

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 01, 04 February 2021

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Once again it is my privilege to welcome you all to a new school year at Good Shepherd. I know I speak for all the teachers and staff when I say how exciting it was to see the eagerness, and some nervousness, of returning students on Tuesday. We also have a number of students just beginning their learning journey with us and we warmly welcome them and their whānau to our school family. At the beginning of the year we wish our 2020 leavers every blessing as they move on to intermediate school. The Room 3/4 students are excited to have Miss Hanna Pyles teaching in their room and they are also lucky to have Miss Johanna Pool working with them on teaching experience during the year.

And so begins our close partnership with our parents and whānau for another year. We know your children well, but as they build their unique classroom culture with their 2021 teacher and classmates, we ask you again for your thoughts about what is important to them. Please take the time to fill in the 'Tell Me About Your Child' form coming home this week.

Ngā manaakitanga
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

	February is Bike Month!
1-5 Feb	Year 6 Camp at MERC
4 Feb	SPC Music Try Out Session
6 Feb	Waitangi Day
8 Feb	Waitangi Day observed - school closed
11 Feb	SPC Music programme begins
12 Feb	Chinese New Year
15 Feb	Chess with Mr McLaren begins
16 Feb	Shrove Tuesday
16 Feb	PTA Meeting
16 Feb	Footy Kids Taster
17 Feb	Ash Wednesday
18 Feb	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival
22-26 Feb	Life Education in school
23 Feb	Sacramental Programme meeting
26 Feb	PTA Disco
28 Feb	Reconciliation Session 1
	March is Walking School Bus Month!
1-5 March	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme
2 March	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones
5 March	Opera in Schools
7 March	Reconciliation Session 2
8-12 March	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme
10 March	Sheridan Swimming Display
13 March	Hot House Challenge
14 March	Reconciliation 3
15-19 March	Sign Language Week
16 March	First Reconciliation
17 March	St Patrick's Day
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
22 March	Swim Education Sessions
23 March	World Book Day
24 March	Walk to School Day
25 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
26 March	Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness)
27 March	PTA Quiz Nite (tbc)
28 March	Palm Sunday
2 April	Good Friday - school closed
4 April	Easter Sunday
4 April	Daylight Saving Ends
5 April	Easter Monday - school closed
6 April	Easter Tuesday - school closed
10 April	PTA Quiz Nite (tbc)
13 April	Eden/Albert Touch Zones
15 April	Eden/Albert Touch Zones Save Day
16 April	Term 1 ends
3 May	Term 2 begins

Please note that some of these dates may change

Term Dates 2021

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

Please note the following Teacher Only Days for 2021:

Friday 4 June

Friday 20 August

Friday 22 October

We will endeavour to give you plenty of notice for any other Teacher Only Days in 2021.

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards

The Good Shepherd Awards are an acknowledgement of the special charism of our school. This charism draws on the history, tradition and values of our founding order, the Josephites, who dedicated their lives to living up to the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Our values of **respect**, **care** and **honesty** have come directly from these sources and the children chosen to receive the Good Shepherd Award have been noticed explicitly living out one or more of these values over the past week. All members of the staff have input into choosing the recipients of the award every week and great thought is given to the choice. Good Shepherd Awards will be presented when we gather for whole school prayer every Monday, beginning next week.

Sacramental Programme 2021

Good Shepherd School and Parish have enrolment forms available for the Sacramental Programme in 2021. All children who have been baptised and are 8 years old and above are eligible. A copy of their baptism certificate is required. If there are any children enrolled as Preference students who would like to find out about being baptised in preparation for the Sacramental programme, please contact the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office.

Enrolment forms are now available at the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office or on this [Link](#) Closing date for enrolment will be Sunday 14 February 2021.

For further inquiries contact Jane Hahn
principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

In and Around School

Camp

Our wonderful group of year sixes are loving their start to the year at camp. They are also preparing for their leadership year and already we can see great potential in every one of them. Here are a couple of photos for you. Standby for a more detailed report once we elect our journalists for 2021...



Sport

GSS Y3-6 Swimming Carnival - Thursday 18

February

If you are available to be a parent helper at this event please email Heather McLeod on:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Please also let Heather know if you are able to be in the pool.

Information for Whānau

Waitangi Day Saturday 6 February 2021

Waitangi Day is New Zealand's national day. It is a holiday held annually on 6 February to commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi - New Zealand's founding document - on 6 February 6th 1840. Because Waitangi Day falls on the weekend, Monday 8 February will be observed as a holiday and school will be closed.

Whatsapp

Last year during Lockdown, we set up Whatsapp groups for each class as a way of keeping communication lines among parents open. This was a real success, so much so that we have decided to

set up new class groups for 2021. Over the next week or two I will send out an email to parents with the link to join their class group. The easiest way is to open the link on your phone. There is no obligation to join this informal group, however you may find it a valuable way to clarify school information, set up events and remind each other what is coming up etc.



Learn to Play Touch Rugby and /or Flippaball - No Experience Required!

Do you want your child to meet their classmates for sport and have fun? Why not join the **touch rugby** team, the **flippaball team** or both?

No experience required. Come to a training session and try it out.

Note that this will best suit **our Year 3** children although there may be some Year 2 or Year 4 children who will enjoy being a part of it as well.

The details are as follows:

Flippaball:

Games on a Sunday, usually late morning at either Dio, St Cuths or Epsom Girls Grammar.

First game on Feb 14th

Regular training time yet to be decided but likely to be Friday afternoon at 3pm, in the school pool.

First training session on Friday 12th.

If interested please email Maria on mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz

Touch rugby:

Games on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm or 4:30 at Fearon Park.

Training Mondays after school (time and venue to be decided by the parents).

First game Wednesday 10th Feb.

First training session Tuesday 9th Feb.

If interested please email Stephen on stephenfarrell04@yahoo.ie

Chess

Chess Lessons at Good Shepherd School Mondays 1-2pm

This year we will again be offering our students chess coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren. In Term 1, we are offering chess coaching at the **BEGINNER** level for Years 4-6. The first set of 10 lessons for 2020 begins **Monday 15 February** (minimum of 10 students required) at lunchtime. Please fill out an [Enrolment Form](#) to be sent home this week and return to the school office if you are interested in this offer. Lessons will run for the longer time of 60 minutes. The cost is \$50. Students work towards NZ Junior Chess Badges.

Marguerite Bucher

Chess Club Coordinator

Yearbooks

If you ran out of time last year come into the office and check out our beautiful, colourful 2020 yearbooks. They feature all classes, and cover a heap of school happenings (school events, classroom highlights, student work, and a little bit of history). \$20

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.

St. Peter's After School Music Programme 2021

The St Peter's After School Music Programme is now open for new enrolments for 2021. Please join us for a presentation / try out afternoon today (Thursday) after school (**meet on the turf**). More information and enrolment form can be found on our [website https://stpetersprimarymusic.mymusicstaff.com/Our-Music-Programme](https://stpetersprimarymusic.mymusicstaff.com/Our-Music-Programme), alternatively, please email stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com

OSCA - Before and After School Care

We are currently preparing OSCA for Term 1 2021. Families who currently have permanent bookings are required to complete a form with their requirements for Term 1, 2021. The completed forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Term 1 commences on Tuesday 2 February 2021. The OSCA programme will be available from this date for both before and after school care.

Below is a link to the booking form and OSCA Parent Information Sheet which outlines the operational details, and costs for the programme.

[OSCA 2021 Booking Form & Parent Info](#)

Forms can also be picked up from OSCA.

If your child/children have never attended OSCA and you would like to enrol them for 2021, please complete the forms below in the link.

[Behaviour Policy Agreement](#)

[OSCA 2021 Booking Form and Parent Info](#)

The Incredible Years Programme for Parents

The Incredible Years Programme (IYP) for Parents Tuesday Mornings 9.30-12 from March 2nd 2021 Introduction and Questionnaires on Tuesday February 16th

We are hosting another Incredible Years Programme for Parents beginning in March at 155 New North Rd, Eden Terrace and have a few spaces available. The IYP programme is a 14 week morning time commitment.

Please email Julia Langford julial@rtlb7.school.nz to reserve your space.

There is no charge to attend.

The Incredible Years Programme for Parents is a 14 Week Programme.

The programme

- Supports parents to effectively manage challenging behaviours
- Encourages learning in a supportive environment
- Helps to raise children's self esteem, emotional regulation, social interaction, persistence, compliance
- This programme is invaluable for all parents

Where: 155 New North Rd Eden Terrace

When: starting March 2nd, 2021 Tuesday mornings (with one introductory meeting on 16 February) Meet once a week for two and a half hours over a 14 week period (excluding holidays).

To register interest please email: Julia Langford julial@rtlb7.school.nz

COVID-19 Reminders

We continue to have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID-19 in New Zealand. For our school we will:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date
- be monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so
- reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying

- reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette

We also continue to regularly clean all parts of our school.

Recent cases are a reminder that we should all be consistently using the NZ COVID Tracer App and turning bluetooth tracking on.

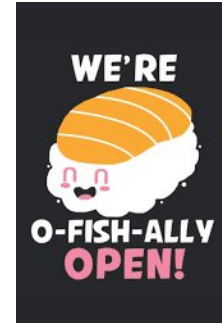
Concerns and Complaints

As we do every term, we have included in this newsletter our procedure if you have any concern or complaint. It is far better to address any issues as soon as possible and much better for everyone to do this face-to-face, rather than through a long email. If you are worried about anything to do with your child, our teachers are very approachable and keen to work closely with you, either through a quick catch-up before or after school, or by making an appointment if the discussion is going to take longer than a couple of minutes. Please follow this [link](#) which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

Safety and Courtesy in the Car Park

Pick up and drop off times at any school in Auckland can be chaotic and Good Shepherd School is no exception! Telford Avenue is particularly challenging because of its layout and we appreciate the courtesy our parents and caregivers show each other and our neighbours as they make their way down to the school. This is also a good time to remind our families that children should either make their way home immediately or be picked up from the Church steps after school. No driving through the chain in the carpark after 8am. Finally, have you thought about your child or children joining our fantastic Walking School Buses? They are a wonderful way for children to get to school in a fun, safe and environmentally friendly way - see our website for more details.

Sushi and Pie Days



Sushi lunch is available for you to order for your child's lunch on Fridays. Due to a Good Friday on Friday April 2nd, we will have sushi on Thursday, 1st April.



We also have Pie Days coming up on Wednesday, 10th March and Tuesday, 13th April 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. If you have paid in advance, you can cancel your order and get a refund up until 8.45 on the day of the delivery. Reminders to order are posted via the [Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook Group](#). Please join this if you would like to get reminders.

We would not be able to have sushi and pie days without the help of parent volunteers. Thank you to those who have already volunteered via the Good Shepherd School PTA Facebook page. We are still looking for helpers for the following dates:

- Friday 19th March (sushi)
- Friday 26th March (sushi)
- Thursday 1st April (sushi)
- Friday 9th April (sushi)
- Tuesday 13th April (Pies)
- Friday 16th April (sushi)

Please email Emma Chan
chanemmanz@gmail.com - if you're able to help.
Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions
around what is involved.

Netsafe Tips for Parents

Managing children’s access to, and time on, digital devices continues to be an area that we work closely on with our whānau. We hope the tips we include in our newsletters are helpful to you.

Set expectations

Talk to your child about the type of behaviours you’d like them to adopt.

- how long they should spend online ([tips on timing](#))
- what apps and social media sites you’d like them to use
- what is appropriate content to view.

This will be different depending on the age of your child, and what you feel comfortable with. Technological options like [parental controls](#) can help, but it needs to be teamed with online safety education.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 out now. If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP. Any questions to Marguerite Butcher. Closes 1 April. <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

ISSUE 1 2021 **ORDERS DUE BACK BY:**

Book Club

WELCOME TO Book Club
Want to learn more?
See our Parents' Guide
[scholastic.co.nz/parents](https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents)

Brand-NEW Graphic Novel Series by the Creator of DOG MAN!

001 NEW! Wings Fire
128 pp. AGES 10+
\$24.99 CLUB PRICE \$15.00

002 NEW! The Nerd Herd
Three Farmyard Friends try their hilarious best to become heroes. 142 pp. AGES 6+
\$6.99 CLUB PRICE \$2.00

003 NEW! The Secret Upside-Down Club Party
Lola has her own YouTube channel and a very unusual cat. 207 pp. AGES 8+
\$16.99 CLUB PRICE \$12.00

004 NEW! Cat Kid Comic Club
Lil' Petey and his Friends try to teach 21 baby Frogs how to write comics! 104 pp. Hardcover. AGES 7+
\$18.99 CLUB PRICE \$14.00

005 NEW! Spirit 3-Pack
The OJAs love being at Palomino Bluff Riding Academy and riding together! Each 146 pp. AGES 7+
\$46.99 CLUB PRICE \$25.00

006 NEW! Fantastic Four
There are lots of adventures at Squeezed Primary for Finn the Shark and his buddies! 128 pp. AGES 6+
\$20.99 CLUB PRICE \$14.00

007 NEW! Nadia Lim's Marvellous Marvin
Meet Marvellous Marvin, the cheeky, adventurous and adorable chick and his adventures with the Lim family. 128 pp. AGES 3+
\$15.99 CLUB PRICE \$15.00

008 NEW! Laugh Out Loud Collection
Hilarious picture books that will have you laughing out loud during story time! 10 books, each 20 pp. AGES 3+
\$29.99 CLUB PRICE \$19.00

009 NEW! Graffiti Can't Dance
A touching tale of Gerald the giraffe, who wants nothing more than to dance. 32 pp. AGES 3+
\$6.99 CLUB PRICE \$3.00

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK

SCHOLASTIC

Back to school disco!



When: Friday 26th February 2021, 6pm-7.30pm

Venue: School hall

Price: \$5 per child and adult,

\$10 for two or more children and adult



Join Us at ABT 2021



NZAMD Jazz and Tap
Open Hip Hop and Musical Theatre

Located in Northcote Point
Find Us On Facebook and Instagram
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aucklandballettheatre@gmail.com