



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

From next week, we will be returning to our usual daily timetable of all children beginning their school day at 8.45am and finishing at 3.00pm.

Ngā manaakitanga
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

31 March	Three-Way Conferences
1 April	Non-uniform Day
3 April	Daylight Saving ends
12 April	BOT meeting
14 April	Term 1 ends
15 April	Good Friday - school closed
17 April	Easter Sunday
25 April	Anzac Day
2 May	Term 2 begins
18 May	PTA Meeting
3 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
6 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
8 July	Term 2 ends

Please note that some of these dates may change

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31 Poutū-te-rangi/March 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Being present

It has been such a pleasure to welcome our parents and whānau back on to school grounds for the Three Way Learning Conferences this week. As we seem to be over the worst of this phase of the pandemic and have most of our children back at school now, this is a good time to emphasize the importance of children being

- **at school,**
- **on time,**
- **every day,**
- **for every child.**

We have noticed particularly that many children are arriving late to school. This immediately puts them at a disadvantage in being prepared for learning and able to get the best from their day. Please help them and us by ensuring they get to school by 8.45am at the very latest - better still, have them here by 8.30am (no earlier than that, however) so that they have time with their friends and teachers and are able to get all their materials ready for the day.

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Lucia Hodgson - Good leadership and hands in everything beautifully.

Luke Kaho - Being a leader and stepping into senior roles and helping others.

Whole School Prayer

From next Monday we will be starting the week with whole school prayer on the turf at 9am. We will be keeping to our strict health and safety guidelines of physical distancing and wearing masks as we cautiously reclaim a few of those special occasions that make our community so unique.



Singleton who has generously served the PTA for the past four years. Thank you and congratulations to those who have taken on the Office Holding roles for 2022:

Alan McArdle - Chairperson and acting Treasurer
Sarah Diver - Vice-Chairperson
Daniella Holschier - Secretary

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on **Wednesday 18 May** - put it in your calendars now!

In and Around School

Meet the Staff

Welcome to our new 'Meet the Staff' feature. Each week you will be reading about a different person. So get ready to find out about 'the secret life of GSS staff'. Today we begin with Ms Dyer...

Name: Megan Dyer/Ms. Dyer

Hometown: Hamilton, New Zealand

Children: 2 boys, 1 girl.

Aged 17, 21, 24

Fun Fact: Wants to learn to surf.

Pets: Susie a black Labrador.

Position at GSS: Deputy Principal

Favorite Film: Shrek



By Heather Rewcastle

Good Shepherd PTA

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the first PTA meeting of the year, held on Zoom on Tuesday night. A special welcome to those who have just joined our school community - we hope that you continue to enjoy the friendship and understanding of the school that comes from connecting with the PTA. Parent or caregiver involvement in their child's education is a good predictor of success at school, and coming along to PTA meetings is one way you can become involved.

Thank you to those who have stepped down from Office Holding positions, particularly Kirsty-Anne

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

Learning Well: Literacy

You may be aware of the recent attention in the media around apparently declining literacy levels among New Zealand children. At GSS we are fortunate to operate well above the national norm in both literacy and numeracy. However we certainly don't take this for granted. Our recent PAT reading assessment has shown a steeper decline than we would usually expect to show up in the term after the long summer break. There is no doubt that all the learning disruptions we have endured have taken a toll on our children's learning. We are determined to rectify this and in order to do so, we need to work in partnership with whānau.

Please ensure that your child reads at home **every single night** no matter how old they are. Ideally a mix of fiction and non-fiction in areas of interest. Talk to them constantly about their reading and their understanding.

Next term you may find that your senior school child takes a more formal approach to their reading homework. We also intend to send home extra reading material during the school holidays. Please make time for this important activity.

COVID-19 Update

We have had nearly one hundred percent attendance over the last week so it appears that our community may be over the worst of this phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. But with winter approaching, there is potential for more pressure on the health system, not just from COVID-19, but from the flu and other diseases such as RSV and measles. We encourage you to get your boosters, to get flu vaccinations and to make sure childhood immunisations such as MMR are up to date.

In our school we are keeping the additional layers of protection in place to help prevent or reduce the risk of onward spread.

Mask wearing for our students Year 4 and above and for adults remains in place in indoor spaces and we are getting lots of fresh air during the day. We also continue to focus on basic hygiene such as washing hands regularly, covering any coughs and sneezes, and cleaning surfaces regularly.

KidsHealth has some great resources you may be interested in:

- [Why wearing masks and creating airflow helps – KidsHealth](#)
- [Back to school with Omicron in 2022 – KidsHealth](#)

Your job remains the same, too: please continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test.

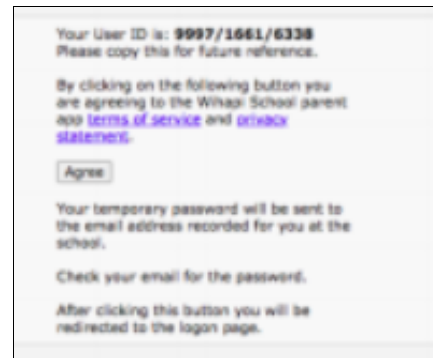
Good Shepherd School App

We will be deploying our New School App over the next few days.

The new app is called **@school**. You are able to search and download the app via Google Play or the Apple App store.



An email will be sent to you with your login information over the next week.



When it arrives, **make a note of your User ID including forward slashes.**

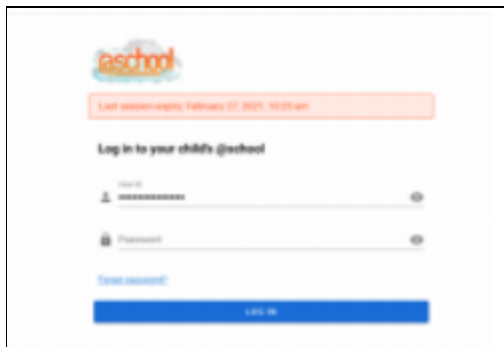
Then **click on the link contained in the email** and it will take you to a page that looks like this.



Shortly after you will be sent another email with your Temporary Password. **Make a note or copy the temporary password.**



Return to the @school Mobile login screen and paste the temporary password.



Click on the blue 'Log In' button
Click the 'Agree' button.

If you do not receive an email over the next week, please check your junk box.

If you still have not received the email please see the office.

You will be directed to this login page.

You can change your password once inside the app by accessing the 'Settings' icon.

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-school-s-2/>

2023 Enrolment Information

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

[Marcellin College](#) Virtual Open Evening 12 May 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



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Mountain Road, Epsom
Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys
In the Edmund Rice Tradition
Years 7 – 13

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.*

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

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Applications for Year 7 and Year 9, 2023 are now open and we welcome your interest.

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Applications are prioritised in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Scholarships are available.

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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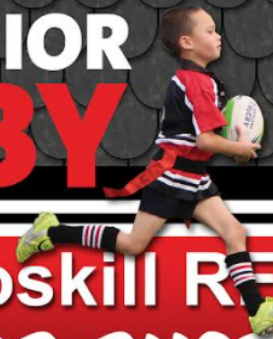


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PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY



Mt Roskill REC JUNIOR RUGBY



RIPPER RUGBY is the non-contact version of RUGBY, no tackling, just ripping a Velcro tag from the opposition's belt-line. It's the perfect introduction to RUGBY for 3 to 7 year olds.

UNDERS'5 grade will be played at 4.30pm Fridays at Fearon Park.



Grades Ripper Rugby for Under 5s to Under 7s. Under 6s & Under 7s and all Tackle Rugby from Under 8s to Under 13s and Girls Teams, on Saturdays



For Registration or general information contact;
Tracey Gilling 020 4094 1756 or is ros skillrugby45@gmail.com

Facebook: Mount Roskill Junior Rugby

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10AM - 11AM AT KEITH HAY PARK**

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