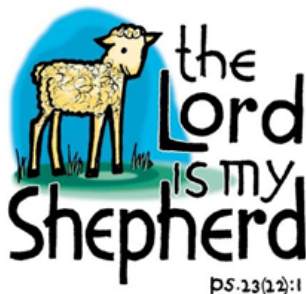


# Good Shepherd School



**Update Notice, 08 August 2021**

## Upcoming Dates

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.

[principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako / Community of Learning Māori Mass

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

## Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way project

A website has been created to help promote the bishops' renewal of the dedication of the country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The renewal project has the title *Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way* and runs for 12 months from 15 August.

Go here for the website: [www.tearaamaria.nz](http://www.tearaamaria.nz)

The website contains details of the project. It will be updated regularly to include the schedule of the nationwide hikoi of the artwork created for the project. The hikoi starts on August 18 in Invercargill.

## Good Shepherd Awards



**Cassie Bray** - for being friendly, helpful and respectful in the classroom

**Josephine Spencer** - for having a kind, helpful and positive attitude

## In and Around School

### Aotearoa Celebrating Cook Islands Language Week 2021 - Te Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani

This week we are excited to share the richness of the Cook Islands language / Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani at Good Shepherd School.

This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, connect me to the soil of my ancestors. Thank you to our wonderful Cultural Leaders for supporting us in learning more of this beautiful language. For details of events and activities please visit the Ministry for Pacific Peoples website: <https://www.mpp.govt.nz/programmes/pacific-language-weeks/cook-islands-language-week-2021/>

### Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to Casey Soon and his family who started with us recently.

### Birthdays

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

Maisie MacGilvray  
Rosalie Fala  
Madeline Foskin  
Lily Millar  
Henry Katongo  
Daniel Fotofili  
Esha Nidhin

Casey Soon  
Bianka Woffindin  
Kalo Sundin  
David Fotofili  
Lachlan Barbour  
Nellie Spencer  
Saron Dawit



## 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](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Information for Whānau

### Moosies and Juices



On sale as usual tomorrow (Friday).



### 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

### Three Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 11 August and 12 August

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are open now.

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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> August. OSCA will be available from 2pm.

### **Food Allergy Management at Good Shepherd School**

We have a number of children with allergies attending Good Shepherd School, 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 in reinforcing these messages with your children, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns regarding any of these matters.

### **Back to School Disco**

The Back to school Student Disco is booked for Friday 27 August from 6pm-7:30pm. To make sure this fun night runs as smoothly as possible, parent helpers are needed to help set up, sell drinks and snacks and help with the clean up - If you are able to help in any way, please email Tracy Harkison at [tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz](mailto:tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz)

If any families have Fairy Lights that they wouldn't mind lending to help decorate the hall for the night please drop them into the school office.



### **Grandparents Mass**

Please mark your diaries for one of our happiest events of the year; Grandparents Mass. This year it will be held on Friday 10 September. For those of you who are new to the school, it is a special mass for children, families and especially grandparents followed by lunch for grandparents, children and families on the school field. It all takes place in the usual school day.

The PTA will be selling sandwiches, baking and sausages for you all to purchase on the day. To make it the best day ever we need your help. We need all families to bake for the day. We love slices, biscuits, muffins or scones (no cakes please). AND we need 20 volunteers on the day, from 9am in the morning to help set up, then during lunchtime to sell all of the goodies and afterwards to clean up. It's a team effort and we need your help!

Please email Maria Gribble at [mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:mariagribble@yahoo.co.nz) or Hannah Turner-Padgett on [tat2id@hotmail.com](mailto:tat2id@hotmail.com) if you can volunteer to help on the day or for part of the day.

### **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**

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**ENGAGE AND HAVE YOUR SAY**



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.

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# 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*

**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.

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**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

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.



[CLICK HERE](#) to view one the techniques that plasticine can be used in creative and fun ways.

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Early Bird: \$325

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and course materials included.

For further information please contact:  
Kelly: 027 686 4416  
Lynda: 027 489 8003 / 09 478 9742

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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

