



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 11 **07 Hongogoi/July 2022**

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau,

The end of term is always a natural time for reflection back and anticipation forward. At all levels we can celebrate the achievements of the last ten weeks and feel excitement for what the next will bring. Students reflect on their learning for the term and set goals for the next; teachers evaluate their term programmes in all learning areas and plan the next learning steps for their class; and at the whole school level, we look closely at our progress towards our strategic goals. So much happens in a busy school term that it is difficult to capture it all but some of the highlights of the last ten weeks, many of which will continue into the third term, include:

- The children from Good Shepherd celebrating their Confirmation and First Holy Communion with the parish community
- The Mitey mental health approach being implemented school wide
- Our Creative, Robyn Penn, working closely with tamariki and kaiako in the visual arts mural project
- Collaborating with other Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning

- Meeting with our Education Review Office evaluation partner to reflect on our priorities and strengths and identifying our school-wide 'next steps'

Next term we also look forward to re-establishing our kapa haka and other cultural performance groups, continuing our extensive consultation with the school community and welcoming a new board of trustees. Thank you, as always, for your support of your school and your children's learning. Have a great break over the next two weeks.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

4-8 July	Book Week
8 July	Term 2 ends
25 July	Term 3 begins
3 & 4 August	3-way conferences
7 August	Feast of St Mary MacKillop
8-12 August	Maths Week
18 August	Cultural Celebration Day
19 August	Teacher only day - school closed
23 August	Whole School Zoo Trip
31 August	GSS Speech Finals
5-9 Sept.	Tongan Language Week
7 September	BOT election day
12-16 Sept.	Life Education Caravan
13-19 Sept.	Maori Language Week
23 September	Grandparents Day TBC
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

The following 2023 term dates were approved at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees:

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 31 January	Thursday 6 April
2	Monday 24 April	Friday 30 June
3	Monday 17 July	Friday 22 September
4	Monday 9 October	Friday 15 December

Principal's Sabbatical Term 3

As you are aware, I will be out of school over the next ten school weeks on sabbatical leave, and it's a good time to thank you all for your support over the last two terms as we have settled back into a more 'normal' school life. The purpose of a sabbatical is to undertake professional learning, reflection and

rejuvenation and I am grateful for this opportunity to continue my lifelong learning journey. I am also very grateful to work with such a strong, collaborative team here at Good Shepherd, with a focus on every child reaching their full potential. The school is in very good hands with Megan Dyer and Heather McLeod at the helm, and with the continued support from our whānau.

Special Character Good Shepherd Awards



Eva Craig-Rivera - You display a positive attitude and take responsibility for your learning.

Jake Siave - You are friendly, helpful and always caring towards others.

Sacramental Programme First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the candidates who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday.

We wish them all the best as they continue to embark on their faith journeys.



Prayer kete

We are happy to reintroduce our Good Shepherd School prayer kete. In it you will find a variety of

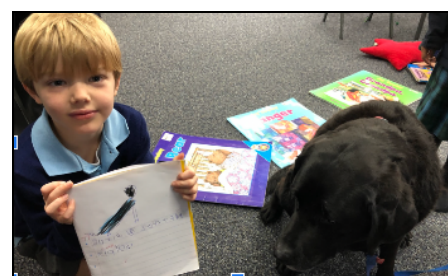
resources to explore and discuss with your child and some suggestions of ways to pray. You can use any of the resources from the kete or you can bring in things that you use to pray at home.

Please Keep in Your Prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

In and Around School BOOK WEEK YIPPEE

Such a wonderful book week so far. Our activities have included different teachers reading to us, buddying up with another class to share our writing and books with them, a very exciting craft activity run by our wonderful librarians and even a special furry visitor called Susie, who LOVES to be read to! Not to mention all of our exciting classroom activities. Can't wait for the costume parade tomorrow. See you at 9am...





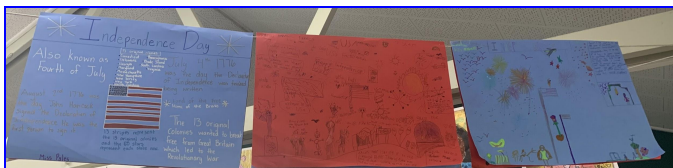
Chess Tournament

Last Friday we had 5 girls at the Auckland Girls Chess Championship representing Good Shepherd School. They have worked hard this term preparing for this event and did a great job! They showed great spirit and continued to show the Good Shepherd Way the entire day.



Room 5

This week has been a busy one for Room 5. On Monday, we celebrated the Fourth of July and created posters about what that means. We have also been working hard with Robyn drawing birds and using water colours to paint them.



Information for Whānau

Drama Club - Bake Sale - Tomorrow Friday 8 July

Tomorrow from 8.30am-9am the Year 6 Drama Club leaders will be having a bake sale to raise funds to purchase costumes and props for their production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Please bring along cash to purchase something yum before you watch the book character parade.

Playing on the Field

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

Walking school bus

In term 3 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 send Ms. Irish an email - eirish@goodshepherd.school.nz



Beat the Bugs this Winter

Check out this excellent resource on [Beat the Bugs - Norovirus](#) from the ADHB.

School Board Elections

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board. All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with the nomination form. If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office. **Nominations close at noon on Wednesday 3rd August 2022.** You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination. The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view. **Election voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 7th September 2022.**

Three Way Conferences

These will take place on August 3 and 4 next term. A notice with booking instructions will come home on Monday July 25, the first day back next term. Booking will then go live at noon the following day (Tuesday July 26).

Don't miss this important opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher about their learning.

Prizes for Running

Good fitness has a positive impact on learning and behaviour. Connolly students continue to run each Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 15 minutes before lunchtime. Please help children ensure that they have their PE gear and, importantly, running shoes that fit.



We have been giving out prizes for extra effort and they are proving to be a very popular source of motivation. If you have any small 'treasures' at home in brand new condition that you could donate, such as novelty pens or erasers, please drop them to our office.

Thank you to the whānau who already donated prizes for us.



This year the Good Shepherd School Board of Trustees is continuing their comprehensive survey of the school community. The board will use the information from this consultation to inform the development of the school Charter and Strategic Plan 2023 to 2025.

We are hoping that all members of our school community, parents and whānau, students and staff, will play a part in this process of planning together for the future. Look out for the survey that will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

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.

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/>

Good Shepherd School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct school uniform:

Winter Uniform: Students wear winter uniform in Terms 2 & 3. This includes black knee high socks and black shoes.

Sports Uniform: Compulsory for Years 4, 5 and 6.
Jewellery, nail polish, makeup, hair

A watch and ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with the school uniform. Nail polish is not permitted on either fingers or toes. Makeup may not be worn. Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories must be either navy blue or black.

Finally, we have a good selection of second hand uniforms available at minimal cost from our school office.

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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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 8.45am on Friday mornings. Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox. 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.

Road Safety Around School

A reminder to all parents and caregivers that drop their children off in cars, please limit your speed at all times. We have been getting alarming reports about fast cars entering and exiting Telford Ave and Volcanic Street car park, specifically between the

times of 7:30am-9am and 3pm-6pm.

Chess Lessons in the School Holidays

Chess coach Leonard McLaren will be teaching chess in the July school holidays. Sessions will be held on 11-15 July and 20-22 July from 2pm-3:30pm at the Balmoral Baptist Church, 682 Dominion Rd, Mount Eden. For further info please ring Rebecca on 022 352 2300 or Sandra on 021 137 2266.

Calendar Art 2022

CALENDAR ART 2022

Our popular PTA Fundraiser is back!

GSS tamariki have been working with their class teachers on beautiful art work that can be made into Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Pads and Sketchpads. These make great keepsakes and gifts for family and friends—and for each item ordered, our school receives a small amount of funding.

This year, Calendar Art ordering will happen earlier than previous years so we can take advantage of Early Bird pricing. You'll be able to fully order and pay online.

Keep an eye out on the newsletter and PTA Facebook page for further news and notification of when orders open.

For any questions, contact Anna on 021 029 70532

New Good Shepherd School App @school

Good Shepherd has a **new** school app. Please Download from the app store on your device, and search **@school**.

All parents have been emailed their personal login link, with a unique username and step by step guide on how to get started. This app is a great way to view school fee accounts, tax receipt downloads, directly notify school absences, newsletters and redirect you to the school website. If there are any questions, or if you need further assistance please contact admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or call.

Catholic Social Services Vacancy Full-Time Social Worker Position

Catholic Social Services is a faith-based professional service providing social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individuals and whanau. Offices in Ponsonby and Otara. The key function of the position is to assist families and individuals in difficulty and at risk by the provision of generic social services, responding to allocated referrals to the agency including family harm referrals from Oranga Tamariki and the Police. Networking and collaboration both within the team and the community is an important requirement.
Applications close on 24 July 2022. For more

**details, and a full position description, please visit
the Diocesan website
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/>**



Has your daughter ever thought of joining brownies? If your daughter is aged between 7 and 9, she can join Tahatu Brownies in Term Three. We meet on a Tuesday at 6-7.30pm at the scout hut in Pollard Park, 1 Waitomo Avenue. For more information, please email tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz.

If your daughter is 5-7, she might be interested in joining Pippins and if she is over 9 Guides might be for her, again for more information. Please email tracy.harkison@aut.ac.