



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 2

17 Hui-tanguru/February 2022

### From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Despite the uncertainties and changes that are out of our control at this time, it has been a positive start to the new year for Good Shepherd. With so much activity around managing the Omicron outbreak, it is easy to lose sight of the wonderful learning that continues, despite these distractions.

- Our senior students returned from a great week at camp and have settled well into their learning back at school
- We acknowledged the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in our learning programmes
- Students built on their understanding of financial literacy through the GetWise programme
- Along with our regular swimming programmes, the Year 4 swimming intensive is underway and Swimming NZ visited our school to educate us all in enjoying water safely in Aotearoa New Zealand
- The Mitey Mental Health programme was introduced in classroom programmes (see below for more details)

Just a reminder that close communication and collaboration with whānau, which has always been so important to us, is more important than ever during these challenging times. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Jane Hahn**

### Upcoming Dates

22 February	Sacramental -Reconciliation	Parents Meeting
01 March	Shrove Tuesday	
02 March	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am & 7pm	
11 May	Sacramental -Confirmation	Parents Meeting
08 June	Sacramental Parents Meeting - First Holy Communion	

*Please note that some of these dates may change*

### Special Character

#### Sacramental Programme 2022

Good Shepherd School and Parish have enrolment forms available for the Sacramental Programme in 2022. All children who have been baptized and are 8 years old and above are eligible. A copy of their baptism certificate is required. [Enrolment forms](#) are available at the Parish Office or Good Shepherd School office.

**Although enrolments have officially closed, we encourage you to get in touch with us if you would like your child to participate in the programme.**

Further enquiries to:

Parish office – [office@balmoralcatholic.org](mailto:office@balmoralcatholic.org)

Jane Hahn – [principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Peyton Evans – [pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz)

#### Good Shepherd Parish News

Masses at Good Shepherd Church are continuing under the Red Light Setting. These take place at 9.30am from Tuesday to Saturday, Saturday Vigil Mass at 6pm and Sunday Mass at 9.30am. Numbers will be limited to 100 inside (plus 'workers') and the My Vaccine Pass is required. There is an extra Mass on Friday night at 6pm to the end of February.

The 2pm Sunday Mass on Shine TV recommenced on February 6.

## Good Shepherd Awards



**Luca Coppell** - You have been showing resilience when taking on new challenges.

**Irene Choi** - You have made a great start to the year by being a positive and caring class member.

## In and Around School

### Room 7 - Super Me!

#### THE EXTROVERTS



THE OTTER



THE PARROT



THE ELEPHANT



THE BORDER COLLIE

In Room 7 we are currently developing our superhero alter egos. So far, we have established the many characteristics that made Jesus a superhero, we have looked at modern real life superheroes to determine the qualities of service that distinguish them above others; and most recently we have taken a fun online personality test to assist us in identifying our own super qualities. The purpose of this work is to develop our superselves and serve our families and the school community well for the year.

#### THE INTROVERTS



THE BEAVER



THE PANDA



THE MEERKAT



THE OWL

Interestingly, the online personality test categorized us into animal 8 groups. Of the 23 students surveyed we had 2 beavers, 6 pandas, 1 meerkat, 1 owl, 1 otter, 3 parrots (can't believe there were only

3!), 6 elephants and 3 border collies. Follow the link below to find out the characteristics of these animals, and feel free to take the test yourself. How many of each animal live in your household?

[www.knowandlove.com](http://www.knowandlove.com)

### Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to Finn O'Sullivan Blanch who started with us recently.

### Student Leadership at Good Shepherd School

Our goal at Good Shepherd is to give every Year 6 child the opportunity to develop the skills and attributes of leadership in an area that they are interested in, or in an area of need in the school. Over the year we will be providing opportunities for our school leaders to show development in their abilities to work collaboratively and to show service to others. We have levels within Leadership and Service with the expectation that at the end of the year all our leaders will have achieved Level 3 in service and leadership. Our leaders will be role models at all times displaying our school values of respect, care and honesty.

We congratulate the following school leaders who will be taking on important roles in 2022:

### School Council

**Chairperson:** Renzo Rowe

**Vice Chairperson:** Francis Pilditch

**Secretary:** Xavier McKinnel

### House Captains

**Blake:** Addison Davenport, Yoel Dawit

**Hillary:** Daniel Peterson, Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh

**Cowley:** Phoebe Carlsen, Benjamin Maddox

**Sheppard:** Levi Harris, Madison McLeod

**Head Librarians:** Sabine Andrews, Ava Hodgson, Eva Carlin-Shadbolt, Melody Tuala-Soon

### Journalists

Elijah Puyat, Elizabeth Harkison-Merrick, Heather Rewcastle, Zoyi Karouta

### Cultural Leaders

Eva Craig-Rivera, Mackenzie Taito, Sharelle Lemalu, Viela Mahina

## Environmental Leaders

Gavin Lin, Nina McDonald, Dana Fa'apopo, Ayden Kavita-Patel

## Special Character

Naomi Buddell, Ava Elbourne, Genevieve Vogels, Jodeci Lagofaatasi, Rashaan Dias, Eden Gullery

## Outdoor Activities

Lachlan Barbour, David Fotofili, Hao Nguyen, Luke Kaho, Harriet Russell, Lennox Prentice

## Digital Technology

Darcy McGivern, Harrison DeLacey, Luca Coppell, Vincent Gatt

## Mitey School Wide Approach

This year and into the future, Good Shepherd School is engaging in the Mitey school-wide approach to 'building the mightiest kids in the world'. Designed for NZ children through the Sir John Kirwin Foundation, Mitey supports schools to deliver an evidence based approach to mental health education for Years 1-8. The Mitey journey brings together teachers, staff and communities around one common goal – mentally thriving children. We will be communicating regularly about the Mitey approach and you can visit the Mitey [website](#) to find out more.

## Sport

Unfortunately the GSS Y3-6 Swimming Carnival will not be going ahead this year due to current restrictions put in place under Red setting. This is in regards to the number of people who can be in the facility at one time.

### Westwave settings for Red level:

Gathering limits (100 people) doesn't apply to schools when on school grounds, **but still applies in our center**. Therefore we need to abide by the gathering and/or public facility restrictions.

So unfortunately under the RED level of the CPF- we have a maximum capacity for events of no more than **100 people**.

At this stage we don't know how long we will stay in Red level, so it's very difficult to plan ahead for sporting events. Sporting event postponements and cancellations will be updated in the newsletter regularly.

If events can't happen when planned, they will have to be canceled, as our sporting calendar is very full throughout the year.

**All Eden/Albert zones events will not be going ahead under the Red level this term, including swimming, cricket and touch.**

We are lucky to be able to continue with our swimming programme in our school pool this term.

## Information for Whānau

### Knowing Our Tamariki

This week you will have received a letter from your child's teacher introducing themselves and letting you know how things are going to run in your child's class this year. The letter included a link to a survey which asks you to answer some questions to help us get to know your child better. If you haven't filled out the form yet, please follow the direct link below.

<https://forms.gle/EhmuKCzSTskEi8J56>

## COVID-19 Update

As you will be aware, we have now moved into Phase 2 of the Red light setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework. This move reduces the amount of time Close Contacts need to isolate from 10 days to 7 days, with a negative Day 5 test needed to return to school or work. Those who test positive for COVID-19 will need to isolate for 10 days. The whole country is expecting more cases and Good Shepherd School is no exception. We have plans and procedures in place to communicate quickly if we do have a case and we have rigorous preventative measures in place at the school.

How you can help:

- Please let us know immediately if your child has been identified as a positive case of COVID-19. The school will then work very quickly to identify Close Contacts and let whānau know
- Please ensure your child has an effective mask and knows how to wear it effectively
- Continue to remind your child to practise the preventative measures of good hygiene, physical distancing and mask wearing

*Please click on the link below and look for Isolation and Quarantine, Close Contacts for further information.*

<https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-response-planning/omicron-community-what-means-you#2>

We look forward to welcoming back our Room3/4 tamariki and staff to on site learning tomorrow.

## Mask Wearing

We support a mask wearing culture across our school. All children in Year 4 and above are required to wear a mask when indoors. We encourage Year 1 to 3 to wear them too. We have found that all children in the past have managed this well with support from our staff and their whānau. If your child is anxious about wearing a mask please reassure them that they are doing this to help others and that from the scientists we know it works. We understand that some children just can't wear a mask and we will support them with this decision making. Our school also has masks available if children forget theirs. The links below are very informative about mask wearing for children: <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/how-make-masks-more-effective>

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/on-the-inside/455386/how-to-help-kids-get-the-most-protection-from-their-face-mask>

## Self-isolating at home because of COVID-19

Many people will be able to manage self-isolation with help from friends and whānau, but there is help available if you need it – both with health support and access to food and other essentials.

[What to expect when self-isolating at home | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

[Getting extra support if you have COVID-19 or are self-isolating | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)

[COVID-19 positive – managing your symptoms | Health Navigator NZ](#)

If you know anyone in our community affected by COVID-19 and who may need help, such as food and other financial assistance, Work and Income has a range of [supports available for individuals, families, employers and self-employed people affected by COVID-19.](#)

## 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.

## 2023 Enrolment Information

[St Peter's College](#) applications Close 01 April 2022

[Baradene College](#) Open Day 3 March 2022

Bookings required. Applications close 18 March 2022

[Marist College](#)

[Marcellin College](#)

[St Mary's College](#)

[St Paul's College](#)

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**BARADENE COLLEGE - OPEN DAY TOURS - Thursday 3 March 2022**

**BOOKINGS REQUIRED (opening 9.00am Monday 21 Feb)**

**Tour times: 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.30pm**

**Book at [www.baradene.school.nz/enrol](http://www.baradene.school.nz/enrol)**

**Book your time by 3.00pm 1 March**

**Enrolments for Year 7, 2023** and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close on **Friday 18 March, 2022.**

## ST. PETER'S COLLEGE



Mountain Road, Epsom  
Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2023

#### For Year 7 Enrolments in 2023

*Limited enrolments at other levels*

**APPLICATION FORMS AND THE ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR 2023 CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE OR ALTERNATIVELY A PACK CAN BE COLLECTED FROM OUR MAIN OFFICE**

**APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON Friday 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2022 AT 4.00PM  
NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

*St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC areas.*

*The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.*

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**DUE TO CURRENT RESTRICTIONS OUR OPEN DAY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROCEED ONSITE. WE WILL BE PRESENTING AN ONLINE PRESENTATION. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THIS DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.**