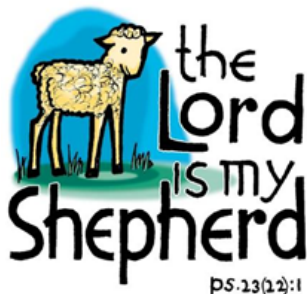


# Good Shepherd School



Update Notice, 19 August 2021

## Upcoming Dates

27 August	PTA Disco (Postponed)
27 August	Poetry Day
31 August	Eden/Albert Netball Zones ( <b>Postponed</b> )
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
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**

## Devices for Alert Level 4

The speed at which we moved into Alert Level 4 means that we were unable to distribute school devices to our students. We are waiting to hear from the Ministry of Education if the provision of devices and/or hard materials will be possible at some stage and will let you know if this is the case.

Meanwhile, we will be providing online learning programmes through Google Classrooms, but we will also provide information on learning activities that lend themselves to learning from home.

## If you need assistance...

We know from previous experiences that many families may find it tough going back into Alert Level 4. There are agencies you can contact for advice and support over this time so please contact Mrs Hahn at [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz) if you would like more information on what is available.

## Useful links and learning resources

As you know, teachers are supporting distance learning through online programmes but there are other useful resources that may work effectively in your particular home situation. These [family ideas for home learning](#) were put together last year and will be tidied up over the next few days. Meanwhile they may be useful to you. Don't forget there is also an opportunity here for lots of learning that children may not experience so much at school, such as baking, crafts and simply spending time together.

## Happy birthday

Happy birthday to three people who will be celebrating their special day over the next week:

Daniel in Room 9 on Friday 20 August  
Nellie in Room 2 on Saturday 21 August  
Esha in Room 8 on Tuesday 24 August

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Madison McLeod** - for having a wonderful positive attitude in the classroom

**Benicio San Martin** - for showing the Good Shepherd Way every day



## 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.

## In and Around School

### Crazy Sox Day!

Seems like a long time ago now but here are some cute photos we took in Room Seven. Let's hope that more children than ever will be able to walk to school very soon.



### Chess Club

Congratulations to all the students who took part in The School Chess Championships.

Here are the results:

1st: Ayden Kavia-Patel

2nd: Vincent Gatt

3rd equal: Sio Sundin and William Erickson



## Sport

### Term Events:

**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)

### Gymnastics Zones

On Thursday 12 August, 6 gymnasts represented GSS at the Central-West Gymnastics Zones at Tri-Star. They did extremely well and achieved amazing results. Thanks to Helen Twose for supporting the girls on the day.





[survey](#) before the end of August to help us set the direction of the school over the next few years.

### A Big Thank You

We owe a big thanks to the PTA organisers of the school disco that has had to be postponed because of the change in Alert Levels. You have been wonderful role models of resilience and we really appreciate your efforts in organising this fun activity for our tamariki. As with all our change of plans during this pandemic, we hope it can go ahead safely at some future date. Thank you, Tracy and Laura!

## Information for Whānau

### New Entrants 2022

The speed in entering Covid 19 Level 4 Lockdown may cause a delay in advising Parents and Caregivers of placement of new entrants in 2022. We will advise parents and caregivers who have submitted applications for 2022 on the status of their application as soon as we can.

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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. Please take the time to complete this