



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai
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Newsletter 4

17 Poutū-te-rangi/March 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

You may have heard me quote that lovely saying from St Mary MacKillop - **Wherever we are, we are called to create community** - and talk about the importance of this concept of 'community' in our school and parish. Over the last two years we have had to give away many of those special occasions and celebrations that help us to nurture and build this community spirit but we will reclaim these over the next year, with God's blessing.

One of the key drivers of our strong community is our PTA. Not only has this group contributed hugely to the wonderful resources enjoyed by all our tamariki, it has helped to build great and lasting friendships amongst our parents, children and whānau. It is also a valuable vehicle for two way communication between home and school and strengthens that connection significantly. Our first PTA meeting this year will take place on Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm via Zoom. Please zoom into this meeting - getting involved is a great way to get to know others in the community!

The Three Way Conferences taking place before the end of term provide another opportunity to strengthen that deep sense of community within Good Shepherd. We are looking forward to spending that time with you and your children.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

17 March	St Patrick's Day
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
27 March	Palm Sunday
29 March	PTA Zoom Meeting @ 7.30pm
30 March	Three Way Conferences 2:20pm-7:20pm
31 March	Three Way Conferences 3:20pm - 4:20pm
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

St Patrick's Day Thursday 17 March

Our parish and school have a long connection with the Irish community and it was great to see the children arrive at school today in all things green to acknowledge this special saint.



Feast Day of St Joseph Saturday 19 March

This week we wish you a 'happy feast day' as we celebrate that special man, St Joseph, husband of Mary and patron saint of families, workers, travellers, immigrants and the Universal Church. St Joseph is a very special person to Good Shepherd because our school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) just over 100 years ago.

Traditionally, therefore, this is a day of great celebration in our school, with the school joining our parish family for Mass, student House leaders organizing sports, and often a treat for the children. Because we are unable to do this at the moment, we will remember St Joseph in our classrooms and postpone the day of whole school celebration to later in the year.



From the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

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Te Taumata o te Hahi Katorika

From NZ Catholic

Digital [link](#) to the latest issue.

Good Shepherd Awards



Harriet Russell - *You give your best in everything you do and with great efficiency*

Siaki Sundin - *You are showing great resilience and you are working hard*

In and Around School

Room 1 St Patrick's Day



In Room 1 we had lots of fun on St. Patrick's Day with Ms Irish and Mrs Fala. We all dressed up in green to celebrate. Some of the activities we did were facepainting, making headbands, tasting Irish brown soda bread and decorating green biscuits. We also watched some Irish dancing and tried a jig ourselves! Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh!

Three Way Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Wednesday 30 March: 2.20pm - 7.20pm

Thursday 31 March: 3.20pm - 4.20pm

This is one of those special times for our learners, parents and teachers when we get together to focus on individual children's learning. Schools in the 21st century focus on enabling students to learn how to learn and so become life-long learners. Children are encouraged to take control of their own learning so it is very important that your child comes with you to these three-way conferences. The teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress, achievement levels and next learning steps with you and your child.

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are open now.

Online bookings will close on Monday 28th of March at 12.00pm.

We allocate 10 minutes to each child's interview. If you have multiple bookings for siblings please ensure you allow 10 minutes between interviews.

Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code 6zz3m for the Event Code and follow the instructions. If you require assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office.

Remember: school closes at 2.00pm on Wednesday 30 March to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00pm closing on Thursday 31 March). OSCA will be available from 2pm.

Sport

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.

On Monday all children had a football coaching clinic with coaches from Auckland United. It was a lot of fun and there were a lot of smiling and hot faces afterwards!



Information for Whānau

GSS PTA Meeting and AGM

Tuesday 29 March at 7.30pm via Zoom

After a year of disruption again in 2021 we are looking forward to a great start to the PTA this year. Please come along to the Zoom meeting (link to be provided next week) and contribute to this great community. This will also be the AGM for the PTA. **Reminder** – as a parent you are automatically a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceeding – just come along!

Safety at Drop Off and Pick Up Time

Please be patient and considerate when dropping children off, or picking up your children from school. When collecting or dropping them off, please make sure that you and they use the footpaths to get to and from your car. It is frightening to see the number of children being led to their vehicle along the road at Telford Avenue, with cars pulling in and backing up around them. We are all responsible for the safety of all our children.

Swimming Programme

All children at Good Shepherd School take part in a swimming programme. Please ensure that your child has swimming togs, cap and towel every day so that they can benefit from the programme.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3069 for further information.

Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

2023 Enrolment Information

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

[Baradene College](#) Applications close 18 March 2022

[Marist College](#) Online Open Evening 22 March 2022 - Click [Flyer](#) for details

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[St Mary's College](#)

Visit www.stmaryak.school.nz/enrolment/enrolments
Applications Close 24 March 2022

[St Paul's College](#)

[Sacred Heart College](#) Register to attend Online Open Day [here](#). Applications Close 13 April 2022



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Enrolments | Ph (09) 529 3660 extn 714

Email: enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz

250 West Tamaki Rd, Glendowie, Auckland



MARIST COLLEGE
Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

Online Open Evening

Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 7pm

Online Enrolment Presentation held via zoom webinar.
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Enrolments for 2023 Close

Friday 1st April 2022 at 4.00pm

Applications for Enrolment in 2023 are welcome for Year 7.
A limited number of vacancies are available for Years 8-13.

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

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

Application Forms are available from our website:
www.st-peters.school.nz

Contact Details:
Lisa Duffy, Enrolment Office
Ph: 524 8108 x 7323
email: enrolments@st-peters.school.nz
No late applications will be accepted.

ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN



ECOFEST WEST

Saturday 19 March – Sunday 17 April 2022

Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to EcoFest West, a programme of more than 100 events and opportunities to connect with nature on our doorstep, care for the places we love, and share skills and ideas for a better future.

The festival is a month-long celebration of West Auckland's stunning environment and everything we can do to care for it. Many events are low cost and whānau-friendly, small-scale and outdoors or online.

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