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**Newsletter 16**  
**22 Mahuru/September 2022**

### From the Principal

What an incredible demonstration of love and gratitude for Queen Elizabeth II has been shown over the past few days! 250,000 people queued patiently for up to 24 hours at a time just to pay their respects, and the number of people who tuned in to her funeral was estimated to be in the billions!

Whatever our stance on the monarchy, we cannot deny the strength, integrity and incredible work ethic of Queen Elizabeth II, who carried herself with dignity through all of her 70 years of service.

One Herald article described a personal side of Queen Elizabeth. Her eight grandchildren remember her as playful and proud. Apparently she described each one of them as her "favourite" at various times. Queen Elizabeth was homeschooled, and she was especially proud of her grandchildren being educated to degree level.

Of course we don't need to be reminded of how special grandparents are. It has been wonderful to finally welcome ours back for our celebratory day today. The fact that it hasn't happened in a while made it even better.

This is the last time I will contribute to the newsletter as principal, so I would like to express my gratitude to the whānau and kaiako of Good Shepherd School, for their kindness and support. I am sure Jane's own granddaughters will be looking forward to her return and I suspect our Good Shepherd whānau are equally excited! I think Jane will be delighted to hear how well we have worked together during her absence.

I wish you a peaceful Queen Elizabeth II memorial day on Monday.

Kia tau te rangimārie  
Megan Dyer, Acting Principal

### Special Character Good Shepherd Award



**Daniel Fotofili**- You have been making a big effort to be kind and caring to others.

**Mackenzie Taito**- for taking responsibility for your learning and being nurturing to younger children.

### Upcoming Dates

25 September	Rescheduled Pacific Fono 3pm
26 September	Public Holiday for Queen Elizabeth II
26-30 Sept.	NZ Chinese Language Week
28 September	PTA Meeting
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

#### Grandparents Day Yippee!

Ngā mihi **NUI** to our guests, our PTA, our kaiako, Mons Bernard, our talented young performers and basically the whole of our GSS community, for coming together to make this day of joy and celebration!





### 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.



### Sport

#### Catholic Schools Cross Country

On Tuesday a group of 17 children represented Good Shepherd School at the Catholic Schools Cross Country at Monte Cecilia Park. It was a very tough course and they all did extremely well. We are all super proud of the team.

### Room 9

Room 9 has been working hard on their writing. They wrote some fantastic Father's day cards to their family.



## Information for Whānau

### BoT and PTA

We enjoyed a lovely occasion with our PTA and BoT on Tuesday. We took the opportunity to acknowledge our departing, remaining and new BoT members, our PTA, and our teachers. It was very encouraging to hear such positive affirmation for the Good Shepherd teaching team from the Board and PTA as well. Ngā mihi!

*Please join us next week for our PTA meeting in the staffroom at **7.30pm** on **September 28**.*

### Reading, Maths and Prizes

Some of you might be wondering what we do with all the lovely prizes which have been flooding in recently. We have been putting them to very good use!



We are not just using them for running effort. The other day we handed out 50 for reading, along with free pizza discs for Hell's Pizza. (We don't like the name either but free pizza is surprisingly motivating..🍕🍕) These children have shown extra-strong progress in reading recently. We call this accelerated progress and we love it! Our efforts around post-lockdown catch-up might be paying off! 😊 Well done whānau and kaiako!

Another use is times tables. Our mission is to let no child leave Good Shepherd School without knowing them all. In fact we would like to have them all learnt by the end of year four! This term some of our ākonga have learnt the entire set in a matter of weeks, using good old-fashioned flashcards and bribery!

Some of your tamariki might bring home flashcards and extra reading material in the holidays as an extra learning boost. Please look out for this, and support them in their efforts.

Keep those prizes coming if you can. Small items such as fancy pens, rubber balls or erasers are manageable and motivating.

### Pasifika Fono

**This Sunday 25th of September.** The first face-to-face fono this year. Please contact the office about the 'Pasifika Whanau' Whatsapp group. The communication is to keep families up to date with school events.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

### PASIFIKA FONO

Theme: Continuing Connections

Connecting face to face after our first introduction via Zoom.  
It was warming to reconnect with each other after such a long time.  
May we come together again as we continue to strengthen our ties.

When: 25 September Sunday, 2022  
Where: Good Shepherd School Staff room

Time: 3pm-5pm

Please bring a plate of food to share, we also warmly extend the invite for your children and Extended family members. Children can play on the turf or playground.  
Please bring them along, this space is shared for them too.

Please RSVP to: [admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)  
By 20 September 2022

### 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.

### Hot House Challenge - Save The Date!

As previously mentioned, 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! If anyone is keen to assist, could you please flick me an email on [brad.st.clair@gmail.com](mailto:brad.st.clair@gmail.com) and I will be in touch with how you can help.

### Cyber Safety

Please be extra vigilant for an email purported to be from 'Fr Bernard Kiely' asking for money for vouchers or similar. Many of our Good Shepherd community have been targeted by this scammer recently.



As always, check sources and validity very carefully, especially where money is involved.

### 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

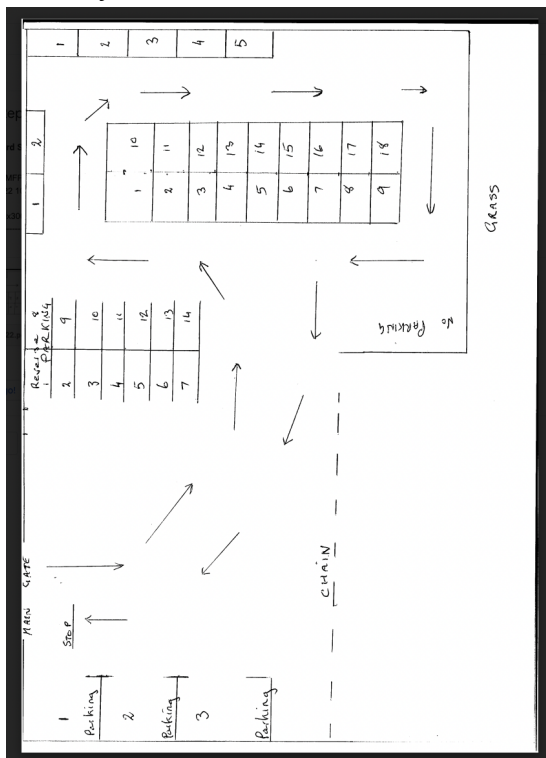
minutes. The last day to complete this survey is Friday 23 September.

### Safe Tamariki

Our top car park has been much calmer lately. As someone reminded me the other week, a delegated whānau carpark is a rarity in any school. We would like to avoid closing it during drop off and pick up times, so let's continue to collaborate together to make it work safely.

If you haven't already, please look carefully at the diagram for parking and direction and if you are unsure, please see Sharyn about the system she is trialling.

- 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.



### 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. We have an open day coming up next term so watch this space...

### 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 Summer Uniform

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.

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](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

### ElizabethMichael UNIFORMS

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## Weetbix Tryathlon

Weetbix Tryathlon entries are open! It's a great day out for the kids and a really satisfying physical challenge. We have entered a group for the South Auckland Event on November 30th at Mountfort Park in Manurewa.

### Register Here

<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/south-auckland/>

When you register an individual, there will be a place to enter as a part of a group - search for Good Shepherd School.



## 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



## Sushi

Sushi orders are available for lunch on Fridays. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](https://www.kindo.co.nz/).

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](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com)

Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.

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