

Update...



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
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Honesty Pono*

15 Mahuru/September 2022

Upcoming Dates

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 September	Public Holiday for Queen Elizabeth II
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



Ezra Mulipola- You are considerate of others and always make the right choices.

Francis Pildtich- You have been extending yourself and working hard in the classroom

In and Around School

Room 5

This week has been a busy week in Room 5. We have been learning about the Māori language, culture, animals and history for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. We have also spent some time in the Life Education Caravan learning about resilience.





Public Holiday

The school will be **closed** on **Monday 26 September for a public holiday**. This is a one off holiday to honour and remember Queen Elizabeth II.

Sept 22 Grandparents Day: Only One Week to Go

We are so looking forward to welcoming our Grandparents back to GSS. The day is fast approaching and we still need your help.

Please deliver your baking to the school reception on the morning of **Thursday September 22**. Please label and if you are doing any gluten/dairy free/nut free baking please label it accordingly. Any containers that you want back should be labelled too.

We are operating **cash only** on the day. So please send your children and grandparents with cash. There will be a sausage sizzle as well as bake sale.

Here is the outline of the day:

11.30 am- Mass in the church

12.30 pm- Classroom visits with your whānau

1.00pm-1.45pm- Lunchtime (food and drink will be on sale)

1.45pm- Bell will ring for children to go back to class and whānau to make their way to the turf (if the weather is bad the performances will be in the hall).

2.00 pm- Performances

2.30pm- Children back to class for the rest of the afternoon. ***If whānau want to take children home at 2.30pm they need to go back to the classroom and speak to the classroom teacher.***

On behalf of the PTA thank you for supporting this event.

Year 6 Drama Club

The year 6 drama club will be showing their performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Wednesday 28 September. It will begin at 2pm in the school hall. Invitations will be sent out to whānau who have children involved in the show. Unfortunately we can't invite everybody, as we don't have enough space in the hall.

Information for Whānau

Board of Trustees Election

Ngā mihi whānau for having your say, and thank you to those people who put their hand up to become a part of our BoT team.



After an exciting few weeks we can now announce the results of our elections - a very close competition indeed.

First we acknowledge our departing members, Aaron DeLacey, Nicola Maddox, Bianca Prentice, and Graeme Twose. We thank you for your hard work and service, and also for the positive impact that you have made on our school and ākongā. We wish you all the very best.

Next we acknowledge and congratulate our remaining members Stephen Rewcastle, Mele Kautoke, Mons Bernard Kiely, Daniel Erickson and Heather McLeod. Carla Butcher will also be remaining as our minute secretary. We thank you for the mahi you have already put in, and for your willingness to stay onboard the GSS BoT waka.

Lastly, congratulations to our newly selected members Elton Gomes, Bridget Spencer, Kate Hagemeister, Eparama Tuibenau and Bradley St Clair. We look forward to working closely alongside you in the years to come.

New and old members of the BoT, together with our PTA, are warmly invited to our Mix and Mingle which will take place in the staffroom at 6pm on

September 20 2022

*Please RSVP to Heather McLeod
hmcLeod@goodshepherd.school.nz*

Health Consultation

It is a legal requirement for schools to consult with their communities regarding the delivery of the health education components of the New Zealand Curriculum, every two years. The first section of the document will give you some information about Good Shepherd School's health programmes and this is followed by a survey that will give you an opportunity to give us feedback or to make comments on our delivery of the health curriculum.

Please follow this [Health Curriculum Survey](#) link to complete the survey today, it will only take five minutes. The last day to complete this survey is Friday 23 September.

Sports

Catholic Schools Cross Country

This event is happening on Tuesday 20 September at Monte Cecilia Park in Hillsborough. The children who represented GSS at the Eden/Albert cross country zones will be attending this event.

HOT HOUSE CHALLENGE - SAVE THE DATE!

That's right, after a few long years, the PTA is looking to bring back the **Hot House Challenge**, with **19 November** the date we are working towards. Block it out in your calendars!

For new families, the Hot House Challenge is a fun outdoor obstacle course for students to complete, with a few splashes and slides along the way!

This year the PTA is keen to use the day as a 'mini-fair' and we are hoping to include some stalls and maybe even a white elephant sale. Of course, this takes some organising, so we are calling on any parents out there keen to help out to get in touch. We'll need some muscle (calling on some Dads and the Holy Fathers here) to help get the course set up, and then general help to organise other activities on the day. If anyone is keen could you please flick me an email on brad.st.clair@gmail.com and I will be in touch with how you can help.

A Message from the Gatt Family

The Gatt family wish to extend their utmost gratitude for all the love and support given from the Good Shepherd community. We know Celia had her own special relationships with many of you and we thank you all for being there for us at this sad and difficult time.

Healthy Tamariki

Mask wearing is no longer required for our tamariki. However, should you or your tamariki feel more comfortable continuing to wear a mask this is perfectly fine. At this time of year it can be difficult to distinguish between allergies and a cold, so you might also consider asking your child to wear a mask if they have a runny nose for example.

Ākongā who are household contacts, but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, can continue to attend school now, as long as they complete a negative RAT test each day, for five days. School is the best place for them to be.

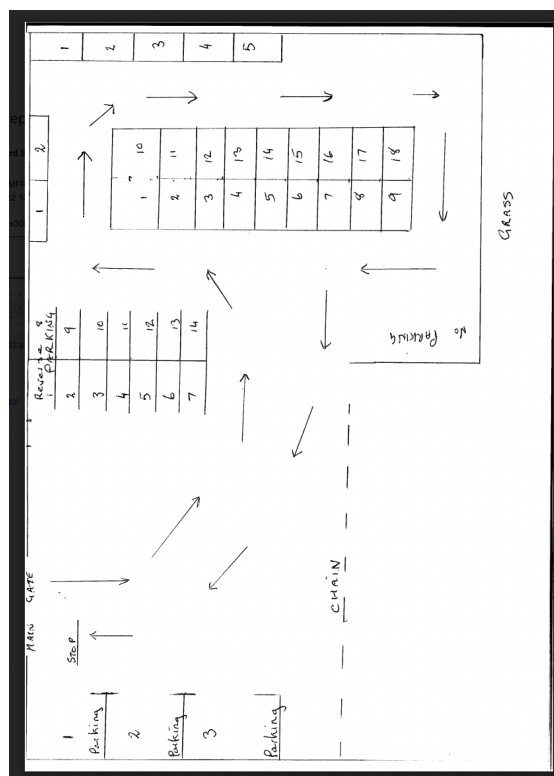
Information on how to get RAT kits can be found [here](#).

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Safe Tamariki

We continue to work on making our top carpark safer. Thank you for your patience as Sharyn trials a safety plan for parking. Please look carefully at the diagram for parking and direction and if you are unsure, please see Sharyn.

- Remember **no** child is allowed to walk through the carpark unattended, including meeting parents in the carpark. Children with permission to walk must take the footpath around the top playground and through the alleyway as per diagram. Please also take this route if you are walking out of the school with your child.



Prizes Please

Another big ngā mihi for all the generous donations of prizes that continue to come into our school.

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 and we have scheduled an **Open Day** for **October 26**.

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

Start preparing for summer uniforms!!

Students are expected to be in full summer uniform starting Term 4, Monday October 17 and through to the end of Term 1, 2023.

Summer Uniform: Students wear summer uniforms in Terms 4 & 1. This includes black sandals and a wide-brim school hat.

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

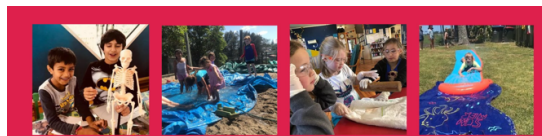
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Sushi and Pie days

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

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.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Bookings NOW OPEN

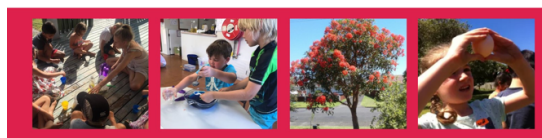
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CENTRAL JUNIOR TOUCH

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>