



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute*

Honesty Pono

Newsletter 7

5 May / Rima Haratua 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

We have begun this term with great excitement as we look forward to what we hope will be a more settled ten weeks of learning. Along with our children and their families, our hard-working team of teachers and support staff have had time to replenish their energies and prepare for what is ahead in the school year. We are fully committed to your children and their learning and are eager to work closely with you in this mission. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any concerns about your children.

You may not know that there is only one Good Shepherd School in New Zealand! Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, is at the core of our school charism and Catholic identity and what better model could our community have of someone who cares for others and puts their needs before his own? As we practise the values of **respect, care** and **honesty**, the entire community works together to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. On Sunday 8 May we celebrate our special Feast of the Good Shepherd and it would be lovely to see as many of

our families as possible joining the parish community for Mass at 9.30am that morning (see the invitation below to meet Bishop Steve Lowe at this Mass). Celebrating Mass together is a wonderful way to build and strengthen our Good Shepherd community, especially on an occasion such as our feast day!

As we move cautiously to reclaim some of these special events and happenings that are so important to Good Shepherd, we invite you to become involved in your school community. One of the ways you can both contribute to, and benefit from, community involvement is through our PTA. Please take a moment to read the information below and consider how you can bring your special talents to this team.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

8 May	Good Shepherd Sunday
9-13 May	Road Safety Week
13 May	Wear Yellow for Road Safety Day
11 May	Whānau Confirmation meeting
18 May	PTA Meeting
19 May	St Joseph's Day celebration
20 May	Pink Shirt Day
24 May	Eden/Albert football zones (tbc)
24 May	BOT meeting
26 May	Eden/Albert football zones (save day)
27 May	Assembly: Room 3/4
29 May	Ascension Sunday
30 May-3 June	Samoa Language Week
30 May-3 June	Christian Unity Week
1 June	Pie day
2 June	GSS Cross Country
3 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
5 June	Pentecost Sunday
6 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
8 June	Whānau First Holy Communion mtg
10 June	Assembly: Room 6
21 June	Eden/Albert Cross Country zones
24 June	Matariki holiday - school closed
28 June	BOT meeting
4-8 July	Book Week
8 July	Term 2 ends
25 July	Term 3 begins
7 August	Feast of St Mary MacKillop
19 August	Teacher Only Day - school closed
30 September	Term 3 ends
17 October	Term 4 begins
24 October	Labour Day holiday

15 December	Term 4 ends
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Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Parish News

This Sunday 8th May and the fourth Sunday of Easter, is Good Shepherd Sunday, the school and parish feast day. This year we are especially blessed to have our new bishop, Bishop Steve Lowe, celebrating the 9.30am Mass for us. This is an informal visit as he gradually makes his way around the diocese. Please bring a plate of food for the morning tea after Mass.

Sacramental Programme 2022

After being postponed in Term 1, the children's Sacramental programme will begin this term with preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation see Sacramental Programme 2022 - [Timeline](#).

Registrations for children aged 8+ close 6th May.

Sacramental Meeting for Parents/Whānau

On Wednesday 11 May at 7.00pm there will be a Confirmation meeting for parents with children in the Sacramental Programme. Please meet in the Church.

Good Shepherd Awards

These will resume next week

A Prayer for Mothers

Our mothers are earthbound angels
Sent by God above,
To give our lives direction
And fill our hearts with love.
They have no wings or halos
And yet they are divine,
For years of toil and sacrifice
Have rendered them sublime.
So, mothers, may God bless you
Wherever you may be,
For the gift of love you gave us
Lives on eternally!

We wish all of our Good Shepherd mothers a wonderful day on Sunday.

In and Around School

Music Lessons with Modern School of Music

Music lessons in Term 2 will be on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Sophia Connors will be the teacher.

School Choir and Ukulele Group

These two music groups will be open for students to sign up next week. Choir - Year 4-6. Ukulele - Year 3-6.

Haere Mai / Welcome

We are very fortunate to have two student teachers in Good Shepherd over the next seven weeks. We welcome Kirita Auva'a-Key and Mairead Lewthwaite who will be working in Room 6 and Room 3/4 respectively.

Good Shepherd PTA

Many of you will not be aware of the wonderful PTA we have at Good Shepherd. Over the years, they have raised funds and provided many of the great resources we have that support our children's learning and wellbeing, including digital devices, playground equipment, library resources and sports equipment. Just as important, they have provided an opportunity for parents and whānau to get to know others in the community, forge lasting friendships and to learn more about everyday life in the school.

After over two years of interrupted activity we now invite you to get involved with our wonderful Good Shepherd community. Along with the fundraising events, the PTA provides the following services:

Caring committee

A group of parents and caregivers who are on call to offer assistance to families in need. This may be in the form of meals if family members are unwell or in hospital, or providing transport or other support.

Sushi and Pie days

This service is organised by the PTA and is much appreciated by our children and whanau.

Holey Fathers

A group of dads who get together periodically to socialise, carry out working bees and organise fun events such as the annual Hot House Challenge.

<https://www.goodshepherd.school.nz/10/pages/9-hole-fathers-society>

Classroom Whatsapp Groups

A great way to stay in touch with other parents and caregivers in your child's class. remind each other about school events, chase up lost clothing, ask questions, etc.

Class Reps

We need one parent from each class to act as Class Rep. This person will help organise the cake raffle when the class is on assembly, ensure other parents are aware of events, etc. (usually via the Whatsapp group)

Next week we will be sending out a survey asking you to indicate how you would like to get involved with our community.

Sport

Term 2 sporting events are:

Week 4 (Tuesday 24 May) - Eden/Albert Football zones

Week 5 (Thursday 2 June) - GSS school cross country

Week 8 (Tuesday 21 June) - Eden/Albert Cross country zones

If any parents are able to help out with football coaching and training please contact Heather McLeod on: hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz

We need parents who are able to help coach, referee and transport children for the football zones.

GSS Cross Country Training:

From next week, all children need to bring their running shoes for cross country training, and Connolly will need to bring their PE gear as well (Sheridan may also bring a change of clothes). We will be training from Monday to Thursday each week, either before or after morning tea, until the school cross country.



Our main aim is to improve fitness, which in turn, will have a positive impact on learning. This is

particularly important currently, as we work to overcome some of the after effects of extended lockdown. Preparation for our wonderful school cross country is a bonus.

Playing on the field:

Children need to wear a change of clothes to play on the field during term 2 and 3. No school uniform or school shoes are permitted on the field.

Further Information for Whānau

Road Safety awareness week

Next week in school we will be celebrating Road Safety awareness week. There will be lots of fun activities for the children during the school week. Next Friday the 13th we will have a 'Go Yellow' day to support road safety week and raise awareness around the importance of being visible. The children are asked to wear something yellow to school on this day.

Sushi and Pie days

Sushi is now available to order for lunch on Fridays. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#). If you do not have a Kindo account, it is quick and easy to set one up by clicking Join Up. Please check your child's classroom number. Sushi orders close at 8.45 on Friday mornings. You can order in advance for multiple weeks and you can also cancel your order through your account before 8.45 on a Friday morning.

Pie orders are now open on Kindo for Wednesday June 1st, and will close at 6pm on Monday 30th May. The second pie day in the term is on Tuesday July 5th, we need a parent volunteer to collect the pies from Dough Boys on Dominion Rd on Tuesday the 5th July. If you're able to help please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com.

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.

This term you may find that your senior school child takes a more formal approach to their reading homework. Please make time for this important activity.

Walking school bus

In term 2 we are keen to get our fantastic walking school bus up and running again. Any parents or whānau members who are interested in volunteering/helping could you please



COVID-19 Update

The first week of school under Orange level has gone well. The children have been very excited to be able to play with their friends from other classes and we are getting high compliance in the wearing of masks and maintaining physical distance when possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support in doing our best to keep everyone safe over the colder weeks ahead by continuing to:

- Send your child to school with a mask
- Keep out of classrooms before school
- Keep your child at home if they are sick
- Vaccinate your child from 5-13 years of age against COVID
- Dress your child warmly for winter

We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and make changes as necessary.

School Uniform

The children should now be wearing their winter school uniforms. Uniforms are purchased through Elizabeth Michael Uniforms (see notice below) although we do keep a supply of second hand uniforms for purchase at the school. Can we please give special attention to footwear over the winter months? The uniform shoes are black, worn with black knee high socks. As we approach winter and the colder weather, we strongly recommend that

children wear the school uniform jumper and there is also a school jacket available. A warm singlet could also be useful. Please name all uniform items.

Finally, children are asked to bring in a change of clothes if they want to play on the field as it quickly becomes very muddy.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL UNIFORMS

With Auckland schools reopening you can now come into the Elizabeth Michael Bond Street shop to organise your child's Good Shepherd uniform!

Shop safely with covid protocols in place.

You can also shop online 24/7. Simply visit www.elizabethmichael.co.nz and register for Good Shepherd School by entering the school code **GS221**. We can courier to you or you can select pick up from our Bond St store.

Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm
Fri 9.00am - 4.00pm
Sat 9.00am - 12 noon *

BACK TO SCHOOL - SATURDAY OPENING HOURS

*Extended Saturday hours from 4 Dec 2021 to 12 Feb 2022 are as follows:

Saturday 4, 11, 18 Dec 2021 9.00am-3.00pm
Saturday 8, 15, 22, 29 Jan 2022 9.00am-3.00pm
Saturday 5, 12 Feb 2021 9.00am-3.00pm

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Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints at Good Shepherd School

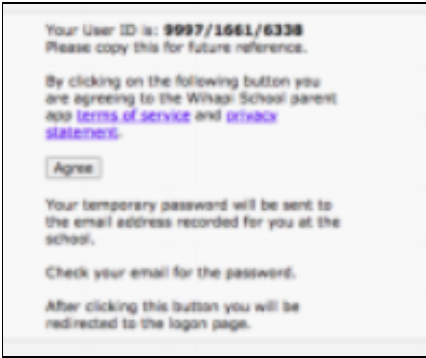
We value our community culture at Good Shepherd School. When dealing with any concerns and complaints that may arise, we keep at the forefront our core values of care, respect and honesty. If you have an issue, please follow this [link](#) which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

Good Shepherd School App

Good Shepherd has a new school app called **@school**. You are able to search and download the app via Google Play or the Apple App store.

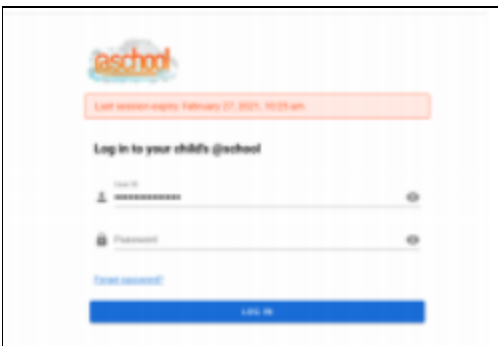


An email will be sent to you with your login information over the next week.



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-schools-2/>

2023 Enrolment Information

[Marist College](#) Virtual Open Day Tour 11 May 2022

[Marcellin College](#) Virtual Open Evening 12 May 2022



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

Open Day Tours Wednesday, 11th May 2022

Tour 1 - 9am, Tour 2 - 11:30am

A centrally located non-zoned Catholic girls secondary school, Years 7 to 13

www.maristcollege.school.nz

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Y7 – Y9 VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

12th May 2022

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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.

UNDER 5'S 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;
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