

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 7, 20 May 2021

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

This week Good Shepherd School joins all schools in Aotearoa to acknowledge Bullying-Free NZ Week. This year's theme is:

He kōtuinga mahi iti, he hua pai-ā rau

Small ripples create big waves

We know that rates of bullying in New Zealand schools are high compared with many other countries and we all have to work together to prevent this distressing trend from continuing. It helps to have a clear and shared understanding about what bullying is, and what it is not, as we do in our community. Our [Bullying Prevention and Response Procedure](#) is available on our [school website](#); we also have a Bullying Prevention Team, made up of staff and members of our board of trustees, that meets every month to ensure these procedures are being followed.

It was great to see so many new faces at our PTA meeting this week. Thank you for being there and for your support of the school. My [report](#) to the PTA is attached to this newsletter to give you an idea of the discussions we have at these meetings about current educational issues and happenings at school.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

21 May	Pink Shirt Day - wear anything pink
23 May	Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation
25 May	Eden/Albert Football Zones
25 May	Board of Trustees Meeting
26 May	Kanorau Digital Session 2, 7-9pm
27 May	Kanorau Digital Session 2, 9-11am
27 May	Football Zones Save Day
31 May-4 Jun	Samoan Language Week
1 June	Choir Rehearsal at Epsom Normal
3 June	GSS Cross Country
4 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
7 June	Queen's Birthday - school closed
8 June	Gymnastics Festival
9 June	Sacramental Programme Meeting
13 June	First Holy Communion Session 1
15 June	PTA Meeting
20 June	First Holy Communion Session 2
22 June	Eden/Albert Cross Country
23 June	School Council Bake Sale
26 June	PTA Quiz Nite
27 June	First Holy Communion Session 3
29 June	Board of Trustees Meeting
1 July	Choir Rehearsal at Pt Chev Primary
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



Sebastian Hannay - For trying his best and being a good role model to others

Mirabelle Were - For being kind and helpful to new students settling in

Sacramental Programme - Confirmation Pentecost Sunday 23 May at 5pm

This Sunday our Sacramental candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at Good Shepherd Parish at 6.30pm. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey. All are welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass.

Come Holy Spirit Prayer- Veni Sancte Spiritus

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

By water and the Holy Spirit

In baptism you freed your

Sons and daughters

From sin and gave us new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon me to be

My helper and guide.

*Give me the spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**,*

*The spirit of **right judgement** and **courage**,*

*The spirit of **knowledge** and **reverence**.*

*Fill me with the spirit of **wonder** and **awe** in your
presence.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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 Phillipino Mass at 11.00am.

Reconciliation at Good Shepherd Parish

If your child has made the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Monsignor Bernard at Good Shepherd Parish holds weekly confession on Saturdays at 9.30am. Children and their families are most welcome to attend in order to encourage them to keep this special Sacrament close to their hearts!

In and Around School

Our Beautiful Gardens

We are blessed at Good Shepherd with a beautiful environment in which our tamariki can learn and play, and a big part of these surroundings is our lovely gardens. We have two people in particular to thank for this - Sharyn Hodge and Alex Vergis. Alex and Sharyn are both very knowledgeable about all things green and growing and, together with our children, they manage to keep even our autumn gardens looking good.

Tēnā rawa atu koutou – Thank you very much!



Some of our children in OSCA help Alex with the vegetable gardens.

Pink Shirt Day - Friday 21 May

On [Pink Shirt Day](#), Friday 21 May 2021, Aotearoa will be transformed into a sea of māwhero/pink as we stand together to spread aroha, celebrate diversity and end bullying! **Pink Shirt Day** is an opportunity for us all to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!




All children are invited to wear anything **pink** and to bring in a gold coin for the Mental Health Foundation.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Our next Board of Trustees meeting will be held in the meeting room at 7pm on Tuesday 25 May. You are welcome to attend.

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Jesus NOWS us again!




Ladies and Gentlemen Jesus has performed another Spectacular miracle but unfortunately this miracle he has ascended to heaven but he has told us he will be back soon so everyone can calm down because he will be back!

When Jesus ascended everyone was in disbelief John said "Everybody should calm down because Jesus said he'll come back!" Some other 2 men said "Unbelievable Jesus has made another amazing miracle!" and last but not least Peter said "He is all receiving a sign of the Holy Spirit."

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Ascension miracle



another amazing miracle from Jesus he has gone up to heaven on a cloud from the top of a hill in Jerusalem the apostles could only stare as their master was taken up to heaven the people that were there were his 12 apostles and three men

-It was amazing I could only stare and watch as Jesus ascended he was us again -Then

-I have seen a lot of things in my life but nothing like this he just floated up on a cloud -Peter

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension; an important day in our Catholic Calendar during this season of Easter. Room 5 magically time-travelled back to witness the Ascension of Jesus Christ! They wrote newspaper reports describing the moment that Jesus ascended into Heaven. Here are some examples written by Monet, Maddie and William.

Sport

Connolly Cross Country Training - Can You Help?

On Monday to Thursday at 10:40am Rooms 5-8 are training for cross country for twenty minutes. We would love to have a couple of whānau helpers to stand at stations or even run with us. This will allow us to open the whole course (which includes the length of Telford Ave) and train safely at this time.

Term 2 Events:


- Eden/Albert Football Zones
- Tuesday 25 May (week 4)
- Save Day - Thursday 27 May

- GSS School Cross Country
- Thursday 3 June (week 5)

Last week your child brought home a notice about the school cross country. We need more parent volunteers to be marshals at this event. For health and safety reasons, we can't run the event without

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A NEW MIRACLE Performed by JESUS!



What an unbelievable sight by Jesus, he has performed another miracle. Right before floating up to heaven on a cloud he has told everyone the Holy Spirit will come to you and will receive a sign. On a large hill we people and Jesus' Apostles still have their eyes fixed on the bright miracle. Jesus is preparing us for his jobs while

he is away. Proving to us he is God's son here are some things the apostles have said about what they said John Jesus said he'd come back. 2 men-unbelievable! Peter-he said that we will receive a sign of the Holy Spirit -it

marshals being placed around the course. If you are able to help out with this, please email

Heather McLeod on:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Tri-Star Gymnastics Festival

Tuesday 8 June (week 6)

Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

Tuesday 22 June (week 8)

If you are able to help out at any of these events please email Heather McLeod on:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Footy Kids Lunchtime Programme

Starting on Monday 24 May, there will be a lunchtime football programme running at GSS. Sheridan children would have brought home a notice about this on Wednesday. If children in Connolly want to participate, they can pick up a notice from the school office. It will run for 5 weeks (every Monday lunchtime) and there is a cost involved. All the information is on the notice.

Information for Whānau

Chess Club News

Coaching with Chess Master Leonard McLaren

The first set of 10 chess lessons finishes on Monday 24 May. Results of Chess Tests announced next week (Week 4)

The second set of lessons will start on Monday 31 May. These will not be suitable for beginners as they build on the first set of lessons.

These lessons are suitable for students who have passed the Level One test or have had at least one set of lessons with Mr McLaren. Look out for the information being sent home in Week 3.

Monday 31 May

Intermediate Chess Coaching starts with Mr McLaren

Upcoming Chess Tournaments in Term 2

Tuesday 22 June

Central Auckland Primary Interschool Chess Championship

Friday 2 July

Auckland Girls Chess Championships- Mt Albert War Memorial

These competitions are open to students in Years 4-6. If you are interested in competing please complete the entry forms that are sent out a few weeks before each event. Any questions to Mrs Butcher.

Many thanks

Marguerite Butcher

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Attendance Dues

Attendance Dues are a compulsory payment under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020, and a condition of enrolment at a Catholic school. Attendance Dues are charged for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand. It is a legal charge and not a donation.

There is a need for all parents and caregivers to make a commitment to paying something towards the cost of the child's education at a Catholic Integrated School.

Attendance Dues are collected by the schools on behalf of the school's Proprietor.

Attendance Dues can be paid in full at the beginning of the year, per term or by regular installment. If you haven't paid your fees or haven't advised the school office of payment arrangements, please do so as soon as possible. Rita Bull will be contacting those parents who have not yet paid their fees or have not advised her of a payment date.

Education Review Office (ERO)

This year Good Shepherd School is welcoming a new look external review by ERO. ERO is shifting to a more developmental approach to evaluation, supporting each school's improvement over time. An ERO evaluation partner will work alongside our school, building a professional relationship over time. ERO's evaluation role will connect with each school's strategic planning and reporting cycle as part of an ongoing improvement journey. ERO is supporting schools to build and sustain high quality evaluation as part of their planning for improvement focus. Consideration of a school within its wider network and community is woven throughout the new Operating Model, which will also identify an opportunity to undertake evaluations at a community level. More information is available on the ERO website: [New Schools Operating Model | Education Review Office \(ero.govt.nz\)](http://www.ero.govt.nz)

Yummy Apples

Start collecting Yummy stickers for 2021. All stickers collected will help Good Shepherd School get a share of the \$200,000 DG Sport sports gear prize pool. Download the yummy Sticker original sheet [here](#), the new varieties sheet [here](#) or the cut out sheet [here](#) to start collecting at home. Each classroom has a chart where stickers can be collected at school too.



GSS PTA Quiz Night

We had to cancel in 2020 due to COVID but ...

IT'S BACK

Mark your calendars now & book in the babysitter for the famous:

GSS PTA Quiz Night !!!

Theme: Your Favourite Decade

Saturday 26 June 2021 at 7pm

Dress up as your favourite band from the era or just go with a look that represents that decade. Have some fun going back in time!

You can build a team of 8 or just buy tickets and join a table on the night.

Tickets will be on sale from 31 May

We Need Your Help...

If you, your family, your business, your neighbours or your friends can donate prizes for the Silent Auction please contact Michelle

michelleherlihy1@gmail.com or 021 720 857



We would love new Brownies to join our unit. Brownies is open for girls aged between 7 – 9.5. We meet on Tuesday evenings at the Balmoral Scout Hall, 1 Waitomo Avenue, Mount Eden between 6-7pm. Girls younger than 7 are able to join Pippins and girls older than 9.5 are able to join Guides.

GirlGuiding NZ is a non-profit organisation where girls can be girls. They will discover their passions, contribute to their communities and form friendships in a safe and positive environment. We offer a non-competitive learning environment which is open-minded and values-based. It's a supportive place to grow confident, adventurous girls who are ready to be tomorrow's leaders.

If your daughter is interested in joining Pippins, Brownies or Guides please contact tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz

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5. Orders are shipped directly to you

Orders can be placed anytime during the year and you can order as often as you like. Feel free to share our code with your family and friends too!

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