

# Update...



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

**04 Hereturikōkā/August 2022**

## Upcoming Dates

1-6 August	Cook Island Language Week
3 & 4 August	3-way conferences
4 August	Mass for St Mary MacKillop at 9.30am
7 August	Feast of St Mary MacKillop
8-12 August	Maths Week
9 August	BOT Meeting
10 August	PTA Meeting
12 August	Colourful Clothes Day-Student Council Fundraiser
14 August	Pasifika Fono
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

## Good Shepherd Awards



**Yasmine Couch-** You are consistently caring and respectful to those around you.

**Teddy Tuibenau-** You are responsible and always modelling the GSS way for new students.

## 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.

## St Mary MacKillop

Wonderful to be back in the church this morning celebrating Mary Mackillop Day together. We also did some fun activities together.





### Room 1

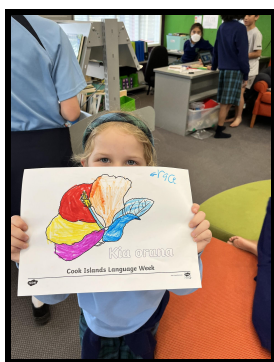
Our topic maths for the start of this term is money in Room 1. The children have been having a lot of fun learning about money. We have a clothes shop set up in our classroom where we get to role play working and being a customer in a shop! We are enjoying learning through play.



### In and Around School

#### Cook Islands Language Week

This week we are excited to share the richness of the Cook Islands language / Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani at Good Shepherd School. Our wonderful cultural leaders organised activities in the library to celebrate. For details of events and activities please visit the Ministry for Pacific Peoples website: <https://www.mpp.govt.nz/programmes/pacific-language-weeks/cook-islands-language-week-2021/>



### 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. 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 participated 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.





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.

### Pasifika Fono

We warmly invite you to our upcoming Pasifika Fono on Sunday the 14th of August from 3pm.



### Information for Whānau Conference Meitaki

Thank you to all the whānau who turned out to our conferences last night. We really appreciated all the warm feedback, affirming our work with your tamariki and they were very proud of themselves. We look forward to catching up with the rest of you today.



### Beat the Bugs this Winter

There has been lots of information about the continued risk of rising COVID-19 cases as we head into winter. At Good Shepherd School we continue to have some cases of students and teachers testing positive.

Thank you for your cooperation in not spending too much time in classrooms and in continuing to wear masks while visiting the school. We have also had high compliance with our request for students, especially those in Years 4-6, to wear masks while indoors.

Our other mitigation measures include:

- good cough and sneeze etiquette
- regular cleaning
- staying away if unwell
- good ventilation in all indoor areas

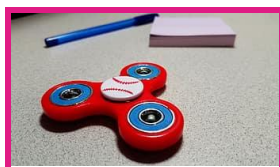
### Colourful Clothes Day

On **Friday 12 August** (week 3) we will be having a colourful clothes day (used to be called mufti day). It is a fundraiser for the student council. Please wear your own clothes to school and bring in a gold coin donation.



### Prizes Please

We have been giving out prizes for extra effort, which are a very popular source of motivation for everything from running



We are also aware of the dangers of the spread of measles, a highly infectious virus that spreads faster than COVID-19 in people who aren't immune to it. The best protection against measles is vaccination with two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Please check with your doctor if you are unsure about your own or your children's vaccination status.

Here is the link to the Beat the Bug measles resource on the ADHB website:

[https://arphs.health.nz/assets/Uploads/Resources/Disease-and-illness/Measles-Mumps-Rubella/Measles/2022/Education/Beat-the-Bugs\\_Measles-Resource\\_2022May25.pdf](https://arphs.health.nz/assets/Uploads/Resources/Disease-and-illness/Measles-Mumps-Rubella/Measles/2022/Education/Beat-the-Bugs_Measles-Resource_2022May25.pdf)

### Walking School bus

A big thank you to Meghan (Jack's Mum from room 3) who has offered to start a route from Kiwitea street in the mornings. If you are interested in joining this route please talk to Miss Irish or to Meghan directly. If any other parents are keen to start a route please email Ms Irish. Remember it's cool to walk to school!



### 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](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz).

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

### 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.

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](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

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## Sushi and Pie days

Sushi & Pie orders are now available for lunch on Fridays. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#).

**Sushi (supplied by Cafe Sushi on Dominion Rd)**

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 (supplied by Dough Boys on Dominion Rd)**

Wednesday 24 Aug

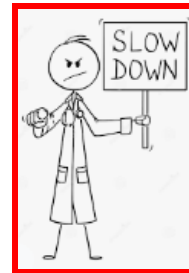
Wednesday 28 Sep

Sushi can be ordered in advance for as many weeks as you like. If your child is not going to be at school you can cancel your order up until 8.45am on Friday. Pie orders are currently open for Wednesday 24th August and will close at noon on Wednesday 17th at noon. If you have any questions please contact Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com)

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 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

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