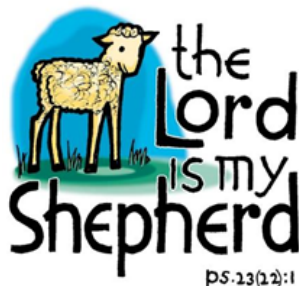


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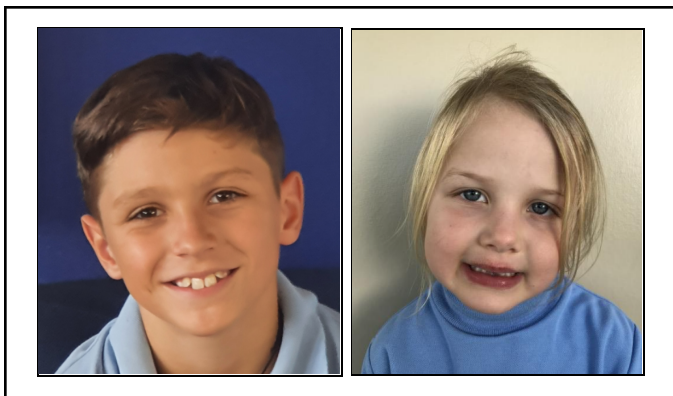
Upcoming Dates

01 March	Shrove Tuesday
02 March	Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30am & 7pm
03 March	Swimming NZ Sessions
27 March	Palm Sunday
03 April	Daylight Saving Ends
14 April	Last day Term 1
15 April	Good Friday

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Levi Harris - *You are a supportive and considerate classmate.*

Grace Hannay - *You have been showing leadership in the classroom.*

From NZ Catholic

Digital link to the latest issue:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3-2a0caa12f2ee>

From the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Daily Reflections during Lent

Sign up for daily reflections for Lent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Food For Faith - an Aotearoa New Zealand based online mission.

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.

Welcome Pihopa Steve

Last weekend marked a significant event in the life and history of our Diocese when Bishop Steve Lowe was installed as Bishop of Auckland. On Friday there was a pōwhiri to welcome him and on Saturday the Mass of Installation took place at the Cathedral. Due to COVID-19 limited numbers were able to attend this important occasion but you can view these [highlights](#) of the installation of Bishop Steve Lowe as the 12th Bishop of Auckland.

Remembering Lent

Ash Wednesday on 2 March marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lent is a special time when you can share the concepts of prayer and giving with your children. Take family time each day to offer devotional prayers. Consider as a family how you might help others in need by giving of your time or resources. Even very young children can understand and will enjoy participating in the process.



In and Around School

Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to Serena Wang who started with us recently.

GSS Highlights Website

We are currently updating our website from last year. Every week a different class will post an update on their learning and you will find lots of other exciting activities documented as well. We still have the work from last year too. You will find it under 2021.



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

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

If you, or anyone you know, are considering enrolling your child at Good Shepherd, please contact the school office as soon as possible on admin@goodshepherd.school.nz.

As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau.

COVID-19 Update

Today we have had the announcement that we will be moving into **Phase 3** of the Red light setting of the COVID-19 Protection Framework from 11.59pm tonight. We have yet to learn all the details and implications for school from this change but the two key points seem to be:

- Only positive cases and their household contacts will be required to isolate
- Rapid Antigen Testing will become the accepted form of testing

Please continue to help us by

- Letting us know **immediately** if your child or someone in your household has been identified as a positive case of COVID-19.
- Ensuring that your child has an effective mask and knows how to wear it effectively.
- Continuing to remind your child to practise the preventative measures of good hygiene, physical distancing and mask wearing.

As we work through the next few weeks we will continue to put in place those mitigating measures of keeping in our class 'bubbles', staggering start/finish times and ensuring well-ventilated work spaces.

Finally, a reminder again that we are here to help. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your children's learning or if there is anything we can do to support your whānau.

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](#).

Extension to COVID-19 hardship assistance for whānau

The Government has extended the increased income limits for hardship assistance until Thursday 30 June.

This means more casual or part-time workers, or people who aren't already getting financial support, will continue to be eligible for help with their immediate or emergency costs. This is especially important for those who need direct help as part of the COVID-19 welfare response.

People new to MSD can check these links to see the new income limits:

- [Special Needs Grant](#)
- [Recoverable Assistance Payment](#)
- [Advance Payment of Benefit](#)
- then click on our [check what you might get](#) guide.

They'll be asked some easy questions about their costs, then MSD will let them know about any Work and Income payments they may be able to get.

Alternatively, if they'd like to talk with MSD, they can call:

- 0800 559 009 for working age
- 0800 552 002 for over-65s
- 0800 88 99 00 for students

Interpreters are available.

Please note, income limits for Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants, Transition to Work Grants and the Course Participation Allowance aren't changing.

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-school-s-2/>

or please contact Carol Krebs CarolK@cda.org.nz

Good Shepherd School Uniform

Good Shepherd is making the transition to a new school uniform provider. From this term, Elizabeth Michael Uniforms have taken over the manufacture and supply of our school uniform. It can be purchased from their shop in Bond St, Newton and through their on-line web portal. www.elizabethmichael.co.nz

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

Book at 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.**

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