

# Good Shepherd School

Te Kura o Heparā Pai



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

*Manaakitanga Whakaute Pono*

**Newsletter No 25**

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## From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

As we work our way through these uncertain times, we are all wondering if there will be a return to onsite learning at Good Shepherd before the end of the year. The earliest a return to school will happen is 15 November and we will have more information about this next week.

The restrictions of Alert Level 3 and 4 have been a real challenge to the wellbeing of our tamariki and whānau and we know that many of you and your children are keen to see their teachers and friends face-to-face. You can be reassured that any decisions about bringing more children and staff on-site will be done in accordance with strict public health guidance - so what on-site learning will look like will be different from Alert Level 2 or Alert Level 1 settings.

In the meantime, vaccination and testing remain the best things we can do to keep whānau and our community as safe as possible. Please do encourage your friends and whānau who might be

worried about the vaccine to seek good information from health practitioners.

Meanwhile, keep up that close communication with your children's teachers. We really appreciate that you are all doing your best to support them in their learning, often in very challenging home situations.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Jane Hahn**

## Upcoming Dates

21 November	Feast of Christ the King
23 November	Eden/Albert Athletics Zones
25 November	Eden/Albert Athletics (Save Day)
7 December	Board of Trustees Meeting
8 December	End of Year Mass
15 December	End of Term 4

*Please note that some of these dates may change*

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Phoebe Carlsen** - *You strive for excellence and are a great role model to your classmates.*

**Bowie Burbery-Davis** - *for being persistent and making a huge effort towards your learning.*

## From the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

[Parent Ponderings](#)

[Kids Korner](#)



Catholic Diocese of Auckland  
Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

## From NZ Catholic

[NZ Catholic newsletter Oct 17](#)

## Cans for Christmas - Now Online

Due to the current Covid-19 situation we have had to make the hard decision to make our 2021 collection an online collection.

We have set up a give-a-little page to raise as many funds as possible to still offer help to St Vincent de Paul as they continue to help those families in need across the country.

Please consider using the link below to make a contribution that will help us achieve our massive goal of 35,000 canned food items to help those in need.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/2021-collection>

This collection is open until **1st December 2021**.

Thank you all again for being a part of the Cans for Christmas family.

## In and Around School

### Library

While we are schooling from home, we've created a special digital catalogue to help families stay inspired to read and learn. It's jam-packed with bonus Christmas pages and the best of the best books of 2021!



This issue is available by viewing the catalogue online and placing an order on the [LOOP platform](#). All orders will be delivered directly to the home!

VIEW HOME EDITION  
DIGITAL CATALOGUE

[www.scholastic.co.nz/media/5721/book-club-student-issue-7-2021.pdf](http://www.scholastic.co.nz/media/5721/book-club-student-issue-7-2021.pdf)

### Highlights from Home

Do you have any great images or videos from the holidays to add to our website this week? If so please email [mdyer@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:mdyer@goodshepherd.school.nz). Ngā mihi.

### Sport

Our School Athletics Day scheduled for Wednesday 11 November at Three Kings Reserve has been cancelled, due to the uncertainty of alert levels and the current restrictions in place.

It is very unlikely that the Eden/Albert Athletics Zones will take place on Tuesday 23 November.

## Information for Whānau

### Our Yearbooks are Being Published!

2021 has proven to be another strange and memorable year! Our yearbook will provide you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at home and at school. All students, young and old, are celebrated in this glossy, professionally bound book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers. There is also an exclusive account of the events of 2021.

Yearbooks cost \$20 and can be purchased on [Kindo](#). To open a Kindo account please follow this [link](#) and select join up.



### Catch-up

Our online 'Catch-up' proved very popular this week. So much so, that we will do it again next week at the same time (Thursday 1:30pm). Ngā mihi Ms Taylor for supervising. Please note, the groups are not for gaming. However, sharing online work and kahoot quizzes, etc. is fine. We do not want children moving around too much with devices please. Most of all it is a good chance to chat with each other. Remember - every child is welcome and it would be nice to see some more of our younger tamariki join next time. FYI the quiz club team intends to run their quiz in one of the rooms next week. This is suitable for Year 3-6 although younger children are welcome to have a try as well.



## 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

### Lockdown Tips for whanau and communities

This is a short, but helpful and useful, video hosted by Dr Hinemoa Elder and Nathan Wallis with lockdown tips for whānau and communities.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/covid-19-information-for-parents-and-whanau/lockdown-tips-with-dr-hinemoa-elder-and-nathan-wallis/>

### Birthdays

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



Slade Blake  
Olivia D'Rose  
Samuel Erickson  
Eden Gullery  
Sharelle Lemalu  
Hugo Madarasz  
Tyler Tuala Soon

Yasmine Couch  
Rasheli Dias  
Leo Gribble  
Ayrestyn-Skye Leger  
Ao Ran (Aaron) Liu  
Siaki Sundin  
William Woods

## A Message from the Government Financial support for struggling families

It's been a tough year for many: we know that as a result of alert level restrictions, many families have had either no work or reduced work and have therefore had a significant drop in income.

If you or anyone you know are in need of help with putting food or kai on the table or paying an overdue bill, support may be available from the Ministry of Social Development.

Understanding this is an expensive time of year for families, income limits for hardship assistance have been increased from **1 November 2021 until 28 February 2022**.

If you are finding things tough financially, Work and Income have an online [check what you might get guide](#), which will have the new limits updated from **Monday 1 November**.

You'll need to answer some simple questions about your situation, then Work and Income will let you know if there are any payments you can get. It only takes about five minutes to check what you might get, and you don't need to be getting a benefit to be eligible.

Your answers are completely confidential, and they won't be saved or used in any way. Alternatively, call 0800 559 009.

### Attendance Dues Support for Parents and Caregivers facing Financial Difficulties due to the current Covid-19 Lockdown

Attendance dues support is available to assist parents and caregivers facing financial difficulties.

Details on how to access this support is available on the Catholic Diocese of Auckland website. <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

or please contact Carol Krebs [CarolK@cda.org.nz](mailto:CarolK@cda.org.nz)

### 30 km/h Coming to a School Near You Kōrero mai: Have your say

Auckland Transport are looking at permanently changing speed limits on selected roads near some schools



in Central Auckland and this includes Good Shepherd School. Follow the link for more information and to have your say.

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### **Good Shepherd School Uniform**

Good Shepherd is making the transition to a new school uniform provider. From this term, Elizabeth Michael Uniforms will take over the manufacture and supply of our school uniform. These will be able to be purchased from their shop in Bond St, Newton and through an on-line web portal.

We will be in touch with more information about access to school uniforms when we have more clarity about returning to school.

