

Good Shepherd School



Update Notice, 16 Mahuru/September 2021

Upcoming Dates

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 (cancelled)
26 Sept	Daylight Saving starts
27 Sept-1 Oct	Life Education Caravan in school (Postponed until 2022)
29 Sept	Catholic Schools Day
1 October	EPro-8 Interschool Challenge (Postponed 19 Nov)
1 October	Term 3 Ends
18 October	Term 4 Begins

Please note that some of these dates may change

Possible Move to Alert Level 3

As you know the Government has said that Auckland might move to Alert Level 3 on Wednesday next week. At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement.

All going well, we will be open on Wednesday next week, for only the small number of children who need to attend. As you can imagine, it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts.

This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep everyone physically

distanced from others as much as possible (one metre inside and two metres outside).

Our contact tracing systems will be in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register, and we will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team working from home.

We will continue to support all children who remain learning from home, through our distance learning programme.

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available. For those of you with no other option, Good Shepherd School will be open. Please email me by Monday 20 September if your child needs to be in school during Alert Level 3.

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Ngā mihi nui.
Jane Hahn
Principal

Special Character Good Shepherd Awards



Eena Nidhin - for trying her hardest and participating in learning with enthusiasm.



Matthew Jansen - for sharing his ideas and being a great role model to his peers.

The latest issue of the Diocesan newspaper the NZ Catholic is also available at

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/0c7dd53b-b640-42c7-9b20-ac28de9d0386>

Here is this week's Kids Korner & Parent Ponderings.
Kids Korner:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/25th-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Starting-the-day-with-fun-and-time-with-Jesus.pdf>

In and Around School



Book Week Week 9

Kia Kaha te Reo Māori!

At 12pm on Tuesday 14 September Good Shepherd School joined all of New Zealand for the Māori Language Moment. This came in a week of celebration of te reo Māori as a unique treasure of all New Zealanders.

One of the highlights was the Kahoot Te Reo quiz that tamariki in our senior classes took part in. Have a look at the Māori Language Moment [webpage](#) for lots of great inspiration as we continue to move forward together.

Kia kaha te reo Māori!

Kia kaha Aotearoa!

Join in the fun online. Lots of fun activities and competitions. Create a mask, hat or anything else related to your favourite book character. Have an online character parade with your class. Use second hand and recycling from home. Listen to an author interview or create a bookmark. Happy Reading!!!

Highlights from Home

Thanks for all the wonderful contributions. What a busy bunch we have out there! Check the link again for the latest contributions...



[Highlights from Home](#)

Information for Whānau

PLEASE ENGAGE AND HAVE YOUR SAY TODAY!



We have extended the time frame for our Board of Trustees survey of the school community because we want **all** of your input into the future direction of our school! Please take fifteen minutes to complete this [survey](#) today if you haven't already done so.

COVID-19 Vaccination

We have seen the COVID-19 vaccination rollout gathering pace during the lockdown, with children aged 12-15 years now eligible to book vaccines with their parents, along with the 30+ age group. 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**

