



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 17

20 Whiringa-Ā-Nuku/September 2022

### From the Principal

Fakaalofa atu

Thank you all for your wonderful welcome back this week! It was a great privilege to take time out for personal professional development, reflection and rejuvenation, and now I am very excited to be back at Good Shepherd, and especially to see the children again. I am also immensely grateful to the team at school for making this time out possible.

A school term is always busy and this term we particularly look to our senior students to make the most of their final few weeks of primary school. At Good Shepherd we have a strong focus on creating ethical leaders for the future. We are proud of these young people who will continue to grow in their servant leadership, with Jesus, the Good Shepherd as their role model.

We begin this term by celebrating *Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue, Niue Language Week*. Vagahau Niue has been registered with UNESCO as an endangered language and we show solidarity with our Niuean whānau as they sustain vagahau Niue and cultures for future generations.

Please remember in your prayers our school families who have lost loved ones recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time. We also offer our prayers for all those in our community who are suffering illness.

Te Atua ki a koe  
God bless

**Jane Hahn**

## Upcoming Dates

21 October	Colourful clothes and Chocolate day
24 October	Labour day holiday
26 October	GSS Open Day
01 November	All Saints Day
01 November	Board of Trustees meeting
02 November	All Souls Day
02 November	PTA meeting
08 November	Good Shepherd Athletics Day
10 November	Athletics Save Day
11 November	Teachers only day
15 November	School Photos
19 November	Hot House Challenge
22 November	Eden/Albert Zone Athletics
26 November	Albert/Eden Cultural Festival
30 November	Bike Safety Programme
01 December	Bike Safety Programme
03 December	Eden Park Performance - Choir
06 December	Board of Trustees meeting
07 December	End of Year Mass
12 December	Reports home
14 December	Christmas Concert
15 December	Year 6 - Pt Erins Pool celebration
15 December	Term 4 ends

*Please note that some of these dates may change*

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Award



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

**Ava Bolton-** You display the Good Shepherd Way by being positive and always giving things a go.

## In and Around School

### Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students that started at the beginning of term 4:

*Arlo Ryan  
Charlotte & Marcus Kennerley*

## Room 8

As part of the school prayers, Room 8 sang Hoki Mai on the first day of Term 4 to welcome Mrs Hahn back. Hoki Mai is a traditional Māori song normally sung to welcome heroes home. Everyone at school has been very excited about Mrs Hahn coming back and wanted to make Mrs Hahn feel very special and welcome on her return. Besides Room 8's welcome song, all the other classes did something very special as part of the welcome for Mrs Hahn, based on the School Council's great ideas.

Here are the tasks the school has done:

Room 1: Tidy up outside R1 and R2

Room 2: Teddy and Eden tidy up Mrs Hahn's office

Room 3 & 4: Tidy up gardens outside the office

Room 5: Tidy up the Prayer Garden

Room 6: Tidy up the uptop area

Room 7: Welcome card with messages from all classrooms

Room 8: Welcome song

Room 9: Welcome banner and poster



Room 8 children singing Hoki Mai to welcome Mrs Hahn back.

## Sport

### Athletics Practice and Correct Sportswear

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for our athletics by practising the events. Children should bring a change of clothes and their sneakers; Year 4-6 children should bring their PE uniform and sneakers. Please make sure that they come prepared for this as it is a very important part of our school programme. As the weather warms up, having children (especially older children) practise sport in their school uniform when they forget their PE gear is not ideal for anyone. Children who are unable to participate in PE need to bring a note from home.

## Information for Whānau

### Colourful Clothes Day

On **Friday 21 October**, we will be having a '**Colourful Clothes and Chocolate**' day, where all children can wear clothing of their choice, to welcome in the final term of the year. Each child will bring in a block of chocolate that day, to be used for the 'Chocolate Toss' at the Hot House Challenge. For any new parents, this super popular game involves kids trying to toss coins to land on and win chocolate bars.



### Gearing up for the HOT HOUSE CHALLENGE November 19

Some very tempting Jolly Jars have arrived in school this week. Thank you! Please fill a jar with small eye-catching novelty items and maybe a few sweets and drop it to us soon. Also, don't forget to drop off any books and toys that you have finished with but are still in great condition.



### Reading, Maths and Prizes

Big Kapai to all the GSS students who have been working extra hard on their times tables lately. And thanks again whānau for the incentive prizes.



### Good Shepherd School Open Day

**Wednesday 26 October 9.30am - 2.30pm**

We are looking forward to opening the school gates to interested visitors to our school next week. Please pass the word around your friends and whānau including through social media, as we love to share the work we do here.

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

26 October 2022 9:30am - 2:30pm

30 Telford Avenue  
Balmoral  
Auckland  
09 6204962

Together we Learn and Care

## Year Six Save The Date!!

All Good Shepherd 2022 Year 6 graduates are invited to come to POINT ERIN POOLS – Shelly Beach Road, Herne Bay, for a last celebration with their friends and whānau, for a pool party

Date: 15th DECEMBER 2020 (last day of school)

Time: 4 – 6pm

Details and a call for volunteers to follow. Many thanks, Tracy and Kelly.

## 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.



## Walking School bus

A big thank you to Meghan Buckthought (Jack's Mum from Room 3/4) 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)



Kidical Mass is a short but exciting group bike ride for tamariki and whānau from Queens Wharf to Silo Park, ending in a BYO group picnic. This free event is on Saturday 29 October, 9:45am – 1 pm. Kidical Mass is a fun morning designed to get families out and about in numbers and to promote riding a bike as a climate-positive transport choice amongst families and young people. Feel free to dress up - capes, colours, onesies, pyjamas, anything goes! Learn more and grab a FREE ticket now: [bit.ly/KidicalMassAKL2022\\_Tickets](https://bit.ly/KidicalMassAKL2022_Tickets)



## 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

## Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints at Good Shepherd School

We value our community culture at Good Shepherd School. When dealing with any concerns and complaints that may arise, we keep at the forefront our core values of care, respect and honesty. If you have an issue, please follow this [link](#) which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

## 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

Term 4 has begun and all students should now be in their full summer uniform.

*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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P: 09 358 1680 • [uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz](mailto:uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz) • [www.elizabethmichael.co.nz](http://www.elizabethmichael.co.nz)

### Sushi & Pie Days

Orders are now open on Kindo for sushi orders for Term 4. There will be sushi available on Fridays from Week 1 - 8. There will be no sushi in Week 9.

There will be pie days on Tuesday 8th November and Tuesday 6th December. Orders for the November pie day are open now and will close at noon on Tuesday 1st November.

If you do not have a Kindo account it is quick and easy to set one up [here](#).

If you have any questions, please email Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com). Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who help make this lunch service possible. Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.



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

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- » Jumping
- » Throwing
- » Smiling

- AUCKLANDS FRIENDLIEST CLUB -

Summer Clubnights  
 October 2022 to March 2023  
 Tuesday Nights from 6.00pm  
 Margaret Griffen Park

- COACHING, COMPETITION & COMMUNITY -

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