



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 20

01 Hakihea/December 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent, the season of the Church year during which we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We are all looking forward to sharing with you the wonderful occasions, both in school and parish, that this special time brings. In the busyness of this time of year, let us not forget the real reason behind Christmas.

We are certainly busy around the school during these weeks, as you can see from all the information contained in this newsletter. It is a time of some sadness as we farewell our senior students, and in some cases their families, from our Good Shepherd community. We are proud of them and we know they will be great role models of the special values of our school - Care/Manaaki, Respect/Whakaute and Honesty/Pono - and we are confident that they will thrive at intermediate school.

We are also saying haere rā to some of our teachers at the end of the year. We wish Miss Irish, Mr Wong, Miss Pyles and Miss Pool every blessing as they pursue other opportunities in their careers. We thank them for their contributions to the Good Shepherd community, for the skills and talents that they have shared with us and for the commitment they have shown as part of our team.

As we look ahead now to the promise and excitement of new beginnings in 2023, we are finalising our organisation for the year. We are fully staffed and will introduce the new members of our team to you in the next newsletter.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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| 05 December | Board of Trustees meeting - 7PM |
| 07 December | End of Year Mass - 5:30 PM |
| 09 December | Sports/Performance Assembly - 2PM |
| 12 December | Reports home |
| 14 December | Christmas Concert - 6PM |
| 15 December | Year 6 - Pt Erin Pool celebration - 4PM |
| 15 December | Term 4 ends - 2PM |

Please note that some of these dates may change

Special Character

Good Shepherd Award



Manny Puyat- you have a positive attitude and are engaged in the classroom.

Zoyi Karouta- you model our school values by being a caring and enthusiastic class member.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

5pm Christmas Eve - Children's Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass (with Carol Service from 11.30pm)
9.30am Christmas Day Mass



Memorial Service for Celia Rose Gatt

Thursday 8 December at 2.15pm

Next week we will have a memorial service for this precious girl, ex-student of Good Shepherd School and sister of Vincent in Year 6. This will take place in our Remembrance Garden, and will be led by Monsignor Bernard. Celia's family have conveyed to us their gratitude for all the love and support they have received from the Good Shepherd community.



Good Shepherd End-of-Year and Graduation Mass

Wednesday 7 December at 5.30pm

Please make sure that this time is set aside for our last formal gathering as a community for the year, when we thank God for all the blessings of 2022, and farewell our senior students. Students are required to be at school and meet on the turf at 5pm in their full school uniform.

In and Around School

Birthdays

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

- ★ *Eva Craig-Rivera*
- ★ *Rasheli Dias*
- ★ *Samuel Erickson*
- ★ *Eden Gullery*
- ★ *Isabel Hagemeister*
- ★ *Ayrestyn-Skye Leger*
- ★ *Sharelle Lemalu*
- ★ *Ao ran Liu*
- ★ *Hugo Madarasz*
- ★ *Siaki Sundin*
- ★ *Griffin Tangitau*
- ★ *Tyler Tuala-Soon*
- ★ *William Woods*



Special Celebration Assembly



The number of parents and whānau who came to the Special Assembly last Friday is testament to how highly Sharyn and Msgr Bernard are regarded in our community. Memories of these two special people were shared by the children and items prepared for their enjoyment, including lots of Australian songs for Sharyn and 'This Little Light of Mine' for Fr Bernard. We thank you both from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do and have done for our Good Shepherd family.

Cultural Festival a Huge Success!

On Saturday 26 November our amazing tamariki performed at the Albert/Eden cultural festival held at Rocket Park. Our Fijian, Samoan and Irish dance groups made us all proud on stage. Vinaka, fa'afetai and míle buíochas to Eparama Tuibenau, Emma Tuitama, Clare Fala and their amazing team of helpers.



And of course to all of our talented dancers. You were wonderful! Please scroll to the end of this

newsletter to see the photos above enlarged. Also check out our [HIGHLIGHTS](#) site for even more..

Hot House Challenge 2022
Congratulations to everyone from **Sheppard House** who attended this fabulous Holey Fathers and PTA event and **WON**.



A special thanks to our Holey Fathers for once again organising a fantastic day for our tamariki. The PTA would also like to thank everyone for their support for the stalls on the day - they raised nearly \$3,000 which will go towards providing extra resources for our children.

The Holey Fathers have been rather quiet over the last two years but they are keen to get up and running again! They run casual social events and support the school with a good deed, like a working bee. Drop an email with your name and mobile number to holeyfathers@gmail.com

Gutterball Gold

Anyone remember this game from school? We dug these out from the back of the PE shed. Great for hand-eye coordination and a nice addition to help term four run smoothly.

Ngā mihi to Angela and Gary from [Royal Oak Racquets Club](#) for the generous donation of tennis balls. Amazing how quickly we get through them. If you are thinking of getting your tamariki into tennis either seriously or just for fun, Royal Oak is the place to go, and they are the people to see. Great social club for adults of all abilities as well.



Room 9

This term room 9 has been learning 'how to build up a happy classroom' by drawing a waka and sticking our photos on it. We write our school values on the waka as it reminds us to paddle together to reach our destination. Room 9 also enjoyed playing Gutter Board during our P.E session.



Sport

Athletics certificates will be handed out during our Sports/Performance assembly **on Friday 9 December (week 8)**. This assembly will be in the afternoon, beginning at 2pm on the turf.

Information for Whānau

Safety in the Car Park

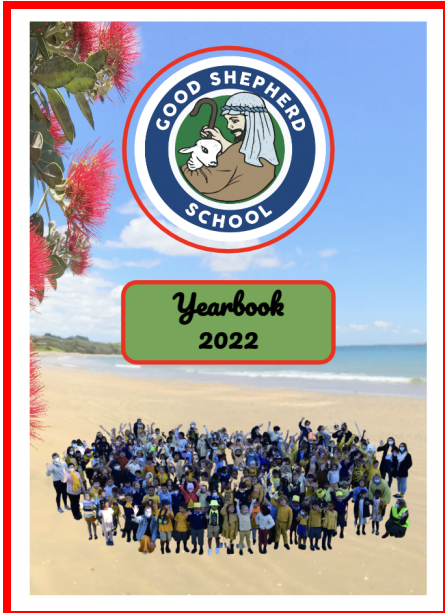
You will all be aware of the work we have done around keeping children safe during drop off and pick up times. This is an important reminder that the cones in the Volcanic Street car park are there for a reason. **Please do not drive through them.** They provide a safe area for our children to make their way to and from school.

Good Shepherd PTA

The last meeting of our PTA took place last night. The PTA is directly responsible for providing many of the extra resources and experiences enjoyed by all Good Shepherd children and we are very grateful for their commitment to our community. We would like at this time to especially acknowledge Tracy and Kelly who have been heavily involved in the PTA during their children's time at the school - thank you!

The first meeting of the PTA for 2023 will be on 21 February and you are all invited to attend - remember, if you are a parent at Good Shepherd School you are automatically a member of the PTA.

CURRENT RUN OF YEARBOOKS SOLD OUT! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Our beautiful 2022 yearbooks have arrived and they are bigger and better than ever before! Huge ngā mihi to all of the teachers for contributing to this impressive and professional record of our students and their activities at school. I also thank our year six journalists Elizabeth, Zoyi, Elijah and Heather for their outstanding photography; along with all the whānau who shared their best shots with us over the year.

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.

If you have already purchased a yearbook you may collect this at the office now. If you have not yet purchased, we have ordered more yearbooks which should arrive before the end of the term, so please purchase yours ASAP.

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

Year Six Graduating Class Pool Party

Good Shepherd Year six students for 2022 are invited to celebrate together:

Date: Thursday 15 December (last day of school)

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Place: Point Erin Pools – Shelly Beach Road, Herne Bay

Cost: \$15 (to be paid in advance)

Tickets are available to purchase [via Kindo](#). The cost includes pool entry, party food and drinks in a reserved area.

An email will be sent out with further information this week.

Swimming Pool

Available now, get in quick!

A limited number of keys are available for hire by Good Shepherd School families for this summer. Keys are available for purchase from the school office after 8.45am. 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. Please find the hire form link [here](#), or at the school office.

Potters Park Christmas Carols

Come along and support the GSS Choir performing on 11 December. 5pm - 7:30pm at Potters Park 173 Balmoral Road, Mount Eden.



Good Shepherd Christmas Concert Wednesday 14 December

6:00pm children report to teacher ready for concert to begin at 6:30pm

You are warmly invited to the Good Shepherd Christmas Concert. All classes will perform a Christmas item and we hope you will join in the carol singing in between items. Bring your own picnic dinner and the PTA will be providing a sausage sizzle. Once the concert is finished, children will be under the supervision of their parents. The event will finish at 8.00pm.

So come along with your picnic rugs, and join us as we celebrate this special time of year with the children of Good Shepherd.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Baskets

Each classroom in the school has a 'Giving Basket' that will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year for Christmas. Rooms 3, 5, 7, 9 are collecting wrapped gifts (please label these with boy/girl and which age group they suit) and Rooms 1, 4, 6, 8 are collecting non-perishable food items. All gifts and food items are greatly appreciated at

this happy time of the year when we can give back to our local community. The boxes will be delivered to the St Vincent de Paul after the Christmas Concert.

School Accounts

Thank you to our families for giving attention to paying the Attendance Dues for 2022. We are also grateful to those who have paid the donations as these help us to provide the excellent facilities and resources we enjoy at Good Shepherd School. Please do not hesitate to contact Ilana in the school office if you have any questions or queries about school accounts.

Attendance Dues 2023

The attendance dues will be increasing for the 2023 year to \$122 per term per child.

ATTENDANCE DUES

Attendance Dues are used to pay for building related costs at Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. Paying Attendance Dues is a condition of enrolment for all students attending New Zealand Catholic Schools. Attendance Dues are compulsory – there is a legal requirement for parents and caregivers to pay Attendance Dues under the Education and Training Act 2020.

ATTENDANCE DUES ARE:

| 2023 | PRIMARY STUDENTS | SECONDARY STUDENTS |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| per year (incl. GST) | \$488 | \$956 |
| per term (incl. GST) | \$122 | \$239 |

Health Consultation Survey

Thank you to all in our community who filled in the Health Consultation Survey last term. The following themes could be identified from the responses:

- Many respondents mentioned daily fitness/physical activity/sport as something that GSS does well
- Mental health/wellbeing/growth mindset/resilience was mentioned as something the school did well and also a possible area of continued development.

Just a reminder too that you don't have to wait for a survey to come out to record any concerns - these are always better dealt with when they first arise and a face-to-face meeting is the best way to deal with them.

LIBRARY BOOKS- Annual Stocktake



Please return **all** books as soon as possible and no later than **Wednesday 7 December**.

Your child will bring home a slip of paper if they have any books on loan.

Please let us know if you think the book has already been returned or if it is lost.

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.

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.

Good Shepherd School Uniform

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.

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

ElizabethMichael UNIFORMS

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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 open on Kindo for sushi and pie orders for Term 4. If you do not have a Kindo account it is quick and easy to set one up [here](#).



There will be sushi available on Fridays in weeks 7 and 8. There will be no sushi in Week 9.

There will be a pie day on Tuesday 6th December. 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.**

Flippa Ball 2023

Is your child/ren interested in playing Flippa Ball in 2023? Not played before? That's okay as long as they are confident in the water they can sign up.



Flippa Ball is the junior version of Water Polo and played in water where they will be able to touch the bottom.

If they will be year 3 or over in 2023 please register interest by completing the below google form for each child.

All those that complete the registration form will be contacted early next year with further information and confirmed team details.

Google Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebYOcAL8wbzZk52VHGyk_Pr5Pt0lcoLZp0ZaXUFHLz0oQ-uA/viewform?usp=pp_url

If you have further questions please contact me.

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