

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 8, 03 June 2021

From the Principal

Talofa lava

Welcome to Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2021. This year's theme for the celebration of the third most spoken language in Aotearoa is

Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive.

Language is important for the foundations of our overall well being, and whānau, schools and churches play an important role in strengthening Gagana Samoa (the Samoan language).

Research shows the lifelong benefits of knowing more than one language - being bilingual can help improve children's thinking, communication, social and emotional skills. We encourage all families to protect and nurture home languages and we love hearing other languages being spoken in our community. Although English is currently the most widely spoken language in New Zealand, Māori and New Zealand Sign Language have formal status under the law as official languages of New Zealand. It was lovely to see Sign Language being practised around the school during and after New Zealand Sign Language Week. We are also hearing more and more Māori being spoken as we work together

to ensure the Māori language is valued and prioritised in our school.

Meanwhile, we enjoy the sound of the language of Samoa being heard around us and thank the children and families who are sharing their expertise in Gagana Samoa with us.

Faamanuia le Atua ia outou uma.

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

4 June	Teacher Only Day
7 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
8 June	Gymnastics Festival
9 June	Sacramental Programme Parents' 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
24 June	School Council Bake Sale
27 June	First Holy Communion Session 3
29 June	Board of Trustees Meeting
1 July	Choir Rehearsal at Pt Chevalier School
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

The following 2022 term dates were approved at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees:

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 1 February	Thursday 14 April
2	Monday 2 May	Friday 8 July
3	Monday 25 July	Friday 30 Sept
4	Monday 17 October	Thursday 15 Dec

School Closed Friday 4 June & Monday 7 June

Please remember that Good Shepherd School will be closed tomorrow, Friday 4 June, for a Teacher Only Day as our teachers continue their professional development in mathematics.

Monday 7 June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. We wish all our whānau a restful long weekend with your families.

Special Character

Please Keep in Your Prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

Good Shepherd Awards



James Gallagher - For being a great role model to others and always doing the right thing

Lana Chitambo - For putting in extra effort to be a positive contributor to the GSS community



In and Around School

Cross Country Completed!

Feels like a long time since we held this popular event. Always wonderful to see the tamariki running their hearts out and supporting each other. Well done Mrs McLeod, and a big thank you to our whānau volunteers! Kapai to the journalists Aisling and Florence as well.





Esme Shaw
Gretta Tuibenau

Felicia Tibbles
Genevieve Vogels

Welcome!

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

*Kia Joseph
Grace Hannay
Ethan Gomes
Eden Dawit*

Puberty Education for Year Six

Today your year six child brought home a letter outlining the upcoming puberty education sessions with Ms Heather Cave. Please contact Megan Dyer if you require any further information.

The Good Shepherd School Council Baking and Mufti (BAM) Sale

When? Thursday 24 June at morning tea (for the bake sale)

This year our School Council is raising money for:
Endangered animals
Kids in need
A seat for our whānau outside the school administration area

We would like your help to bake some goodies for us to sell - please bring into the meeting room the morning of the sale.

Please give your children a gold coin for our mufti day and some money to buy a treat at morning tea time.

Thank you.
Adam - Chairperson
Cicely - Vice-chairperson
Felicia - Secretary

Birthdays

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



Celeste Andrews	Cassie Bray
Eva Carlin-Shadbolt	Luca Coppell
Eden Dawit	Yoel Dawit
Patrick Diver	Ronan Farrell
Vincent Gatt	Max Madarasz

Room 3 & 4

Visual Art - The children in Room 3 & 4 have been working on self portraits in the abstract style of Picasso. Here are a few samples. Come into our room to check out the rest of the amazing artwork!!!





2 area. Please talk to Mrs McLeod or Mrs Hahn if you have any questions.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to severely impact many countries, we include some reminders to ensure we do not become complacent in New Zealand:

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Schools help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing. If you have the NZ COVID Tracer app we have a QR code for GSS at the front door of the office. It is advised that you use this if you come on site.
8. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and schools should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
9. People will have had different experiences over the last year. Whatever you're feeling - it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.

Sport

Term 2 Events:

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

Running Group

The GSS running group will be starting up again at 8:00am Thursdays from 10 June. The group is open to Years 3-6 and we will need help from one to two parents/caregivers each week - you don't have to run but you're welcome to! There will be a mix of fun running drills/sprinting and longer distances. If you would like to join add yourself to the WhatsApp group via this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ck7ATDQp5HZJPDOoVmlNOX>

If you have any questions please contact Mairead Woods 0293551020

Information for Whānau

School Organisation for Terms 3 and 4

Good Shepherd School has had an increase in the number of new entrants this year and we are lucky enough to have the classroom space to accommodate these increased numbers.

From the beginning of term 3, the current Room 1 class, students and teachers, will move to Room 9. New entrants will then be able to continue to start their schooling at Good Shepherd in the Room 1 and

Tissues

The winter season always means that tissues are a necessity in the classroom. Classrooms do have tissues to use however, if any families are able to send their child to school with a box of tissues for their classroom, it would be really appreciated. Thank you!



Chess Club News

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

m butcher@goodshepherd.school.nz

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 can be purchased via Kindo.

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



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Tickets on sale now through Kindo ...

Single Ticket ... \$30

Table of 8 ... \$240

Donations can also be made through Kindo if you can't attend on the night
Tickets also available by emailing Michelle at michelleherlihy1@gmail.com



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