

Good Shepherd School



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

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From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

ENGAGE AND HAVE YOUR SAY



There are many ways for us to strengthen the links between our whānau and school and we are committed to continually improving in this area. Thank you for your engagement during the Three-Way Conferences. It's a special time for all of us - teachers certainly enjoy the opportunity to meet with parents and children to focus on how we can work together to support our learners.

Five years ago the board of trustees went out to our community to ask for their thoughts on the future direction of the school. This led to four strategic goals that have guided our decision making over recent years:

1. Our students develop a personal relationship with God and grow in

knowledge of Jesus the Good Shepherd, living and experiencing his values on a daily basis.

2. Our students are provided with a stimulating learning environment that allows them to develop to their individual potential.
3. Our students develop habits and skills to support their physical, emotional, spiritual and mental wellbeing.
4. Our students are aware of the impact of their actions on the environment and the role of sustainability in protecting it.

We are now asking for your thoughts once again to inform future planning. Please take the time to complete this [survey](#) before the end of August to help us set the direction of the school over the next few years.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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

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.

project has the title *Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way* and runs for 12 months from 15 August.

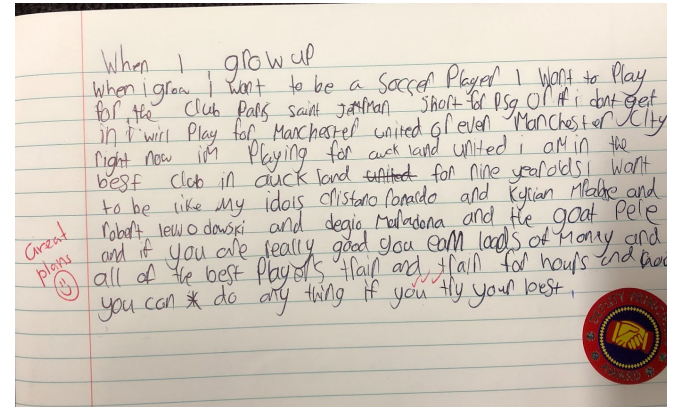
Go here for the website: www.tearaamaria.nz

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.

In and Around School

Ka mau te pai Ruma 5!

On Tuesday Room 5 had the opportunity to do some independent writing on a chosen topic. Below we have Darcy sharing his big plans for the future (first draft) and [this link](#) will take you to Lucia and Maia telling you about a favourite place and one they would like to visit. You will want to as well once you read what they have to say!



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

Special Character Good Shepherd Awards



Miguel Biado - for always participating in every task with love and enthusiasm

Tyler Tuala-Soon - for being polite, showing good manners and always being respectful in the classroom

Parish School Mass

Sunday 8th August was a special day for our Good Shepherd community as we gathered to celebrate the Eucharist as a parish school for what seems to have been a long time. Thank you for your participation, and your commitment to the Catholic Special Character of our school. We are very grateful to Monsignor Bernard and Mrs Stevenson for making this celebration of the feast of St Mary MacKillop so special.

Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have made their Sacraments. Saturday Mass is at 9.00am followed by Reconciliation at 9.30am, and Vigil Mass at 6.00pm in the evening. Sunday Mass is at 9.30am and Filipino Mass at 11.00am.

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

Information for Whānau

Teacher Only Day

Good Shepherd School will be closed for students on Friday 20th August for teachers to participate in professional learning and development.

Good Shepherd School Open Day

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



The banner features the Good Shepherd School logo on the left, which depicts a shepherd with a staff and sheep. To the right of the logo, the text reads "OPEN DAY" in large white letters on a dark blue background, followed by "19 August 2021 9:30am – 2:30pm" in white on a green background. Below this, there is a grid of small photographs showing students and staff engaged in various activities. On the right side of the banner, contact information is provided: "30 Telford Avenue Balmoral Auckland 09 6204962". At the bottom, the school's motto "Together we Learn and Care" is written in white on a dark blue background.

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

GSS PTA Meeting

The Next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17th August at 7:30pm.

Come along to find out what our parents and caregivers do within the PTA, meet others and enjoy some refreshments and nibbles.

Reminder – as a parent you automatically become a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceedings – just come along!

Make sure you receive all PTA information and updates, including meeting minutes, agendas and the PTA Principal's Report. Send an email to the PTA secretary Sophie Burberry at nzgoodshepherdpta@gmail.com to let her know to add you to the email mailing list.

Back to School Disco



The poster has a vibrant, colorful background with a disco ball at the top center. The text "BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO" is written in large, bold, multi-colored letters at the top. Below this, the details are listed: "When: Friday 27th August 2021 6pm-7:30pm", "Venue: School Hall", and "Price: \$5 per child and Adult \$10 for 2 or more children and adult." At the bottom, it says "There will be a Sausage Sizzle, Juice Boxes, Moosies, Juicies, Popcorn and Crisps available to purchase before and during the disco." The background features a grid of colorful squares in shades of blue, green, and purple.

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

If any families have fairy lights or disco lights and decorations 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 or Hannah Turner-Padgett on tat2id@hotmail.com if you can volunteer to help on the day or for part of the day.

Dough Boys Bakery Pie Day



Wednesday 25th August

Our usual supplier, Jester's Pies, are not able to supply pies for us this term. We have managed to arrange an alternative supplier, Dough Boys, on Dominion Rd.

We are excited to be able to *support local* and offer the children yummy pies from Dough Boys!

You can choose from the following freshly baked pies:

Mince and Cheese Pie \$5.20

Steak and Cheese Pie \$5.20

Steak Pie \$5.20

Mince Potato Top Pie \$5.20

Creamy Chicken Pie \$5.20

Butter Chicken Pie \$5.20

Roast Veggie (Vegetarian) Pie \$5.20

Sausage Roll \$4.20

Online orders are open now on [Kindo](#). If you do not have a Kindo account, it is quick and easy to set one up by clicking Join Up. Pie orders will close on Friday 21st August at 4pm and pies will be delivered to school at lunch time on Wednesday 25th August.

Sushi

There will be no sushi on Friday 20th August due to teacher only day. We will have sushi available on Thursday 19th August instead.

Sushi is available to order for lunch on Fridays. Online orders are open now on [Kindo](#). If you do not have a Kindo account, it is quick and easy to set one up by clicking Join Up. Sushi orders close at 8.45 on Friday mornings. You can order in advance for multiple weeks and you can also cancel your order through your account before 8.45 on a Friday morning. If you have any questions about sushi or pie orders, please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

Thank you to our volunteers to help with sushi and pies!



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

A stylized illustration of a church with a cross on top, rendered in orange and teal colors. The church is set against a white semi-circular background.

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:
Kelly: 027 686 4416
Lynda: 027 489 8003 / 09 478 9742

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - A PLACE TO STAND



CSD21
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPT 2021



Did you know about the Good Shepherd School SKI TEAM?

The Primary School Ski Championships will run from Monday 30 August to Wednesday 1 September at Whakapapa ski field.

It's a lot of fun, and a great opportunity to do some mid-season skiing. No race experience required.

Discounted ski passes are available for entrants and their parents.



If you're interested, get in touch with Stephen Farrell at 027 5737 689 or stephenfarrell04@yahoo.ie



CENTENNIAL WEEKEND PROGRAMME 24th - 25th September 2021

FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

9.30am - 2.30pm
OPEN CLASSES
view classrooms in action

9.30am - 2.30pm
WALK DOWN
MEMORY LANE

5.30pm - 7.00pm
OFFICIAL OPENING
Wine and Cheese for
Invited Guests

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am-11.30am
WALK DOWN
MEMORY LANE

10.00am
OLD BOYS/GIRLS SOCCER
GAME (gender neutral)

11.30am - 2.00pm
HIGH TEA
Photographer will be available
for photos

2.00pm - 3.30pm
WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

3.00pm
OLD BOYS/GIRLS NETBALL
GAME (gender neutral)

6.00pm - 8.30pm
CHATTER AND PLATTER
Celebrating 100 Years
- cake cutting

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

All day (times TBC)
Time Capsule Burial,
Tree Planting,
100 Year Drone Photo
on the field - fun day held
on the last day of school
- end of the centenary
celebrations.

WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE WEEKEND

PHOTO BOOTH	All Day	Have your individual photo taken or join in with a group of friends or family.
FLAG COMPETITION	All Week	Find all the flag locations - prize winner announced on last day of school
LUCKY DRAW	Saturday Events	Multiple draws - name, year graduated, and flag that you held on Flag Day
TALK TO A STUDENT	Saturday to talk to a CPDS student - find out what it is like to be a student in the 21st century	During the Walk Down Memory Lane - take the opportunity
EVENT PHOTOGRAPHER	At All Events	Privacy issues - see below

DISCLAIMER: Event Photographer: **Privacy/Archiving** - photographs will be taken of all events over the weekend. If you do not want to have your photograph shared on our school media sites including website and facebook, or used for future celebration events, please make sure that you contact the school, send an email with your photos so we can exclude any photos you are in. You are also kindly asked to remove yourself from any public photos taken.

To register, purchase tickets, or buy merchandise, visit our website cornwallpark.school.nz