



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga*

*Respect Whakaute*

*Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 8

19 May/Haratua 2022

### From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the PTA meeting last night. In my report to the PTA I focused on three aspects of school life that are very topical. In this Bullying Free NZ Week, we talked about our school's procedures to both prevent and respond to bullying situations. We also discussed student achievement in reading comprehension and mathematics, and we talked about some of the initiatives happening in The Arts learning area this year.

As mentioned in last week's update, Good Shepherd School has very thorough procedures around the prevention and response to bullying situations. These are on our school [website](#) for you to view. We are looking forward to seeing lots of pink on Pink Shirt Day tomorrow when the Good Shepherd community shows that we Speak Up, Stand Together, to Stop Bullying.

Over the years, Good Shepherd School has repeatedly performed at a higher level than the national norms in PAT Mathematics and Reading Comprehension assessments, and we have been

very eager to know what the impact of the pandemic interruptions have had on this picture.

As we suspected, the lockdown periods have had a detrimental effect on student achievement in reading comprehension and mathematics, although our students continue to perform above the national average. We are working urgently as a team to put in place targeted support for individuals and groups of students to recoup some of these losses in achievement. Our school website also has a great section called [Helping at Home](#).

We will include some more information about how The Arts curriculum is delivered at Good Shepherd in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, don't forget that coming along to PTA meetings is a great way to get to know your school, your teachers and other parents.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

### Upcoming Dates

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	Samoan 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

**Please note that some of these dates may change**

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Angeline Yee**- You consistently display our school values to a high standard.

**Veronica Yu**- For working hard to care for others.

## 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](#).

## In and Around School

### Room 9



Check out our [Highlights](#) Website for some pictures of Room 9 antics..

## 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](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)  
We need parents who are able to help coach, referee and transport children for the football zones.

## Cross Country Training:

The tamariki are working hard at their running and most are remembering their running shoes which makes things much more fun for them. Connolly train Monday to Friday each week before morning tea, and Sheridan train Monday to Thursday each week after morning tea



Our main aim is to improve fitness, which in turn, will have a positive impact on learning. Please talk to your tamariki about building up focus and endurance, and keeping a consistent pace. Ask them each how hard they tried, how many laps they managed or how far they got before they had to stop and walk for a bit. Can they see improvement?

## Cross Country Day

On Thursday 2 June 2022, Good Shepherd School will be holding our School Cross Country. Parents and supporters are encouraged to come and join us. The event will be based at Good Shepherd School and surrounds, beginning at 9.30am and should be finished by lunchtime.

All students are to come to school wearing appropriate sportswear. They won't need their school uniform that day. Years 1-3 are encouraged to wear their house colours. Years 4-6 must wear their school sports uniform. All students need to bring:

- A warm jersey or jacket / tracksuit
- Footwear is **compulsory** (no running shoes, no race)
- Hats/sunscreen if it is a hot day
- Rain jacket

**In order for this to be a truly successful event we need parent helpers to be marshals.**

**We need at least 10 more parent volunteers. Please email Heather McLeod if you can assist on the day.**

[hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz)

## Cross Country Times and order of races:

**9.30am** - Year 0/1 girls

Year 0/1 boys

Year 2 girls

Year 2 boys

Year 3 girls

Year 3 boys

Morning Tea

**11.15am** - Year 4 girls

Year 4 boys

Year 5 girls

Year 5 boys

Year 6 girls

Year 6 boys

**1pm finish**

## Football Boots

Good Shepherd has an amazing soccer team participating in the Eden/Albert Football zones and would appreciate any football boots that are no longer being used. All donations would be welcomed with gratitude. Please drop off to the school office.

## 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

### Following the Good Shepherd Way

**\*\* At School \*\*At Home\*\* Online\*\* Offline\*\***

With the focus on keeping our school bully free this week it is a great time to remind whānau that our tamariki are expected to maintain the school values of Care, Honesty and Respect at all times, including when interacting with each other online and out of school hours. There have been some online issues recently. Remind your children that there is *strictly* no meeting or chat allowed on our Good Shepherd Google Workspace without direct teacher consent and supervision. If they have your permission to interact using other accounts please ensure that you are able to monitor this on your own device. We strongly recommend that their online adventures take place in a family space, or at the



very least within your earshot, and **never with the door closed.**

## Class Reps and WhatsApp



WhatsApp is a great way to stay in touch with other parents from your child's class. Especially when it comes to getting those small and important questions answered, and tracking down lost property! Follow this link to join your group:

<https://tinyurl.com/mryzbb9k>

Thank you to the whānau who volunteered to help our PTA in so many ways through our [online form](#). We now have class reps for all classes except for Room **6** and **7**. Reps help organise the cake raffle when their class is on assembly, and ensure other parents are kept in the loop (usually via their Whatsapp group). Please contact [sarah77diver@gmail.com](mailto:sarah77diver@gmail.com) if you can help.

## Sushi, Pies and Moosies



**Sushi** is available to order for lunch each Friday. 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](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com).

**Moosies and Juicies** are also on sale each Friday. They cost two dollars each and are a great way to pay your child back for getting those extra jobs done around the house... It is easiest for our House Captains if each sibling brings their own money as we serve the youngest children first.

## Learning Well: Literacy

Our completed PAT data analysis confirmed that we are performing well above the national norm in



reading (remembering that this 'norm' was established prior to COVID disruptions). However, we also confirmed that over the last six months many more GSS children than usual either stagnated or lost ground in their reading comprehension. Thank you to those whānau who made reading a priority throughout the Easter holidays. Please continue to encourage lots of reading after school and during weekends, talk to your tamariki about what they are reading, read to them, and let them see you read as well. See your classroom teacher if your child needs help choosing suitable books.

### Environmental Club

We are excited to get our gardening club up and running this term. If any parents are interested in



volunteering to be a parent helper for the gardening club could you please email Ms. Irish [eirish@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:eirish@goodshepherd.school.nz).

### COVID-19 Update

The first two weeks of school under Orange level have 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.

### Bullying Free NZ Week: Good Shepherd School Bullying Prevention and Response Procedures

Next week is Bullying Free NZ Week. The prevention of bullying in schools and how schools

respond to reported cases of bullying are areas that are of interest and concern to everybody in our country. We are fortunate to have 'The Good Shepherd Way', with the emphasis on the school values of **respect, care and honesty**, to help us make our school a respectful and inclusive environment, but it is important that we continue to work together to ensure that our school is a model of best practice in bullying prevention and response. This is a shared responsibility where students, staff, parents, whānau and other members of the community all work towards the same goal. The first step is to ensure we have a shared understanding of what 'bullying' is, and the definition we have shared with our community in the past is:

***Bullying behaviour is not an individual action. Our school community agrees that:***

- ***Bullying is deliberate***
- ***Bullying involves a power imbalance***
- ***Bullying has an element of repetition***
- ***Bullying is harmful.***

***Bullying behaviours can be physical, verbal, or social, and can take place in the physical world or digitally.***

***Bullying is not an individual action. It involves up to three parties: initiators (those doing the bullying), targets (those being bullied) and often bystanders (those who witness the bullying).***

Our response procedures are very clear and are available on our school website. As always, we are open to feedback on this definition, or any other part of the procedures, from anyone in our community.

### 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 OSCA

Our before and after school care programme is an important service to our school community and every care is taken to guard children's safety and wellbeing while they are at OSCA. It is very important that we are notified if there is a change in the nominated person picking up your child. This means that children will not be released to anyone other than the person or people nominated on our records unless contact has been made by that person to advise a change. A couple of extra reminders:

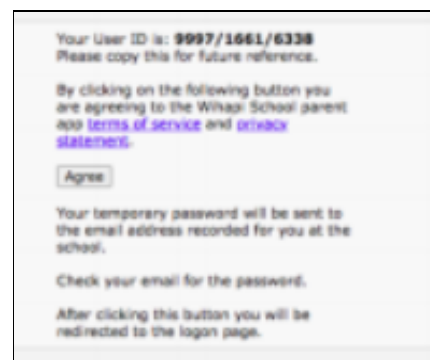
- Please fill in all forms for OSCA accurately and keep us up to date with changing medical conditions for your child
- An adult toilet is available in the OSCA area if you need it - please do not use the children's toilets

## 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.

# 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](http://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

## ElizabethMichael

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4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland 1021  
 P: 09 358 1680 • [uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz](mailto:uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz) • [www.elizabethmichael.co.nz](http://www.elizabethmichael.co.nz)

## Lost Photo

If you have any information or seen this framed A3 photo of the class of 1997 please let us know; it would be greatly appreciated.



The current Good Shepherd School roll. Students shown clockwise from bottom left: Beverly Merrick, Jennifer Barry (2005), Jill Hedberg (2), Robin Russell (2004) Principal, Sister Ake Han Tran, Tamara Maloney. Student absence due to incapacity (after the World Grand Final): Phoenix Moxon, Angela Innesman (Principal), Mary-Claire Powell.



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**Click the 'Agree' button.**

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*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.

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## **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/>