

Good Shepherd School



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

Newsletter No 11, 29 July 2021

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Welcome back once again to an exciting new school term. We have an action-packed ten weeks ahead of us, with our school wide focus on technology and digital technologies. The 'big idea' in this topic is that 'technology is a way for us to meet a need or opportunity' and the upcoming school fair provides a rich and authentic context to explore, design and build items to sell at this great community event.

The next six months present many opportunities for us to continue to build community at Good Shepherd and details of these events are contained in this newsletter. Please take the time to read them and put some dates in your calendar. We will join with the parish community on the feast of St Mary MacKillop on 8 August. Attendance at this Mass is expected as part of your enrolment at Good Shepherd School and is an acknowledgement of the importance we place on being part of a Catholic community and the Catholic education system. In the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to give your views on the future direction of the school. Meanwhile, excitement about the PTA school fair is building...

Wherever we are, we are called to create community.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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| 2-6 August | Cook Islands Language Week |
| 6 August | Room 8 Assembly |
| 8 August | St Mary MacKillop Feast Day |
| 8 August | Parish/School Mass |
| 10 August | Board of Trustees meeting |
| 11 August | Three-Way Conferences |
| 12 August | Three-Way Conferences |
| 12 August | Gymnastics Zones |
| 15 August | Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 17 August | PTA Meeting |
| 19 August | Good Shepherd Open Day |
| 20 August | Teacher Only Day |
| 27 August | PTA Disco |
| 27 August | Poetry Day |
| 31 August | Eden/Albert Netball Zones |
| 2 Sept | Eden/Albert Netball Zones (save day) |
| 2 Sept | Choir rehearsal at Pt Chevalier School |
| 3 Sept | GSS Speech Finals |
| 6-10 Sept | Tongan Language Week |
| 9 Sept | Eden/Albert Speech Finals |
| 10 Sept | Cans for Christmas |
| 10 Sept | Grandparents' Day |
| 13-17 Sept | Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori/Māori Language Week |
| 16 Sept | Gymnastics Champion of Champions |
| 20-24 Sept | Book Week |
| 26 Sept | Daylight Saving starts |
| 27 Sept-1 Oct | Life Education Caravan in school |
| 29 Sept | Catholic Schools Day |
| 1 October | EPro-8 Interschool Challenge |
| 1 October | Term 3 Ends |
| 18 October | Term 4 Begins |

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Parish/School Mass

Sunday 8 August

Good Shepherd Church at 9.30am

On Sunday 8 August we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. St Mary MacKillop is particularly significant to Good Shepherd School as she co-founded the Josephite religious order who established the school over one hundred years ago. What a wonderful opportunity to gather as a whole parish/school community to celebrate our first Parish/School Mass in some time.

We are expecting all of our Good Shepherd School whānau and their children to attend this very important

Mass. The children must wear their school uniform and will sit with their families.

Because there is an expectation that all Good Shepherd children and their families attend this Mass, please advise Mrs Hahn in writing if for some reason you are unable to join us.

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Catholic Caring Foundation Mass

Three students represented GSS at the Catholic Caring Foundation Mass at Owairaka Parish. Good Shepherd School was acknowledged and thanked for the contribution we make towards various fundraisers and collections for charities and organisations throughout the year.



Felicia, Maisie and Cicely at the Mass on Wednesday

Congratulations to Molly Hanrahan who was also recognised for her hard work with the Minnie Vinnies Society at MC and caring across her community.



Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako / Community of Learning

6pm Saturday 11 September at St Peter's College - please see the invitation to attend this special occasion at the end of this newsletter.

Good Shepherd Awards



Sabine Andrews - for working well with others and focussing on her school work

Jemima Kurian - being friendly, helpful and following instructions in the classroom

Religious Education in Term 3

This term we focus our learning on some of the seven Sacraments - understanding how the Sacraments are a vital part of our Catholic faith and how they bring us closer to God. There are also some important days in the Church calendar this term: The Transfiguration, The Assumption of Mary and a special day for our school, the Feast day of Mary MacKillop.

Good Shepherd School Open Day

Thursday 19th August 2021 9:30am-2pm

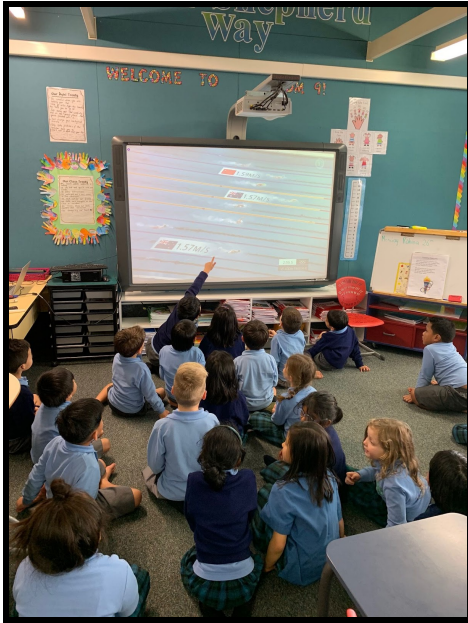
Please let any friends and family members who are interested in enrolling their children in Good Shepherd School and would like to know more about us, that they are welcome to attend our Open Day on Thursday 19 August 2021 from 9:30am -2pm

OSCAR

A reminder to parents and caregivers to please let the school office know if your child won't be attending their pre booked OSCAR session for both morning and afternoon bookings.

In and Around School

Room 9



In Room 9 we are doing a mini-inquiry based on the Olympics. We have been learning about the symbol for the Olympics, the teams that take part and the different sports that people can compete in at the Olympics. On Monday we cheered on Erika Fairweather in the women's 400m freestyle. It was exciting to see the New Zealand flag on the screen!

EPro8

Year Six has had an exciting and absorbing start to the term completing a series of engineering based challenges using equipment supplied by the EPro8 project. Ka pai Year Six and Miss Taylor, and ngā mihi Good Shepherd PTA for supporting this initiative!



Room Eight Digital Technology

Room 8 got completely immersed in the exciting world of Stop Start Motion Photography yesterday as an introduction to our upcoming inquiry around promoting the school fair. Stop Start technology is one of the tools we could use.



Welcome!

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

*Jeremiah Tuivaiti
John Tuitama
Suyara Hewamanage
Lily Ryan*

Sport

Term 3 Events:

Gymnastics Zones - Thursday 12 August - week 3

Netball Zones - Tuesday 31 August - week 6

Save Day - Thursday 2 September

Gymnastics Champion of Champions - Thursday 16 September - week 8

Catholic Schools Cross Country - Tuesday 21 September - week 9

Save Day - Thursday 23 September

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

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Information for Whānau

Three Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

11 August and 12 August

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will open tomorrow, 30th July at 12 noon.

Online bookings will close on Monday 9th August at 12.00pm.

We allocate 10 minutes to each child's interview. If you have multiple bookings for siblings please ensure you allow 10 minutes between interviews. Teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress, achievement levels and next learning steps with you and your child.

Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code **p5br3** for the Event Code and follow the instructions. If you require assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office.

Please note that school will finish at 2pm on Wednesday 11th August and at the usual time of 3pm on Thursday 12th August. OSCA will be available from 2pm.

Food Allergy Management at Good Shepherd School

We have a number of children attending Good Shepherd School with allergies, the most common being peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, fish and shellfish. They can also be associated with bee stings and certain medications. Allergic reactions can be so severe that they may be life threatening and prompt emergency treatment is required.

At Good Shepherd School, we aim to work in partnership with families to provide a safe environment for children with food challenges through education and awareness. We follow the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) research-based guidelines for avoiding food anaphylaxis in schools.

Below are some key strategies to ensure safe eating practices for food allergic children:

- Clear labelling on lunch boxes, eating utensils and drink bottles
- No trading or sharing of food, drink bottles or eating utensils
- Children with food allergies eat lunches and snacks that have been prepared at home or provided by parents as appropriate foods.
- All children wash and dry hands after eating

We thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns regarding any of these matters.

Moosies and Jucies On Sale Tomorrow \$2!



COVID-19 Vaccination

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whānau and your community.

In getting the vaccine, you will be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination, such as those

with underlying health conditions and young children.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and it has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

More information is available at <http://www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz/>

**Love your neighbour as yourself
– get vaccinated**



This year the Good Shepherd School Board of Trustees is undertaking a comprehensive survey of the school community. The board will use the information from this consultation to inform the development of the school Charter and Strategic Plan 2022 to 2025.

We are hoping that all members of our school community, parents and whānau, students and staff, will play a part in this process of planning together for the future. Watch this space for more information about the consultation process.

Parking on Broken Yellow Lines

Please be aware there is a traffic warden ticketing parents parking on the broken yellow lines outside 24/1-6 and the Gift Centre.

Please avoid drop offs/parking in these areas.

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. [Link](#)

Enrolment at Good Shepherd School

Thank you to all those families who have filled out enrolment forms for siblings of current students. It is very helpful as we start to think about organisation for 2022. If you know of anyone who is thinking of enrolling their child at Good Shepherd, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible. We also appreciate the support of our school families in recommending Good Shepherd School to their friends and whānau.

Book Club-ISSUE 5 Out Now

This term we are again offering parents and families the opportunity to purchase books from the Scholastic Lucky Book Club. Issue 5 will be sent home with your child this week.

ISSUE 5 2021 **ORDERS DUE BACK BY:**

WELCOME TO Book Club

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

001 MEGAMONSTER
Cruel Stan stands on top of a volcano, surrounded by shark-infested waters, and the teachers are terrifying!
288 pp. AGES 8+
\$22.00 **CLUB PRICE \$21.00**

002 Spotty Puppy
Ella finds a spotty puppy in the park, but who does it belong to?
48 pp. AGES 6+
\$5.99 **CLUB PRICE \$5**

003 Camp Gold Rush
Ella is at camp where they look for gold and uncover a mystery.
144 pp. AGES 7+
\$16.00 **CLUB PRICE \$10**

004 Mega Rock, Fossil & Mineral Collection & Activity Kit
Learn about rocks and gems with this amazing collection. Jambal learning mat, magnifying glass, 4 pouches, display case. AGES 8+
\$39.99 **CLUB PRICE \$35.00**

005 Pig the Monster
It's Halloween and Pig is pulling out all the tricks for maximum treats!
26 pp hardcover. AGES 3+
\$14.00 **CLUB PRICE \$14.00**

006 Ninja Dog!
Grandma's latest invention has turned Nelson and Kenny into dogs!
192 pp. AGES 7+
\$15.99 **CLUB PRICE \$10**

007 Dragon Diary
Keep your secrets safe in this lockable journal.
192 pp hardcover, postcard and 2 keys. AGES 8+
\$24.99 **CLUB PRICE \$17.00**

008 Suki, Alone
Suki is captured by the Fire Nation and tries to create a community with the other prisoners.
80 pp. AGES 8+
\$19.00 **CLUB PRICE \$19.00**

009 Zoo Crew
Can this super cool crew hold in their panto farts and kick around litter in the athletics corner?
192 pp. AGES 7+
\$9.99 **CLUB PRICE \$9**

010 The Great Kiwi Bedtime Book
All over Aotearoa
The sun is setting off to sleep. It's time for kiwis, guddies, and wānua to snuggle. A bedtime book that children will want to be read to them again and again.
24 pp. AGES 2+
\$18.00 **CLUB PRICE \$18.00**

011 The Wildest Book Week Ever!
A hilarious look at children dressing up for Book Week!
26 pp. AGES 2+
\$3.99 **CLUB PRICE \$3**

SCHOLASTIC

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK

[Book Club Issue 5](#)

If you want to order please do so directly through the Scholastic online website LOOP.

<https://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

Any orders will be delivered to your child's classroom. Every order earns 20% back in rewards for our school.

Any queries can be directed to Marguerite Butcher.

School Fair Second Hand Items

Two large containers to hold items have arrived and are ready to be filled with pre-loved and second hand goods - books, household items bric-a-brac, Ferraris, clothing and the like. So, if you have any second hand items to donate towards our School Fair please bring them in. You can bring your donations to the school office during our school office hours .

Due to the complex safety certification requirements and issues, no car seats or bike helmets please!

CALENDAR ART 2021

Hello Whanau! With the support of our wonderful school, we are again able to run the Calendar Art PTA fundraiser.

Our children will soon begin creating colourful and beautiful art work that is then produced into Calendars, Greeting Cards Diaries, Sketchpads & Mouse mats. Orders for finished products will be open towards the end of Term 3.

Please keep an eye on upcoming newsletters for key information about how to order, costs and dates.

Questions? Contact Anna Shaw on 021 029 70532

Sushi

Sushi orders are now open on Kindo for Term 3. You can choose to order weekly or order in advance for multiple weeks. Orders can be cancelled up until 8.45am on a Friday.



PLASTICINE ART

If you would like your child to experience the creative and fun learning that comes from doing art, I am offering classes exploring exciting techniques using the medium of plasticine right here on the Good Shepherd School grounds— straight after school for just \$24 per session which includes all materials

Starts Monday 2 August 2021 3: 15-4:45pm Contact Olesya 021 1453254

These classes allow children to learn about simplifying objects, keeping proportions and the composition of the work as well as estimating and measuring the correct amount of materials needed. They will have fun using various colours and textures while developing fine motor skills.



AUCKLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC KĀHUI AKO

MĀORI MASS

Join us for a celebration of our Māori community within our Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako at our first ever Māori Mass. Students from across our 14 schools will be participating in the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

6PM
SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
ST PETER'S COLLEGE



widowed
separated
divorced

begin
your
journey
moving
through
grief

a
weekend away
for a lifetime
of change

13-15 August 2021

Friday evening
to Sunday
afternoon

Cost: \$350
Early Bird: \$325
(pay by 18 July)
Accommodation, meals
and course materials included.

For further information please contact:
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Lynda: 027 489 8003 / 09 478 9742

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