

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 3, 18 March 2021

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Last Sunday we reached the halfway point in our Lenten journey. The children have been learning about the threefold focus of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this time of preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. The love we are called to share with our human family can be expressed in very simple yet meaningful ways, as Pope Francis tells us:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

What lovely suggestions to help all of us, in the words of our Good Shepherd School Prayer, to 'become the best people we can'.

Ngā manaakitanga
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

March is Walking School Bus Month!	
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
19 March	Sheridan Swimming Display
21 March	Reconciliation 3
22 March	Swim Education Sessions
23 March	World Book Day
23 March	First Reconciliation
24 March	Walk to School Day
25 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
26 March	Room 1 Assembly
28 March	Palm Sunday
30 March	PTA Meeting
31 March	Three-Way Conferences
1 April	Three-Way Conferences
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
7-9 April	Dental Van at school
9 April	Room 6 Assembly
13 April	Board of Trustees Meeting
15 April	Eden/Albert Swim Zones
16 April	Term 1 ends
3 May	Term 2 begins

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Parish Sacramental Programme

First Reconciliation

Tuesday 23 March at 6.30pm

The season of Lent is a perfect time for Reconciliation. You are warmly invited to support our children on the occasion of their First Reconciliation next Tuesday at 6.30pm.

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.

Holy Week

Holy Week occurs in Week 9 of this term. Each day of Holy Week, we will gather in the morning as a full

school to acknowledge the Stations of the Cross - the final days of Jesus' life on Earth. Whānau, you are very welcome to join us as we pray 3-4 different Stations each day.

Good Shepherd Awards



Ayrestyn-Skye Leger - For being kind, helpful and friendly to others

Jessica St Clair - For always offering to help and take on new responsibilities

Feast Day of St Joseph Friday 19 March

This week we wish you a 'happy feast day' as we celebrate that special man, St Joseph, husband of Mary and patron saint of families, workers, travellers, immigrants and the Universal Church. St Joseph is a very special person to Good Shepherd because our school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) just over 100 years ago. We will, therefore, be celebrating with the following activities:

8.50am St Joseph's Day Liturgy. We invite you to join us on the turf to begin our day with prayer.

9.30 – 11.00am Tabloid sports (in house groups) organised by our House Leaders and other senior students – **children can wear their house colours to school on Friday**

12.50 – 1.30pm Sausage sizzle – sausages provided to our students thanks to our PTA – thank you!

In and Around School

☘ St Patrick's Day Celebrated in Style ☘



It was all about priorities in Room One on Wednesday morning. Check out our [Facebook Page](#) for more pics!



It was all about priorities in the staffroom also with a St Patrick's Day themed morning tea.

Year Four Swimming

Huge thanks to Peyton Evans for the wonderful opportunity she provided our Year Four students in swimming last week. They improved hugely in front of our very eyes! Looking forward to the Sheridan display on Friday too. Once again - how lucky we are to have our own pool!



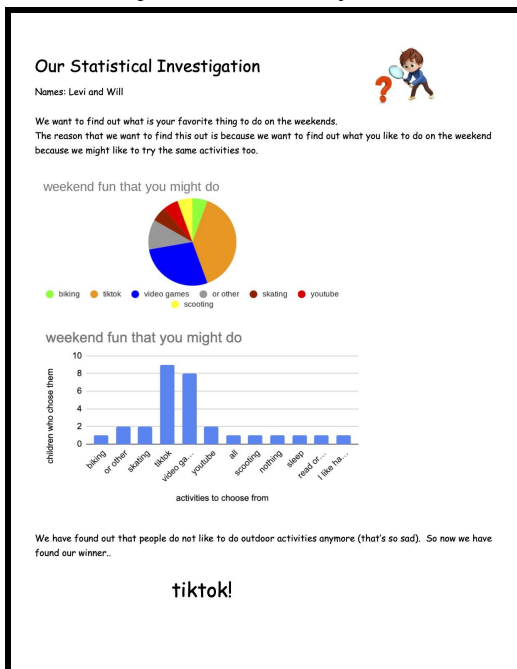
Josh Vogels was part of the boat-building team for Team New Zealand, holders of the America's Cup 2021 (see the photo below of Josh holding up the 'Auld Mug' America's Cup trophy yesterday).



Room Six Statistics

While their teacher was busy teaching Year Four swimming last week, Room Six were busy learning about statistics. In pairs they had to think of a topic to investigate, create an online form (survey), table the results on a spreadsheet, use them to create linked pie and bar charts and then write about what they found out. Check out the investigation by Levi and Will below - just one of many. Whew!

We love to hear how former students are doing so please do share significant events with us.



[Levi and Will - Our Statistical Investigation.pdf](#)

Feedback Please: Year 6 Camp and Year 4 Swimming Programme

We are in the process of reviewing our Year 6 Camp 2021 and the recent Year 4 swimming programme and would love to have your feedback. Please email us on admin@goodshepherd.school.nz with your comments or suggestions on either of these two events to help us with our future planning.

Sport

Term One Eden/Albert Zones Events:

Swim Zones - Thursday 15 April (week 11)

Cricket Zones - Thursday 25 March (week 8)

Touch Zones - postponed until Term 4

We will need parent help with all of these events.

Notices will come home with the children who have been selected for these events.

Please email Heather McLeod on:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz if you can help in any way.

Tabloid Sports

This Friday 19 March we will be having tabloid sports to celebrate St Joseph's Day. Children can come to school wearing sports clothes that match

Celebrating Two of our Former Students

Congratulations to two former students of Good Shepherd School:

Laura Mooney has been appointed Head Girl of Baradene College

their house colours. There will also be a sausage sizzle organised by the PTA.

Sheridan Swimming Display Friday 19 March

Room 3/4 - 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.

Information for Whānau

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 31 March and 1 April

A reminder to please book your online appointment for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences. Online bookings will close on Monday 29th March at 12.00pm.

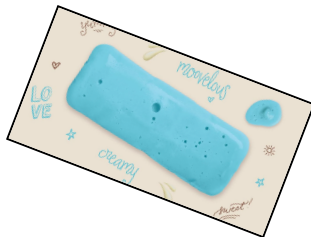
Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Event Code: qned9

Remember- school closes at 2.00p.m. on Wednesday 31 March to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00 p.m. closing on Thursday 1 April). After school care will be available from 2pm on Wednesday.

Moosies This Week

In amongst our exciting St Joseph's day activities and sausage sizzle we will be selling our Moosies as usual for \$2.



Uniform

Jerseys

We are out of stock of jerseys (chest size 67cm-77cm). Estimated date of arrival of new stock is 7 May 2021. Apologies for any inconveniences. However we do have some second hand jerseys.

Jackets

For those students who do not own a softshell jacket, we are offering our parents and whānau the opportunity to purchase a jacket for winter. These will be pre-ordered and are \$60. If you are interested in purchasing one please complete the attached form and hand it in to the school office.

[Link](#)

Tax Receipts for Year Ending 31 March 2021

Tax Receipts will be emailed to everyone on Thursday 1st April 2021. This will include all donation payments made from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. A hard copy will also be sent home with the students.

Swimming Pool Key

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key for the season that the pool closes on Monday 29th March 2021 and keys need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 1st April 2021. Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00 which is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned by this date, you will lose your bond.

Good Shepherd School Bullying Prevention and Response Procedures

The prevention of bullying in schools and how schools respond to reported cases of bullying are areas that are of interest and concern to everybody in our country. We are fortunate to have 'The Good Shepherd Way' with the emphasis on the school values of *respect*, *care* and *honesty* to help us make our school a respectful and inclusive environment, but it is important that we continue to work together to ensure that our school is a model of best practice in bullying prevention and response. This is a shared responsibility where students, staff, parents, whānau and other members of the community all work towards the same goal. The first step is to ensure we have a shared understanding of what 'bullying' is, and the definition we have shared with our community in the past is:

Our school community agrees that:

- *Bullying is deliberate*
- *Bullying involves a power imbalance*
- *Bullying has an element of repetition*
- *Bullying is harmful.*

Bullying behaviors can be physical, verbal, or social, and can take place in the physical world or digitally.

Bullying is not an individual action. It involves up to three parties: initiators (those doing the bullying), targets (those being bullied) and often bystanders (those who witness the bullying).

Our response procedures are very clear and are available on our school website. As always, we are open to feedback on this definition, or any other part of the procedures, from members of our community.

Sushi Friday 19th March

Sushi will be available to order as usual this Friday the 19 March.

If you have pre ordered sushi for your child but would like to cancel it due to the free sausage sizzle for the student, please make sure you do so before 8.45am on Friday.

GSS PTA Meeting and AGM

The PTA AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 30 March. Not all current Office Holders will stay in their roles this year. If you wish to nominate yourself for a position please come along to the meeting where there will be a vote for any position with more than one nomination.

Otherwise just come along if you're interested in what's happening and enjoy some refreshments and nibbles.

Reminder – as a parent you automatically become a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceedings – just come along!

Open Days and Enrolment Information

[St Peter's College](#) Open Day

30 March 2021 9:30am or 1:00pm (note this is a change of date)

[St Paul's College](#) Open Day

24 March 2021 9:30am or 1:45pm (note this is a change of date)

[Marist College](#) Open Day

23 March 2021 3:00pm - 6:00pm

[Marcellin College](#) Open Evening

18 March 2021 4:00pm - 7:00pm

[Baradene College](#) Please visit Baradene College website for enrolment information.



MARIST COLLEGE
Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

Open Day
Tuesday 3–6pm
23rd March 2021

New Date

- *Special Character at Marist College... is real, pervasive and alive. (Catholic Character Review Report)*
- *Marist College continues to be a high performing school and provides high quality education for all students. (Education Review Office Report)*
- *Outstanding academic results.*



Seek the Best
Rapu i Te Pai

MARCELLIN COLLEGE

Y7 – Y9
OPEN EVENING

18th March 2021
4:00pm – 7:00pm


www.marcellin.school.nz

1971 1976 1981 1986 1991 1996 2001 2006 2011 2016 2021



Pompallier Catholic College 50th Jubilee

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2021 June 4th - June 6th

 Pompallier Jubilee

jubilee@pompallier.school.nz

Pompallier Catholic College will be celebrating 50 years since the College was opened in 1971.

All past pupils, families, benefactors and staff are warmly welcome to be part of the celebrations.

Go to the College website: www.pompalliercollege.school.nz, and click "Jubilee" for further information and to register.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

"Diligere Verum" "Love the Truth" "Arohātia te Whakapono"

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Mountain Road, Epsom
Tel: 524 8108



Catholic School for Boys Years 7-13

OPEN DAY

For Year 7 Enrolments in 2022
Limited enrolments at other levels

TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021
9:30 am or 1:00 pm

in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road)
You do not need to register.

followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys

St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC areas.

The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.

The College is well served by public transport from all parts of Auckland

"ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN"

(Weather permitting, limited parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)
www.st-peters.school.nz