

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice, 03 September 2021

We wish all our dads, granddads, and father figures a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. We know your whānau will find ways to make you feel very special.

Upcoming Dates

3 Sept	Choir rehearsal at Pt Chevalier School (Postponed)
3Sept	GSS Speech Finals (Postponed)
6-10 Sept	Tongan Language Week
9 Sept	Eden/Albert Speech Finals
10 Sept	Cans for Christmas
10 Sept	Grandparents' Day
11 Sept	Kāhui Ako Māori Mass (Postponed)
13-17 Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori/Māori Language Week
16 Sept	Gymnastics Champion of Champions (Postponed)
20-24 Sept	Book Week
21 Sept	Catholic Schools Cross Country
23 Sept	Save Day-Catholic Schools Cross Country
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

Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga - Tonga Language Week

Next week we look forward to celebrating the Tongan language and culture at Good Shepherd School and throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. This year's theme for Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga is **Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Ako Lelei**, which means enriching Aotearoa with holistic education. The theme refers to the importance of holistic education, diverse forms of learning and

how Aotearoa can benefit from it. There will be many opportunities to celebrate Tonga Language Week [online](#).

Special Character

A Prayer for the Earth

Wednesday 1 September was the first day of spring. Pope Francis asked us to mark this day as a Day of Prayer for Creation. It's an opportune time to reflect on the world that has been entrusted to us and the legacy we leave to future generations. The following prayers were prepared by the Josephite Companions Aotearoa Leadership Team:

Ka mate te whenua,
ka mate te tangata;
Ka ora te whenua,
ka ora te tangata.
If the land dies, people die;
If the land lives, people live.

A Prayer for Our Environment

Lord our God and creator of all,
we thank you for the beauty of creation.
Show us, we pray, how to respect the fragile
balance of life.
Guide by your wisdom those who have power to
care for or destroy the environment, that by the
decisions they make
life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth
be preserved for future generations.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Good Shepherd Awards



Jack Buckthought - for trying his hardest and taking responsibility for online learning with a positive attitude.

Hao Nguyen - for being diligent with his learning and helping his peers online.

Reflections from Monsignor Bernard

Greetings friends as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Day on Sunday.

A number of people who are working from home have spoken about the challenges of separating 'work time and space' with 'home time and space'. These can be challenging days!

One of the ancient rhythms of the Judeo Christian tradition is the notion of 'sabbath'. Taking a day off from work and having a contemplative sense of God's presence in our lives and in our world. Apart from the benefits of rest, an important part of our Christian understanding of the sabbath is gratitude.

By intentionally taking time off to reflect and give thanks to God for the people in our lives, the beauty of creation entrusted to us and being mindful of the blessings of our lives is good for the soul!

Parent Ponderings

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Some-Ideas-for-Activities-for-Children-in-Lockdown.pdf>

Kids Korner

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/23rd-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

[Link](#) to the latest issue of NZ Catholic.

Auckland Catholic Programme

You can find the programme of pastoral care/prayer/social initiatives in our Auckland Diocese for the week ahead [here](#).

In and Around School



We are now offering ebooks and audiobooks at our school. This is for a 12 week trial. So why not take a look. CHECK IT OUT!!!!

<https://goodshepherdschool.eplatform.co/>

Username: Your school email

Password: Library1

Any questions to Marguerite Butcher

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Sport

Term Events:

Netball Zones - Tuesday 31 August - week 6

Save Day - Thursday 2 September - **Postponed**

Gymnastics Champion of Champions - Thursday 16 September - week 8 - **Postponed**

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

'Highlights from Home'

Teachers are constantly learning - especially in these times, and recently we have been learning how to build a Google Website. In fact a lot of the students will be doing something similar next week! What better way to practise a new skill than by showcasing your children's work and play during lockdown? Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to 'Highlights from Home'. We will continue to update this through lockdown and maybe even beyond. Have a look, let us know what you think and keep those contributions coming...

[Highlights from Home](#)



Welcome

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

ENGAGE AND HAVE YOUR SAY



We have extended the time frame for you to give your input into the future direction of our school!

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. Please take the time to complete this [survey](#) by **FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER** to help us set the direction of the school over the next few years.

Birthdays

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



Rafaela Barredo	Ava Bolton
Maia Doran	Atreo Fernando
Rose Gray	Jacob Gribble
Joshua Irving	Luke Kaho
Alfred Kautoke	Ryan Lin
Alicia Mathew	Oscar McDonald
Daniel Peterson	Elijah Puyat
Tevita Siakumi	Liam Tuala Soon
Natalie Woods	Angeline Yee

Cyber Security and Content Filtering

For students learning from home on personal devices, the Ministry of Education suggests using Network 4 Learning's simple but effective free content filtering service [Switch on safety](#).

Content filters are not a complete protection from online harm and should be used in conjunction with other cyber security precautions (for example,

anti-virus software) and appropriate supervision. Also available for support:

- [Netsafe](#) supports schools and their communities with online safety
- [Cert NZ](#) also provides advice on cybersecurity and any student experiencing incidents can report them directly.
- Another great resource for parents and young people is the [Department of Internal Affairs' Keep it real online campaign](#).

Safe TV Viewing for Students in Alert Level 4

More time at home can see young people watching more TV, and potentially watching outside their normal viewing hours – which can increase the risk they will encounter unsuitable viewing. Tools are available to help parents protect students from TV content that may harm them.

A practical guide to the latest tools (including parental locks, classifications, advisories, warnings and timebands) plus an informative video from Jordan 'How to DAD' Watson is available at [safeviewing.co.nz](#).

These tools are overseen by the Broadcasting Standards Authority, which provides [further useful information here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Opportunity

Balmoral Pharmacy is offering Covid-19 vaccinations to anyone over the age of 12 years. As part of this roll out they are required to have a list of contacts who can get there at short notice for any excess vaccines not used throughout the day.

People can email the Pharmacy their contact details to info@balmoralpharmacyndl.co.nz if they would like to be added to the list.

Alternatively, they can book online at [bookmyvaccine.nz](#) or they also take walk-ins each day and anyone is welcome to join the queue. The name of the pharmacy is Balmoral Pharmacy and they are located at [611 Dominion Rd](#) in Mt Eden.