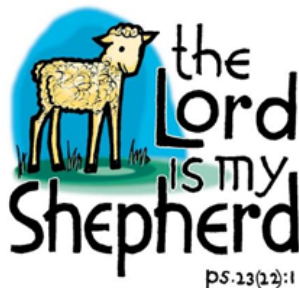


Good Shepherd School



Update Newsletter, 24 Poutū-te-rangi/March 2022

2022 Term Dates

Term One:

1 February - 14 April

Term Two:

02 May - 8 July

Term Three:

25 July - 30 September

Term Four:

17 October - 15 December

Upcoming Dates

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

NZ Catholics urged to join Pope Francis next Friday in prayer for Ukraine

The bishops are asking NZ Catholics to support everyone caught in the Ukraine war by going to your local parish church at a time to suit you next Friday to pray the Rosary. This coincides with Pope Francis consecrating Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary the same day. Bishop Steve (Bishop of Auckland and NZCBC Secretary) says: "All over Ukraine, people are having to flee their homes because of the war. Leaving our homes here to go to our local church to pray on this special day would very much be showing solidarity to the people having to leave their homes in Ukraine."

The National Liturgy Office has produced resources for this coming Friday's joining with Pope Francis in a Day of Prayer for Ukraine. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Ukraine-NLO-Prayer-resource-for-Friday-25-March-2022.pdf>

Prayer for Ukraine

"Prayer for Ukraine" is a hymn composed in 1885, during a time when the Ukrainian language was suppressed by the government of Imperial Russia. The text is by poet Oleksandr Konynsky and the music by composer Mykola Lysenko. It is used as a hymn by the various churches in Ukraine, including the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and became a spiritual anthem for Ukraine. It makes a haunting aid to prayer in the current situation. This is a translation of the lyrics. The hymn can be heard at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxcNuaH4qrY&t=1s>

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light
of your holy rays.

With learning and knowledge enlighten
us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting.
Let us, oh Lord, grow.

We pray, oh Lord Almighty,
protect our beloved Ukraine.
Grant our people and country
All your kindness and grace.

Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,
Guide us into a kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune
For ever and evermore.

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

Who is our New Bishop? Check out the diocesan YouTube channel for videos that will let us learn a little more about our new Bishop, Steve Lowe: <https://www.youtube.com/aucklandcatholic>

Good Shepherd Awards



Ida Greenhough - You are always helpful and a positive influence to those around you.

Kyrie Leger - You show initiative by caring for others.

From NZ Catholic

Digital link to the latest issue:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/020aaf8c-8cb2-45cb-b e32-6e89083cecec>



In and Around School

Haere rā Rachel Loe, haere mai Chelsea Leger to the office team

We are very sorry that we are losing Rachel from our office team. Rachel has been the warm, welcoming face of Good Shepherd for two years now, always going the 'extra mile' for our children, their whānau and her colleagues. We are going to miss that energy and lovely sense of humour, but we wish her well as she moves on to a new challenge.

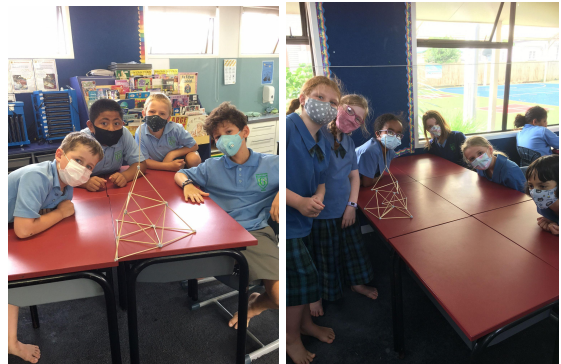
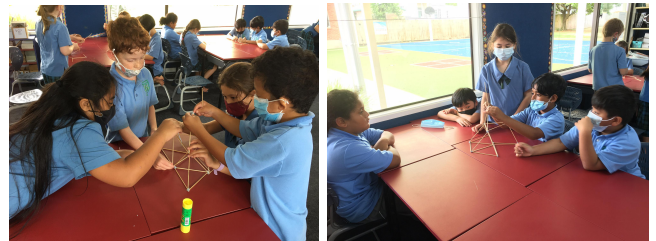
We are very lucky to have Chelsea, who many of you know as a valued parent of the school, to step into that office role.

School Council Non Uniform Day for Ukraine

Next Friday 1 April please come to school in your own clothes and bring a gold coin (or coins or notes) for our school council. We are trying to raise as much money as we can for the people of Ukraine. This is the first project of the year for our School Council.

Room 8's Teamwork

Room 8 has enjoyed building towers as tall as we can using the materials we have been given. This is all part of our team building activities. It was very cool to use some geometry knowledge to help us build towers that can stand alone. Everyone in their groups has contributed to the task and experienced the importance of participating and contributing while working cooperatively as a team.



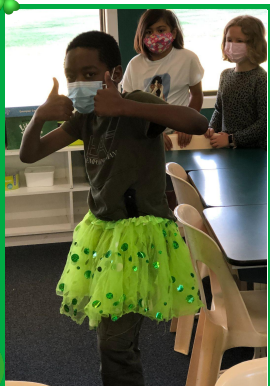
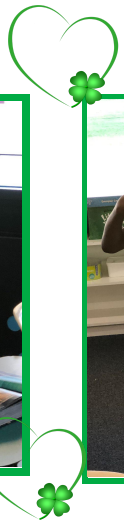
Some of Room 8's Enjoyable Moments in water safety practice with Swimming NZ and football coaching with Auckland Football United Football Club.





St Patrick's Day GSS Style!

Check out our GSS HIGHLIGHTS site for more!!



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.

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!



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.

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

[Marcellin College](#)

[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

Good Shepherd School Uniform

Good Shepherd has made the transition to a new school uniform provider. 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
Use School Code: GS221



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Contact Details:
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Ph: 524 8108 x 7323
email: enrolments@st-peters.school.nz
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For further information and to apply visit our website
www.sacredheart.school.nz

Enrolments | Ph (09) 529 3660 extn 714
Email: enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz
250 West Tamaki Rd, Glendowie, Auckland



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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