



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

**Newsletter 12
28 Hongogoi/July 2022**

From the Principal

Tēnā koutou e hoa mā,

One of the tamariki asked me yesterday how it feels to be a principal. I replied that I feel like I'm pretending to be a grown up! However, I also feel a sense of privilege and responsibility in being trusted to steer the Good Shepherd waka this term, along with my friend and colleague Heather McLeod. We all wish Jane a successful and refreshing sabbatical. We know that tamariki, kaiako and whānau will work together to ensure that things run smoothly and happily until our principal, who we value a little more each day, returns in nine weeks and one day - not that anyone's counting.. 😊

In the Herald a couple of days ago I read a concerning article about plummeting attendance rates in schools. Along with Omicron and the flu, it seems there is an emerging issue around chronic absenteeism, with students habitually missing days of school.

Good Shepherd has a comparatively strong attendance rate. However the constant disruptions of the past two years have taken their toll and for some of us, tamariki included, motivation has been affected. We already know that our children have lost some academic ground, and we are working hard to get them back on track.

Please think very carefully before you allow your child to miss school for any non-medical reason.

Research shows that motivation usually follows action rather than the reverse. Remind your child that once they get immersed in the mahi (work) the excitement of learning will soon follow. Talk to them about making school an inviting place for all Good Shepherd whānau, not just close friends, and ask them to look out for each other in the classroom and the playground. Every single learning day is precious!

We look forward to welcoming you into the school next week to discuss your child's progress and their learning goals.

Hei konā mai,
Megan Dyer
Acting Principal

Upcoming Dates

29 July	Pyjama Day
1 August	Cook Island Week
3 & 4 August	3-way conferences
4 August	Mass for St Mary MacKillop at 9.30am
7 August	Feast of St Mary MacKillop
7 August	Pacific Fono (TBC)
8-12 August	Maths Week
12 August	Colourful Clothes Day- Student Council Fundraiser
18 August	Cultural Celebration Day
19 August	Teacher Only Day - school closed
23 August	Whole School Zoo Trip
31 August	GSS Speech Finals
1 Sept.	Eden/Albert Netball Zones
5-9 Sept.	Tongan Language Week
5-9 Sept.	Social Justice Week
6 Sept.	Eden/Albert Netball Zones Save Day
7 September	BOT election day
12-16 Sept.	Life Education Caravan
13-19 Sept.	Māori Language Week
22 September	Grandparents Day
26-30 Sept.	NZ Chinese Language Week
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

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Genevieve Vogels - You are a great role model and take initiative when leading others.

Janice Jin- You have been making a big effort with your learning and connecting with those around you.

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.

Feast of Mary MacKillop

Next Thursday we will be attending Mass to celebrate the feast of Mary MacKillop at 9:30am.

***Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus
and constant in bringing hope and
encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or in
need.***

***With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary
MacKillop***

***We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh
by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live
with courage, trust and openness.***

***Ever generous God, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

In and Around School

Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students who have started with us this term:



*Jace Watkins
Mason Wilkinson
Aurelia McHardy
Anna & Mathews Jomon*

*Enzo Velocci
Griffin Curnow
Julian McCann*

Room 9

Kapa Haka makes a significant contribution to New Zealand's national identity and to that of our school. This term we are undertaking more Kapa Haka in Connelly. Room 9 has already enjoyed learning a SIX60 song (warning it's catchy!) and practising others. Visit our [Highlights](#) site to see what else we have been up to.



Filled with the Holy Spirit

Speeches

All children are expected to prepare and give a speech in the first few weeks of this term. Year 0-1 will give a simple talk, and other year groups will present a speech



including the key features they have learnt in class. Our finals will take place on August 31. Please refer to the notice sent home this week for more details.

Sports

Footy Taster Day

On Tuesday 2 August all children in year 0-3 will be participating in a football coaching programme at school. They will bring a notice home about paying for lunchtime coaching sessions, which will begin on Tuesday 16 August in week 4. If children in year 4-6 would like to participate in the lunchtime sessions, there will be notices available at the school office.

Information for Whānau

School Board Elections - We Need You!



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.**

Health Updates

In their recent update, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly recommend that all schools



require mask wearing in all indoor settings for students in Years 4 and above. We also encourage our younger children to wear them when possible. Adult-sized masks can generally be adjusted to fit children by tying knots in the ear loops. Unite Against COVID-19 shows how to do this:

[How to wear a face mask safely – Unite Against COVID-19](#)

Please make sure that tamariki come to school ready to wear masks. Students should ideally bring masks from home but please ensure that it is clean and named, even if it is paper.

Please also remind students to cough and sneeze into their elbow, whether or not they are masked, as we are noticing some of the tamariki have forgotten about this good habit recently.

Pyjama Day

On Friday we are having a very special fundraiser. We want you to wear your pyjamas to school and bring in a gold coin donation. We are raising money for children in foster care who need warm pyjamas for the winter.



Chess in Term 3 for Yr3-Yr6

We had so much fun last term learning to play chess with Mr. McLaren! We are going to start another 10 weeks of lessons for **those who already know how to play chess.** This 10 weeks is going to be building on knowledge that is already known, not being taught from the beginning. There will be a fun school championship being held each week. You have received an email with how to sign your child up if interested. Please make sure this is done by 9am Monday 1st August. The second set of 10 lessons will begin on Monday 1st August during lunch time.

Playing on the Field

The field is very muddy now. 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

Community Consultation

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.

Please follow this [Community Consultation](#) link to complete the survey and you will need to set aside around 15 minutes.

NB if you have already completed the survey previously you do not need to complete it again.



Three Way Conferences

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are open now.

Wednesday 3 August: 2.20pm - 7.20pm

Thursday 4 August: 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Online bookings will close on Monday 1st of August at 12.00pm. We allocate 10 minutes to each child's interview. If you have multiple bookings for siblings please ensure you allow 10 minutes between interviews.

Please visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code **pqz63** for the Event Code and follow the instructions. If you require assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office.

Remember: School closes at 2.00pm on Wednesday 3 August to allow the conferences to begin so please collect your children at 2pm. OSCA will be available from 2pm. (Normal 3.00pm closing on Thursday 4 August).

Prizes please

We have been giving out prizes for extra effort, and they are proving to be a very popular source of motivation in everything from running to learning times tables! 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.

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 and we also plan to have an open day in the near future to show off our lovely school. Watch this space..

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/>

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

In Term 3 sushi will be available for lunch on the following dates:

Sushi

Friday 29 July

Friday 5 Aug

Friday 12 Aug

Thurs 18 Aug

Friday 26 Aug

Friday 2 Sep

Friday 9 Sep

Friday 16 Sep

Thurs 22 Sep

Friday 30 Sep

Pies

Wednesday 24 Aug

Wednesday 28 Sep

Orders are taken online via [Kindo](#). If you do not have an account please go to the Kindo website and set one up. You can order in advance for as many weeks as you like and it is also possible to cancel your order if your child will not be at school. Pie orders are open for the first pie day of the term and will close on Wednesday 17th August at 12pm. 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.

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.

Calendar Art 2022

CALENDAR ART 2022

KEY INFORMATION & PRICES

Kia ora Parents & Caregivers, the kids are finishing their artwork and it's nearly time to open orders!

Please expect a letter to come home with your child/ren in the next two weeks, which will include key information on how to order online.

Online Orders will open mid August, dates to be confirmed once art work is completed.

This year we are again offering:

Classic Calendar \$16

Greeting Cards 8 Pack \$16

2023 Hard Cover Diary \$20

Mouse Mat \$20

A5 Soft Cover Sketch Pad \$18

Photos of product examples are on the PTA Facebook page, and samples will be in the School Office for viewing from Mon 1 August.

For any questions, contact Anna on 021.029.70532

Girl Guides

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..

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.

For more information, please email tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz