



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 21

15 Hakihea/December 2022

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

This is a final opportunity to thank our wonderful Good Shepherd Community for another great year. Thank you to our parents and whānau for your trust and support throughout the year. A special blessing on those families who are moving on from Good Shepherd. Thank you to our board of trustees and PTA for the valuable contributions you have made once again to the wellbeing and learning of our children. Thank you Monsignor Bernard for your love and support of Good Shepherd School - we are very proud to be a parish school. And thank you to my colleagues, both teaching and non-teaching, for never hesitating to go above and beyond in the interests of our children. Finally, thank you to the students of Good Shepherd - it has been another great year of learning and we are looking forward to an exciting 2023! Meanwhile, have a safe and happy holiday and every blessing for this holy season.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te Tau Hou

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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| 15 December | Year 6 - Pt Erin Pool celebration - 4PM |
| 15 December | Term 4 ends - 2PM |
| 31 January | Term 1 2023 starts |

Special Character

Good Shepherd Award



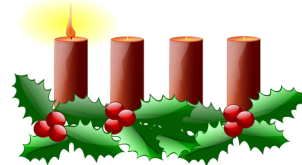
Francesco Kastelan: You show the GSS way by being helpful and responsible.

Jodeci Lagofaatasi: You have been trying hard and involving yourself positively in school life

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

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



Graduation Mass Video

Please follow this link for a special video of our Year Six Graduates. A lovely momento for the tamariki and their whānau.

https://youtu.be/WDri5XL1P_c

In and Around School

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in December:

- ★ *Criz Ambooken*
- ★ *Sam Carlsen*



- ★ Irene Choi
- ★ Reuben Davenport
- ★ Johana Diljith
- ★ Reece Eclarino
- ★ Ava Elbourne
- ★ Elizabeth Harkison-Merrick
- ★ Leo Hayhow
- ★ Eena Nidhin
- ★ Francis Pilditch
- ★ Teaki Rogerson
- ★ Harriet Russell
- ★ Theodore Tuibenau



Thank you

A big thank you to those wonderful ex-students and other secondary school volunteers who have been busy around the school over the last few days. We are so very grateful for your generosity in giving us some time at this very busy time of year.

Sport

Good Shepherd School Mini World Cup

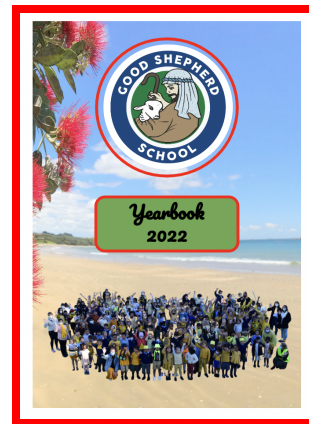
World Cup fever has hit Good Shepherd School with an end-of-year football tournament! Year 5 and 6 students put together eight teams and played in a knockout tournament over the last three days. There has been some competitiveness, lots of good team play and sportsmanship, and a great deal of fun for all. Congratulations to the team from Germany for winning the mini tournament. A big thank you to Luke Chambers, Tainui Singh-Clark and Aaron Dsouza for organising and refereeing the games.



Information for Whānau

Yearbooks Available Again

These have proved very popular this year! Our new order has just arrived so please drop into the office to purchase yours for \$25 or they can be purchased on [Kindo](#). To open a Kindo account please follow this [link](#) and select join up. If you have already purchased a yearbook you may collect this at the office now.



Good Shepherd Christmas Concert Wednesday 14 December

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Concert last night. St Vincent de Paul was very grateful to receive the Giving Baskets - thank you all for your generosity.

St. Peter's After School Music Programme 2023

The St Peter's After School Music Programme is now open for new enrolments for 2023. Please join us for a presentation / try out afternoon on Thursday 9th Feb, 2023 at 3pm in the hall. More information and enrolment form can be found on our website <https://stpetersprimarymusic.mymusicstaff.com/Our-Music-Programme>.

Class Placements 2023

Class placements for 2023 will be announced at the beginning of term 1, 2023. Organisation of classrooms for next year will be as follows:

| Room | Teacher | Year Groups |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 2 | Lana Nimmo | Years 0/1 |
| 3 & 4 | Sarah Carlsen Leisel Inglis | Years 1/2 |
| 5 | Tainui Singh-Clark | Years 5/6 |
| 6 | Peyton Evans | Years 5/6 |
| 7 | Michelle Taylor | Year 3 |
| 8 | Heather McLeod | Years 3/4 |
| 9 | Fengmei Li | Years 4/5 |

Please note that some children will stay in the same class with the same teacher. This is not a disadvantage for your child as they will be working with someone who knows them well, nor is it an indication that they have not done well in 2022. As always, our goal is that every child has a great year of learning in 2023.

Class placements for 2023 are final. We appreciate the trust you show in our professional judgement by not requesting particular placements (or attempting to change placements) for your children. We are of course, very open to discussing student wellbeing within their class, but we do request that you allow your child at least three weeks at the beginning of 2023 to settle in first.

OSCA - Before and After School Care

We are currently preparing OSCA for Term 1 2023. Families who currently have permanent bookings are required to complete a form with their requirements for Term 1 2023. The completed forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Term 1 commences on Tuesday 31 January 2023. The OSCA programme will be available from this date for both before and after school care.

Below is a link to the booking form and OSCA Parent Information Sheet which outlines the operational details, and costs for the programme.

[OSCA 2023 Form & Parent Info](#)

Forms can also be picked up from OSCA.

If your child/children have never attended OSCA and you would like to enrol them for 2023, please complete the forms below in the link.

[Behaviour Policy Agreement](#)

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 |

Summer Reading

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they have learned or slip out of practice during the summer holidays.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions.

Try these three steps to help your child improve their reading during the summer and beyond. They will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

1. **Six books to summer success:** Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from going backwards.

When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right – not too hard and not too easy. Visit your local library. Ask for help selecting books that match your child’s age, interests, and abilities.

2. **Read something every day:** Encourage your child to take every opportunity to read.

Morning: the newspaper – even if it’s just the comics or today’s weather

Daytime: schedules, recipes, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc.

Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book he or she is currently reading. Have them rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help them be more fluent – able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with good expression

3. **Keep reading aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can’t, so they will build listening comprehension skills. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when reading on their own.

Adapted from the article Three Ways to Prevent Summer Slide by Francie Alexander

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the return of our fun Summer Reading Challenge!

The 2022-23 Birds of a Feather Summer Reading Challenge opened on 12 December and will run until 13 January 2023.

Whether it’s a bedtime story or visiting the library, you and your whānau can relax and have fun enjoying books together. Use our reading challenge to make it even more fun, track your summer reading and win prizes! It’s completely free to take part:

The 2022-23 Summer Reading Challenge is [here](#)

We hope your tamariki will enjoy this year’s challenge!

Ngā mihi,

The team at Read NZ Te Pou Muramura

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.

Elizabeth Michael Uniform- MOVING

WE ARE MOVING!
Elizabeth Michael Uniforms
From Saturday 7th JANUARY 2023 you can visit us at our new shop at
65 New North Road, Eden Terrace
We are at 4 Bond St, Grey Lynn until Saturday 17th December!

EXTENDED SHOP HOURS

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| Mon - Thurs | 9am - 5pm | |
| Fri | 9am - 4pm | |
| Sat | 9am - 12pm | |
| Sat | 9am - 3pm | 7, 14, 21, 28 January 2023 |
| Sat | 9am - 3pm | 4, 11 February 2023 |

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We have a good selection of second hand uniforms available at minimal cost from our school office.

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.

Google Form [here](#)

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

If you have further questions please contact me.

Debbie Wright

Abby's mum (currently year 4)

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