



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 14
25 Hereturikōkā/August 2022

From the Principal
Tēnā koutou e hoa mā

This week we enjoyed our first whole-school expedition in a very long time. Our visit to the zoo was drenched in sunshine, wonder, and of course learning, which continues in the classroom.

Before we left, we spoke to our tamariki about the importance of displaying our school values of care, honesty and respect - wherever we are. We told them that we knew that staff and patrons from Auckland Zoo would be very impressed!

Sure enough, at the zoo I saw our values in action. For example care, by reaching out to other students who seemed a little downcast, honesty, by taking responsibility for their actions and correcting them before they impacted others, and respect, by opening the door for visitors who had their hands full of toddlers and pushchairs. None of us gets everything right all of the time, but each time our tamariki make an effort like this, our values become a little more part of them. At the end of the day, the children getting off the bus looked exhausted but happy.

For many children the trip outside our school environment without their parents was a new challenge. Kapai! Speaking of challenges, we have

been working on speeches lately. Like so many adults, some of our ākonga are well out of their comfort zone when addressing an audience. We applaud them in starting the journey to ensure their voice will always be heard when it needs to be - no matter how many people are listening.

Our thoughts are with the communities affected by the recent devastating weather events particularly at the top of the South Island.

Ma te atua tatou katoa e manaaki
Megan Dyer
Acting Principal

Special Character
Good Shepherd Award



Mackay Fleming- You apply yourself responsibly to all that you do.

Max Madarasz - You consistently display the Good Shepherd School values of honesty, care and respect.

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.

Upcoming Dates

31 August	GSS Speech Finals
31 August	Rescheduled PTA meeting
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
20 September	Catholic Schools Cross Country
20 September	Mix and Mingle for BOT, PTA, staff
22 September	Grandparents Day
25 September	Rescheduled Pacific Fono 3pm
26-30 Sept.	NZ Chinese Language Week
30 September	Term 3 ends
17 October	Term 4 begins
24 October	Labour day holiday
26 October	GSS Open Day
15 December	Term 4 ends

Please note that some of these dates may change

In and Around School

Room 3 & 4

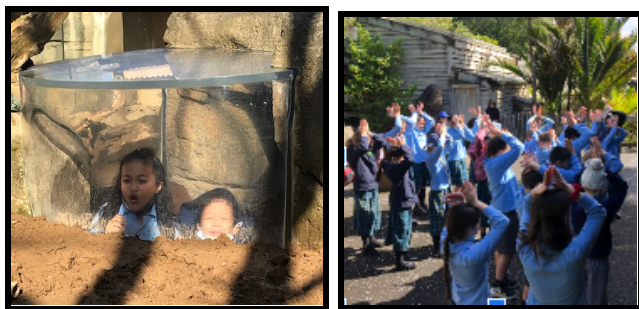
Last Thursday Good Shepherd celebrated Cultural Day. We came to school dressed in something that represented our culture. We had a wonderful day in room 3 & 4. We shared stories about the different places we come from, shared the different languages we knew and watched and did some cultural dancing.



Zoo Trip

We had an amazing day at Auckland Zoo on Tuesday. Thank you so much to all the parents and whanau who gave up their time to come along and support us. The weather was fantastic and the

children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a great way to further our inquiry into NZ birds and how they live. There were also a few very cute baby animals to spot as well!!!



Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their birthday in August:

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| David Fotofili | Lachlan Barbour |
| Rosalie Fala | Lily Millar |
| Henry Katongo | Esha Nidhin |
| Gemma Su | Saron Dawit |
| Madeline Foskin | Daniel Fotofili |
| Nellie Spencer | James Gallagher |
| Casey Soon | Ezra Mulipola |
| Arthur Blakemore | Pippa Blakemore |



Sports

Lunchtime Football Sessions

Due to our zoo trip, children missed the lunchtime football session this week. This week's session will be added on at the end, so nobody will miss out.

GSS Speech Finals

On Wednesday 31 August we will be holding our school speech finals. If your child is successful in reaching the finals, they will bring a notice home with them on Friday. The whānau of the children in the finals are invited to attend. The event will be held in the school hall from 9-11am on Wednesday.

Information for Whānau



Community Consultation **LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY**

Thank you to all the whānau who completed this survey. There are still many people who have not contributed their ideas.

We want ALL members of our school community, parents and whānau, students and staff, to play their part in this process of planning together for the future.

Please follow this [Community Consultation](#) link to complete the survey today, 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.

Cyber Safety



A few children have been bringing cellphones to school recently. If you require your child to have a cellphone at school they need to drop it in the office before school and collect it afterwards.

Please remind your tamariki to follow our school values of **Honesty, Care and Respect** when they interact in person, and when they interact online, whether or not they are using their Good Shepherd School account.

School Board Elections: Don't Forget to Vote.

Voting closes at 4pm on Wednesday 7 September 2022, make sure your vote is in the box by then.



Prizes Thank You

Thank you so much whānau, for all the lovely prizes which have been flooding in recently. We promise we will put them to very good use!

Grandparents Day

Kia ora everyone - After a covid hiatus Grandparents Day returns for 2022. It is scheduled for **Thursday the 22nd September** (with a mass at 11.30am followed by food at 12.30pm). The PTA are looking for some volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested and have the capacity to help in some way on the day please get in touch with Simone St Clair via email sstclair@eggs.school.nz or 0220291757. There are a number of different jobs such as helping with food prep, setting up, selling food etc so even if you are willing to come for just part of the day we would be grateful for your help.

Pasifika Fono

Save the date for **Sunday 25th of September**. An email will be sent out next week with further details. Please contact the office about the 'Pasifika Whanau' Whatsapp group. The communication is to keep families up to date with school events.



Healthy Tamariki

COVID-19 Guidance

- If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, the child and anyone in their household with similar symptoms should be tested for COVID-19.
- If any household members are COVID-19 positive, other household members are at high risk of becoming infected. Everyone must isolate for at least seven days from the day that the first person receives their positive test result or becomes symptomatic (whichever is earliest).
- All household contacts, including children, need to take a rapid antigen test (RAT) on day three and day seven, or sooner if they develop symptoms. A person who has had COVID-19 in the past 90 days, does not need to isolate again as a household contact.
- Anyone who experiences symptoms 29 days or longer after previous COVID-19 infection should test and will need to isolate if they test positive.

If your child:

- has been isolating with COVID 19 and is feeling well after seven days, they can return to school
- continues to be unwell and/or has symptoms after

their seven-day isolation period has ended, they should remain at home to recover until 24 hours after their symptoms end

- still feels unwell or their symptoms are worsening after ten days, they should not return to school. Call your GP or Healthline on 0800 611 116 for medical advice.

Find detailed information about COVID-19 symptoms on the Ministry of Health and Unite Against COVID-19 websites. About COVID-19 – Ministry of Health Information about COVID-19 – Unite Against COVID-19

Walking School bus

A big thank you to Meghan Buckthought (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! Meghan's email address is: meghan.baldisera@gmail.com



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.

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-school-s-2/>

Good Shepherd School Uniform Heads Up!

We are tightening up on correct uniform attire, as some children have been slipping a little bit. Please take the opportunity to 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.

Remember, 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

ElizabethMichael UNIFORMS

4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland 1021
P: 09 358 1680 • uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz • www.elizabethmichael.co.nz

Sushi

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

Sushi (supplied by Cafe Sushi on Dominion Rd)

Friday 2 Sep
Friday 9 Sep
Friday 16 Sep
Thurs 22 Sep
Friday 30 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. If you have any questions please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.

Calendar Art

Last call for Calendar Art orders!

Get your calendars, diaries, notebooks, sketchbooks, and mouse mats made with your child's artwork before our fundraiser **closes on Monday 29 August**.

It's so easy to order. Log into www.kidsartworks.com and use your child's code to view art and purchase. No code? problems? contact Anna Shaw on 021 029 70532 or annalshaw@gmail.com

CALENDAR ART 2022

**LAST FEW DAYS!
ORDERS CLOSE MON 29 AUGUST**

Our PTA fundraiser, Calendar Art is open for orders, but closing soon- don't miss out!

Get organised for the end of the year, with personalised keepsakes and gifts. For every product you buy, the school receives a couple of dollars, which goes back into the school, funding projects that benefit our children.

HOW TO ORDER:

1. Visit www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use your child's unique code to log in (No code? no problem, contact Anna)
3. View your child's art, and choose the products you would like to order
4. Why not add fun Smencils to your order for your kid's Xmas stocking or an end of year treat
5. Pay securely through the kidsartworks site

Finished products are expected to arrive towards the end of September, dates to be confirmed.

For any questions or troubleshooting, contact Anna **021 029 70532**
annalshaw@gmail.com



CENTRAL JUNIOR TOUCH

GET FIT - HAVE FUN - PLAY TOUCH

FUN summer competitions designed to encourage mass participation, affiliated to Touch NZ and the respective Provincial Touch associations.

FEARON PARK - MT ROSKILL

**7 weeks of games aligned to school terms 1 & 4
STARTS OCTOBER - WEDNESDAYS FROM 4PM**

Yr 1&2 Open | Yr 3&4 Open | Yr 5&6 Boys & Girls | Yr 7&8 Boys & Girls

**ENTER NOW AT
TOUCHRUGBY.CO.NZ**

For more info call 027 666 5668 or contact your Sports Coordinator



The Gingerbread Man

Family Show

Monday, 10 Oct 2022 - Friday, 14 Oct 2022

Approx. 50 minutes

Show times: 10:30am and 12:30pm daily

TAPAC Performing Arts Centre

100 Motions Road Western Springs.

Tickets: \$20.00

Bookings can be made at <https://www.tapac.org.nz>