



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 6

13 Paenga-whāwhā/April 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

We end this term with Holy Week, the holiest of times in our liturgical calendar. We have prepared for the Easter season over the last 40 days and move into our first weekend of the holidays, mourning the death of Jesus on Good Friday and celebrating his rebirth on Easter Sunday.

I would like to thank you for your support as we've worked through the challenges of the term. A strong home-school partnership is the key to children's learning success and you have shown your commitment to this relationship through your support of your children's learning at home. The need to work together is even greater as we move towards recovery from the disruptions to learning at school over the last two years.

Finally, I wish you all a blessed Easter and a relaxing holiday. Travel safely if you are going away for a break and enjoy the time with your families. Don't forget to take lots of books away with you, and visit the library if you have time.

Ngā manaakitanga
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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
24 June	Matariki Public holiday
8 July	Term 2 ends

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Holy Week

This week we were fortunate enough to gather on the turf as a school every morning to acknowledge the Stations of the Cross and reflect on Jesus' final days on earth.

We all visited the church on Monday to see the decorations put up for Palm Sunday and the rest of Holy Week.



A big thankyou to our special character leaders for all their work this week.

Good Shepherd Parish - Message from Msgr Bernard

Today marks the beginning of holy week, Palm Sunday or 'Passion Sunday'.

As Easter begins please consider celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Rite One Reconciliation is on Wednesday 13th of April at 7pm at Good Shepherd church.

Lent concludes on Thursday night 14th April. The Sacred Triduum commences on Holy Thursday with **The Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7pm.

The Passion of the Lord takes place on Good Friday at 3pm. The **Way of the Cross** starts at 10:30am moving through the grounds of Good Shepherd.

Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection is at 7pm on Saturday 16th April.

Easter Sunday Mass remains at the usual time of 9:30am.

May this be a time of grace and blessings.

Good Shepherd Awards



Aaron Santander - You are helpful and kind towards classmates and always lend a hand to those in need.

Patrick Diver - You display our school values by stepping up as a leader to those around you.

In and Around School

Library

As you read last week, we are closely focusing on literacy at present, as we work to overcome learning setbacks caused by COVID. Children are being issued extra library books to bring home for the school holidays. Please ensure they read these books daily, to increase and build on their reading mileage. These books can be returned after the holidays, once they are finished.



Room 7

Wow what a term! We have had such a busy time with camp in our first week, Covid affecting our class routines, online classes with ASB Getwise (financial literacy), soccer coaches and Mitey visitors from the John Kirwan Foundation. However, by far the most popular with us has to be our recent visit from Lieutenant Commander George Hahn (yep, you heard rightly). I could go on, but why would I, when Rosie Fala can do it so much better?

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER GEORGE HAHN'S VISIT

Last week we had Lieutenant Commander George Hahn (AKA Mrs Hahn's son) come into our school. He has been in the NZ Air Force for 12 years. He has recently been flying a helicopter named Sea Sprite which goes 240.76 kilometers per hour. Before he was in the NZ Air Force he was in the Royal NZ Navy and trained in Palmerston North for 2 years.

WHAT I LEARNT:

He taught us about how planes and helicopters fly around and manoeuvre. I learnt a lot, the big propeller on a helicopter is called a rotor and a bird strike is when a bird attacks the plane or helicopter it is usually a plane. A plane has to go fast the entire time it's flying and can't stop until it lands on the runway. For the helicopter to work you need wind to pass the rotor on top of it.

In conclusion I learnt a large number of things from Lieutenant Commander George Hahn in his visit and it was a valuable learning experience.

Anzac Day 2022

Anzac Day occurs during the school holidays again this year and we encourage whānau to attend a service if they are able to. This year our Cultural Leaders raised an Anzac flag on our flagpole to commemorate this important day for our nation.



LEST WE FORGET

Learning Well

The tamariki have been enjoying their Inquiry about Birds and Flight this term and next term we plan to

take it in even more creative directions. Watch [this video](#) by Thomas R6, as he shares with us just how much he loves learning at GSS. As Miss Evans says “too cute to miss”.

The digital mosaic drawing that Thomas refers to is featured below, and [here are some instructions](#) if you would like to give it a try.

Remember to check out our [HIGHLIGHTS](#) website for lots of other examples of student learning - and of course our April's Fool's prank if you haven't caught up with that yet...



Thomas R6



Aoibheann R6

Sport

It's been unfortunate this term that we haven't been able to have any sporting events. Term 2 seems to be hopeful to attend Eden/Albert zone events and hold our school cross country.

Term 2 sporting events are:

Week 4 (Tuesday 24 May) - Football zones

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

Week 8 (Tuesday 21 June) - 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

School Council Update

The Council has met twice this term, once online and then a meeting on the turf. This week we interviewed the leaders of our School Council about their goals for the year.

Renzo (Chairperson): We are working on a number of projects including putting a bench outside the office so more parents can sit down. This was the 2021 School Council project. We plan to continue fundraising for these projects this year. So far this year we have had a Non - School - Uniform day which raised \$628.80 for the children of Ukraine.

Francis (Vice-Chairperson): We are hoping to have a movie night when Covid allows us to get together, and maybe get some new sand-pit toys. We have a few ideas.

Xavier (Secretary): I hope that Renzo, Francis, the School Council and I can make a change to make the school community better for others in 2022, and further on.



Elizabeth and Heather
School Journalists

Information for Whānau

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

If you, or anyone you know, are considering enrolling your child at Good Shepherd, please contact the school office as soon as possible on admin@goodshepherd.school.nz.

As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau.

send Ms. Irish an email -
eirish@goodshepherd.school.nz

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

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.

Good Shepherd School Uniform

A reminder that all school uniforms can be purchased in store from:

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms

4 Bond street, Newton,
Grey Lynn.

Also available from their online website
www.elizabethmichael.co.nz

Use School Code: GS221.

Second-hand uniforms can be purchased from the school office. This is a great opportunity to update your child's winter uniform, ready for Term 2.

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



Sushi

Sushi is now available to order for lunch on Fridays. This week Sushi will be on Thursday 14th April as there is no school due to Good 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. Next week, sushi will be available on Thursday 14th, as there is no school on Good Friday.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

We rely on the help of parent volunteers to provide this service to the children. We are looking for parent volunteers on the following dates:

Friday 6th May
Friday 13th May
Friday 20th May
Friday 27th May
Thursday 2nd June
Friday 10th June
Friday 17th June
Friday 1st July
Friday 8th July

Volunteering for sushi involves collecting the sushi from Cafe Sushi on Dominion Rd after 12 noon and then bringing it to school and sorting it into class baskets. You then need to hand the class baskets to the sushi monitors from each class at lunch time (1pm). If you are able to help on any of these dates, please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

Music Programme for Term 2

St Peter's Primary School Music Programme will proceed in Term 2. Registrations can be found in the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFfcKkGQFGYS9btTyFTZnv47urmy_BDnUe9qDZV6tVINFRag/closedform

2023 Enrolment Information

[St Paul's College](#) Applications close 14 April 2022

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

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

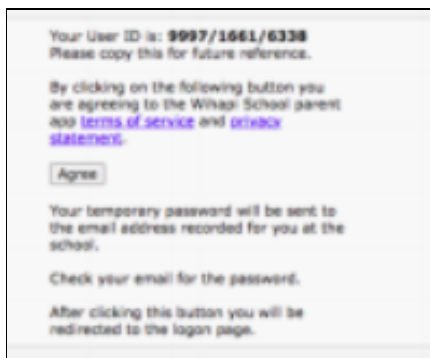
Good Shepherd School App

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.

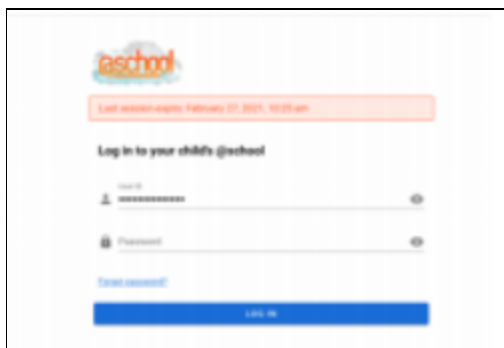


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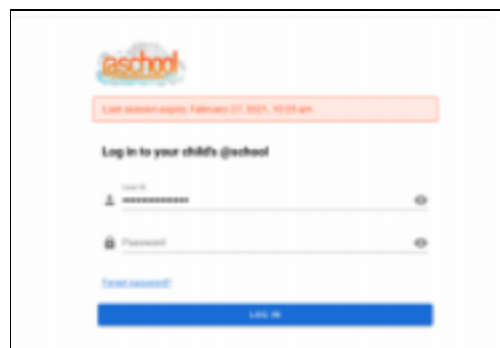
Then **click on the link contained in the email** and it will take you to a page that looks like this.



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 'Login' 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.

Holiday Programmes

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

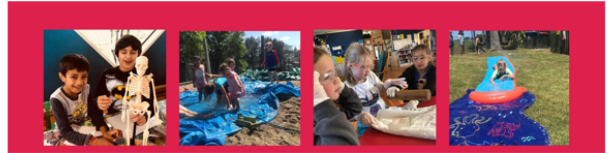
19-22 APRIL 9:30 - 3PM

ALL ROUND TRAINING FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN
Age 8-12 years

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Contact:
Bindi 0212644175 / Meena 021517041

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 **Wave Warriors**
Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the autumn holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

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6-16yr olds | 5 & 4 Day Programme | \$195 per person
19 - 22 April | 25 - 29 April | AM or PM session times

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment at Orewa Beach

Limited spaces | Please email to book
surf@nzsurfacademy.co.nz
www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz