

# Update...



*Te Kura o Hepara Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakaute  
Honesty Pono*

**18 Hereturikōkā/August 2022**

## Upcoming Dates

19 August	Teacher Only Day - school closed
23 August	Whole School Zoo Trip
23 August	Rescheduled BOT meeting
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 look carefully, as some of these dates have changed.*

## Good Shepherd Awards



**Samuel Lin-** *You are responsible and caring towards others and display great leadership to your peers.*

**Esha Nidhin-** *You are very helpful and respectful to all your teachers.*

## 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.

## In and Around School

### Room 2

### Cultural Day!

We celebrated Cultural Day at Good Shepherd on Thursday. Room 2 children all came in and wore their fantastic cultural clothes. Well done Room 2!





For writing we wrote about our cultures.

*I will wear my Sri Lankan dress.*

*I am from Sri Lanka.*

*We buy our special food from Bata.*

*By Suyara Hewamanage.*



### 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.

### Whole School Zoo Trip

We are all very excited about our school trip to the Auckland Zoo next week on **Tuesday 23 August**. Please ensure your child is at school by 8.30am that morning and goes straight to their classroom. They need to wear their correct school uniform and bring the following: warm jacket, packed lunch, water bottle. We will be back at school before 3pm.

### Grandparents Day

Kia ora everyone - After a covid hiatus Grandparents Day returns for 2022. It is scheduled for **Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### Information for Whānau

#### Teacher Only Day - Tomorrow Friday 19 August

The school will be closed on Friday 19 August, as the teachers will be participating in professional development.

### Tamariki Safety in Traffic

You may have noticed Constable Valentino around our Volcanic Street car park recently. We contacted him because we are concerned about the speed of cars being driven in and out of the car park and the pedestrian traffic through the area. We want to avoid closing the car park completely during drop off and pick up times, by setting the following in place:



- No child will be allowed to walk through the carpark unattended, including meeting parents in the carpark.
- If walking in or out of the school unattended children will take the footpath around the top playground and through the alleyway (see photo).
- If your child has permission to walk home or to meet you outside of the car park you will need to let your class teacher or the office know.
- No child may play on the playground after school unless directly supervised by the adult who is picking them up.



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.

### Prizes Please

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

### 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

### 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.

For your information, a member of our parent community was emailed by a scammer recently, who posed as another member of the school community and requested money. While they were obviously fake, please be vigilant as always, and check sources carefully.



### 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.



### Community Consultation PLEASE 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



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

#### *How to know if your child should stay at home*

- If a child has been unwell with a respiratory illness other than COVID-19, they can return to their school 24 hours after they have significantly improved and are behaving/eating normally.

- Following vomiting or diarrhoea, a child should be symptom free for 48 hours before they can return.

- If a child still has a runny nose or dry cough without any other symptoms such as a fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, they are unlikely to be infectious and could be considered well enough to attend school.

- In general, a doctor's certificate or clearance should not have to be provided for a child to go back to their early learning service/education facility after being unwell.

- Any child who has a runny nose after a change in temperature – for example, moving from outdoors to indoors – or sneezes due to obvious stimuli (such as the sun or dust) does not need to be sent home.

- Hay fever and other allergies can show similar symptoms to the common cold such as sneezing, a runny or stuffy nose and coughing. If a child has a history of allergic symptoms and shows one or more of these symptoms, or an itchy face (especially around the eyes or throat), consider if hay fever or an allergy could be the cause. You may want to check with the child's caregiver to confirm.

#### **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](mailto: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](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.

Thurs 22 Sep  
Friday 30 Sep

## Pies (supplied by Dough Boys on Dominion Rd)

Wednesday 24 Aug

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.

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

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

Friday 26 Aug  
Friday 2 Sep  
Friday 9 Sep  
Friday 16 Sep

