



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

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Newsletter 18

03 Whiringa-Ā-Rangi/November 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Thank you for your support in keeping your children home on Friday 11 November (or for using it as a long weekend break away). It will be a very useful day for our teachers as we spend time on professional learning and development in two important curriculum areas - Mathematics and Statistics and the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories curriculum.

Along with literacy, numeracy is a foundational learning area that is key to a student's progress, achievement, wellbeing and success. Whānau are key partners in developing key knowledge and skills in mathematics. You may find that the way children learn mathematical concepts in the classroom today looks quite different from your experience of the subject, so please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher, or any of us, about mathematics teaching and learning. We love maths at Good Shepherd and want to foster positive mathematical identities and mindsets in our tamariki. If you are looking for practical ideas on how you can help maths learning at home, you can visit our website, or the NZMaths [learning at home](#) website.

Like all schools in Aotearoa New Zealand, Good Shepherd is on a journey to ensure that all our students learn how our unique histories have shaped our present day lives. This has provided us with the opportunity to develop a local curriculum in collaboration with whānau, hāpori (local community) and iwi. It is a very exciting time to be a learner in our country and we look forward to further

conversations with you about both these curriculum areas.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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
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 Erin Pool celebration
15 December	Term 4 ends

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Award



Lennox Prentice- *You have a positive attitude towards school and have taken up leadership responsibilities.*

Leanna McKinnon- *You display the GSS way by being helpful and supportive to others*

Sacramental Programme Update

The Reconciliation programme scheduled for this term has been postponed until next year. We will be in touch with this year's families with updated information in due course.

In and Around School

Room 3 & 4

In Room 3 & 4 we have been learning about how to be a good friend and what makes a good friend. All year we have been working on celebrating our uniqueness and individuality. This relates well to our RE topics and our Mitey topic. During the God strand in RE, we discussed the seasons and God's creations and how beautiful and unique they all are (including us!). In Mitey, we have been learning about our feelings and how to express our feelings to others. We realise it's important to value others' opinions and their emotions.



'Friends come in all different shapes and sizes just like a beautiful bunch of flowers'



*'The seasons reflect God's Presence'
- Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8*

Sport

GSS Athletics Day - Tuesday 8 November (week 4)

Morning - 9.45am - 11.45am approximately:

Year 4-6 - Track Events

Year 0-3 - Field Events

Afternoon - 12.00pm - 2.00pm approximately:

Year 4-6 - Field Events

Year 0-3 - Track Events

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.

Meet the Staff

Back by popular demand - thanks to Heather Rewcastle! This week we feature Miss Pyles...

	Hometown: Union, Kentucky	2 years at Good Shepherd	She was a cheerleader for 22 years then after she moved here she taught herself NZSL.
	One dog named Aero		
	Room 5 teacher	Favourite film: Lilo and Stitch	
	MEET THE STAFF MISS PYLES		

Information for Whānau

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to **Niko Glavas** and his family who started with us recently.

Birthdays

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

★ **Evangeline Barry**

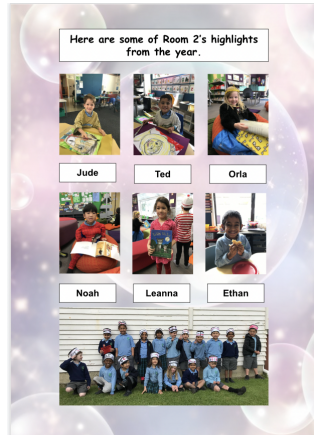
- ★ [Naomi Buddell](#)
- ★ [Isabella & Thomas Carlin-Shadbolt](#)
- ★ [Phoebe Carlsen](#)
- ★ [Ris Maven Jinesh](#)
- ★ [Anna Jomon](#)
- ★ [Xavier McKinnel](#)
- ★ [Abigail Wright](#)
- ★ [Nimilote Fotofili](#)
- ★ [Monet Raumati-Greenhalgh](#)
- ★ [Arlo Ryan](#)



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS NOW!!

Our 2022 yearbook provides you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at school. The 2022 yearbook is bigger and better than ever before. All of our junior and senior students are celebrated in this glossy, professionally bound book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers.

Yearbooks cost \$25 (apologies for last week's misprint) and can be purchased on [Kindo](#). To open a Kindo account please follow this [link](#) and select join up.



HOT HOUSE CHALLENGE - WE NEED YOU!

We are less than a month out from the Hot House Challenge /MiniFair (November 19). The PTA needs your help!

The Holey Fathers run the Challenge so we are calling all dads to help with running the obstacle course, setting up and packing down, and generally making sure everyone has an awesome day. It's a great way to get to know some other dads, so if you're interested in helping out, please email holeyfathers@gmail.com.

We also need parent volunteers to help set up, BBQ, sell food and drinks, manage stalls and help with the clean up. Again, it's a great way to meet other parents and there is a range of different jobs/times you can sign up for. If you have any questions feel free to ask anyone on the PTA or email simone.stclair@live.com.



Here is a link to the sign up form.

<https://volunteersignup.org/EE9CL>

We are looking for any craft and seedlings for the stall at the hot house challenge please contact Tracy tracy.harkison@aut.ac.nz.

Keep the Jolly Jars, Toys, Books, coming in. Once again - thank you everyone for the ongoing support you have given the PTA this year.

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 2022 (last day of school)

Time: 4pm – 6pm

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

Swimming Pool

A limited number of keys are available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Keys are available for purchase from 8.45am on Monday 21 November 2022. Please note we are only accepting cash (no online payments). Keys will be allocated on a first come first basis, to families who present a completed hire form and payment. In fairness to all families we are not accepting reservations for keys or allocating keys prior to Monday 21 November. Please find the hire form link [here](#), or at the school office.

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



Enviro Club

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Enviro Club's garden sale last week. We raised \$82 in total. Thank you for your continued support. If

anyone would like some worm juice as fertiliser we still have some available.



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. 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.

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 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, Moosies and Pie days

Moosies are available to buy most Fridays, for two dollars. Please make sure your child has their coin in a safe place before lunchtime.

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 Wednesday 9th November and Tuesday 6th December. Orders for the November pie day have closed.

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. 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.