 (including elections) from the perspective of our



school. There are a few leftover yearbooks from 2019, so the first paid orders will receive a free 2019 copy! Come into the office and check out our wall for a preview of some of the yearbook content.

Cost = \$20

### Good Shepherd School Open Day

**Wednesday 4 November 9.30am - 2.30pm**

We are looking forward to opening the school gates to interested visitors to our school next week. Please pass the word around your friends and whānau including through social media, as we love to share the work we do here.



### Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 3 November at 7pm in the meeting room. All welcome.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Scholastic Lucky Book Club. Issue 7 will be sent home with your child this week.

If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP:

[LUCKY Book Club](#)

Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Any queries can be directed to Marguerite Butcher.

## Sport

### Upcoming Events

GSS School Athletics Day - Wednesday 11 November

Save Day - Wednesday 18 November

Eden/Albert Athletics Zones - Tuesday 24 November

Save Day - Thursday 26 November

### Athletics Practice and Correct Sportswear

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for our athletics by practising the events. Children should bring a change of clothes and their sneakers; Year 4-6 children should bring their PE uniform and sneakers. Please make sure that they come prepared for this as it is a very important part of our school programme. As the weather warms up, having children (especially older children) practise sport in their school uniform when they forget their PE gear is not ideal for anyone. Children who are unable to participate in PE need to bring a note from home.

## Information for Whānau

### Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

## School Pool

To enable the school pool to be made available to those who rent a pool key - we require a volunteer to help over the Christmas period. If you are able help please see Sharyn Hodge.

### Moosies

Moosies will be for sale this Friday for \$2 each.

### Sushi and Pie Days

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

Thank you to our parent volunteers who have helped with sushi/pies this term. It would not be possible to offer this service to our children without you!