

Good Shepherd School



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

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From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

We know both through our own experience and from [research](#), that children do better in their education if there are strong connections between home and school. On Tuesday evening we had a PTA meeting, including the Annual General Meeting. There was a wonderful turnout of parents, and a lovely mixture of families new to the school and those who have had a longer association with Good Shepherd. The PTA is very much valued as an important group which contributes to the school in practical ways that benefits all our students. More importantly, it is a means by which parents and whānau can learn more about their school and their children's lives during the school day. It is an opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions that help us in our cycle of continuous improvement.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the outgoing office holders, Kirsty-Anne Singleton, Mairead Woods, Kelly Peterson and Aimee Greenhough for your generous contribution to our school community over the past twelve months. Congratulations and thank you to the new team, Kirsty-Anne Singleton, Sarah Diver, Alan McArdle and Sophie Burbery. This is going to be an exciting year for our school, with the bi-ennial school fair

scheduled for term 4, and many opportunities to celebrate community together before then.

Meanwhile, thank you for your attendance at the three-way conferences this week. Our teachers welcome the opportunity to discuss next learning steps with you and your child and, as always, are open to discussions with you in between these formal reporting times.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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
7-16 April	Dental Van at school
9 April	Room 6 Assembly
13 April	Board of Trustees Meeting
13 April	Pie Day
15 April	Eden/Albert Swim Zones
16 April	Non-Uniform Day -gold coin for School Fair
16 April	Term 1 ends
25 April	Anzac Day
25 April	Feast of the Good Shepherd
3 May	Term 2 begins
5 May	Sacramental Programme Parents' Meeting
9 May	Mothers' Day
9 May	Confirmation Session 1
10-14 May	Sign Language Week
16 May	Confirmation Session 2
23 May	Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation
24-28 May	Samoa Language Week
25 May	Eden/Albert Football Zones
25 May	Board of Trustees Meeting
3 June	GSS Cross Country
4 June	Teacher Only Day
7 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
9 June	Sacramental Programme Parents' Meeting
13 June	First Holy Communion Session 1
20 June	First Holy Communion Session 2
22 June	Eden/Albert Cross Country
27 June	First Holy Communion Session 3
29 June	Board of Trustees Meeting
2 July	Matariki
2 July	Auckland Girls' Chess Competition
4 July	First Holy Communion
5-9 July	Production Week
9 July	Reports Home
9 July	Term 2 Ends
26 July	Term 3 Begins

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Aroha Oommen - showing kindness and care for her friends and classmates

Lucia Katongo - putting in her best effort in class and at Cricket Zone Day

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

Holy Thursday 1 April 7 pm - Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday 2 April 3pm - Passion of Christ

Holy Saturday 3 April 7pm - Easter Vigil Mass and First Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday 4 April 9.30am Mass and Tagalog Mass at 11.30am

In and Around School

Room One Assembly

Lovely to see Room One celebrating their diversity in assembly on Friday. Didn't they do well? Talk about cute! Also a great effort from whānau for the cake raffle. Thank you.



Te Whenua, To Tatou Kura, To Tatou Iwi The Land, Our School, Our People

This term all classes have been focused on exploring the history of our school through a project called *Te Whenua, To Tatou Kura, To Tatou Iwi / The Land, Our School, Our People*. The project involves us in exploring our history and telling our story, starting with pre-human, moving through the arrival of tangata whenua, their use of the whenua, the arrival of Pākeha, the arrival of the Catholic Church and the establishment of the school, and the struggles and successes of all these people up to the present day.

In term 2, we will turn our focus to bringing the story of Good Shepherd School alive for our students and community through a combination of drama, dance, music and visual arts in a school production. We have received support from the Creatives in Schools Ministry of Education initiative, to access an experienced registered teacher, Geoffrey Clendon, who specialises in the teaching of all aspects of drama and storytelling. We are also hoping to use the expertise and strengths within our community - our students, teachers, staff and whānau, utilising individual and collective gifts and talents in bringing together the production at the end of term 2.

Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students and their families who started with us recently:

Ava and Lucia Hodgson

Bowie Davis

Marcus Kennerly

Tyler Fasala

Francis Pilditch

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in April:



Paprika Chavez	Mary Dawit
Harrison DeLacey	Sebastian Hannay
Janice Jin	Lucia Katongo
Nina McDonald	Alicia McKinnon
Ridhi Rawat	Jai Sharma
Patelesio Sundin	Cicely Warman
Madison Laika Momoisea	Joseph Lelava

Farewell

It is with sadness that we farewell Vanessa Vergis from our OSCA team at the end of next week. Vanessa has been a wonderful addition to our staff and we very much appreciate the contribution she has made to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the children who attend the OSCA programme. Vanessa is leaving Good Shepherd to take on the care of her new grandchild.

Sport

Term One Eden/Albert Zones Events:

Swim Zones - Thursday 15 April (week 11)

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.

Information for Whānau

Pie Day



We will be having a PTA Pie Day fundraiser on April 13th 2021. Orders are made online via Kindo.

Pies will be baked freshly by Jesters Pies on 13th April.

For more information please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

Reminder: School Closed

School is closed for the Easter break Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April and Tuesday 6 April. We wish all our school whānau a blessed Easter break.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Ends

Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday night as daylight savings ends at 3am on Sunday morning.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an OSCA assistant during the hours we provide this service at Good Shepherd School: 7.30am-8.30am and 3.00pm - 6.00pm. If you or anyone you know are interested in this position please contact Mrs Hahn principal@goodshepherd.school.nz.


Enrolment Information

St Peter's College Enrolments Close 14th April at 4:00pm.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Mountain Road, Epsom
Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys
In the Edmund Rice Tradition
Years 7 – 13



Enrolments for 2022 Close
**Wednesday 14th April 2021 at
4.00pm**

*Applications for Enrolment in 2022 are welcome for Year 7.
A limited number of vacancies are available for Years 8-13.*

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

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

Application Forms are available from our website:
www.st-peters.school.nz

Contact Details:
Lisa Duffy, Enrolment Office
Ph: 524 8108 x 7323
email: enrolments@st-peters.school.nz
No late applications will be accepted.

ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN

THE FOOD & FUN FAIR! 11th APRIL
Mt Eden Normal Primary School, Sunday 11am-3pm



REGISTRATIONS

OPEN CLOSING
29th March

2021 SEASON 8th May to
*Junior Inhouse League 5 - 12 years 25th September

Girls and Womens Fun Day
Sunday 28th March 9am - 11am

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**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"

2021 SEASON
8th MAY TO 25th SEPT



REGISTRATIONS
OPEN NOW
U6 TO U12



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