



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 01

16 Hui-tanguru/February 2023

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Believe it or not, this is the first official newsletter of the school year, although through necessity you've had many communications from us over the past three weeks. I would like, therefore, to officially welcome you to 2023 and especially welcome those whānau new to our community. We also acknowledge at this time, all those tamariki who moved on from Good Shepherd at the end of last year, and wish them every blessing in the next stage of their learning journeys.

*Wherever we are, we are called to
create community*

These words are attributed to St Mary MacKillop, the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph who established Good Shepherd 110 years ago. We nurture a deep sense of community at our school through creating opportunities to work together to support the learning of our tamariki within a strong Catholic environment. Please look out for more details in this newsletter about how you can get involved in your school community.

Te Atua ki a koe

God bless

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

16 February	SPC Music Programme begins
16 February	Sacramental Programme Whānau mtg
17 February	Colourful Clothes Day

18 February	Parish/School Mass
21 February	Shrove Tuesday
21 February	Senior Swimming Carnival (TBC)
21 February	PTA AGM and meeting
22 February	Ash Wednesday
26 February	Reconciliation preparation
28 February	Eden/Albert Swimming Zones
28 February	BOT Meeting
3 March	Opera in Schools
5 March	Reconciliation preparation
8 March	Year 6 Camp
9 March	Year 6 Camp
10 March	Year 6 Camp
12 March	Reconciliation preparation
14 March	Eden/Albert Touch Zones
16 March	Eden/Albert Touch (Save Day)
16 March	Junior Swimming Display
17 March	Feast of St Patrick
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
23 March	Sacrament of Reconciliation
28 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
29 March	Three Way Conferences
30 March	Three Way Conferences
30 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones (Save Day)
2 April	Palm Sunday
2 April	Daylight Saving ends
4 April	BOT Meeting
6 April	End of Term 1
6 April	Holy Thursday
7 April	Good Friday
9 April	Easter Sunday
24 April	Teacher Only Day
25 April	Anzac Day
26 April	Term 2 begins
30 April	Feast of the Good Shepherd
30 June	End of Term 2

Special Character

Parish/School Inaugural Mass Saturday 18 February at 6pm

We are looking forward to gathering as a Good Shepherd community to ask God's blessing on our school year. Because there is an expectation that all Good Shepherd children and their families attend this Mass, please advise Mrs Hahn in writing if for some reason you are unable to join us.

principal@goodshepherd.school.nz

The children must wear their school uniform and will sit with their families.

Please bring along a can to donate to St Vincent de Paul. We will also have the regular parish collection.

Remembering Lent

Ash Wednesday next week (22 February) marks the

beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lent is a special time when you can share the concepts of prayer and giving with your children. Take family time each day to offer devotional prayers. Consider as a family how you might help others in need by giving of your time or resources. Even very young children can understand and will enjoy participating in the process.



Colourful Clothes Day- Tomorrow

Children are invited to wear their own colourful clothes on the **17th February** and bring a gold coin for St Vinnies. All donations go towards food support, social assistance and practical help for those affected by the recent weather events.

Good Shepherd Parish Mass times

We encourage all families to attend Mass together, particularly those children who have completed the Sacramental programme. Saturday Mass is at **9.00am** followed by Reconciliation at **9.30am**, and Vigil Mass at **6.00pm** in the evening. Sunday Mass is at **9.30am**.

Good Shepherd Awards

Every week we give out two Good Shepherd Awards at our Monday morning whole school prayer. These awards are an acknowledgement of the special charism of our school. This charism draws on the history, tradition and values of our founding order, the Josephites, who dedicated their lives to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Our core values of Respect/Whakaute, Care/Manaaki and Honesty/Pono come directly from this rich tradition. The children who are chosen to receive the Good Shepherd Award have been explicitly noticed living out one or more of these values over the previous week. Look out for our first Good Shepherd Award recipients in next week's update.

Please keep in your prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their

families at this time. We especially pray for families around the country who have suffered loss and devastation through the recent extreme weather events.

Class Weekly Mass

Most weeks a class is scheduled to attend 9.30am Mass on Wednesday with Good Shepherd parish. Here is the timetable for the rest of the term:

22 February: Ash Wednesday - whole school
1 March: Room 9
8 March: Room 7
15 March: Room 3/4
22 March: Room 2
29 March: Room 6



Catholic Schools Dedication Mass

Last night Good Shepherd kaiako attended the annual Dedication Mass, celebrated by Bishop Steve. It was a wonderful celebration of the work done in our schools, and an opportunity to ask God's blessing on the year ahead.



In and Around School

Birthdays

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



- ★ *Jessica Arceo*
- ★ *Benjamin Boucher*
- ★ *Jack Buckthought*
- ★ *Lathan Chitambo*
- ★ *Thomas Erickson*
- ★ *Levi Foskin*
- ★ *Silongou'a Fotofili*
- ★ *Morena Fuli*
- ★ *Elria Gomes*
- ★ *Racheline Jisha Rojin*
- ★ *Mathews Jomon*
- ★ *Charlotte Kennerley*
- ★ *Liam Menezes*
- ★ *Ezra Montague*
- ★ *Ashton Noel Pereira*
- ★ *Ramona Pearce*
- ★ *Jacob Peiris*
- ★ *Madeleine Rewcastle*
- ★ *Louis Rooke*
- ★ *Veronica Yu*

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to our new and existing families and students who started with us recently:

- ★ Luciana Alfonso Garzon
- ★ Millar Bolton
- ★ Hazel & Emily Clark
- ★ Arlo Gajadhar
- ★ Noah Hopkins
- ★ Jerome Joshy
- ★ Joanna & Joseph Jinu
- ★ Jacqvin & Jennylyn Jomon
- ★ Eva Justin
- ★ Emilia Joyce
- ★ Isaac Kurian
- ★ Casey Lupus
- ★ Liam Menezes
- ★ Patrick & Magdalena Nimo
- ★ Harvey Oliver
- ★ Lola Perretta
- ★ Margit Rounds
- ★ Manaiki Rogerson
- ★ Roman & Felix Wilson

Information for Whānau

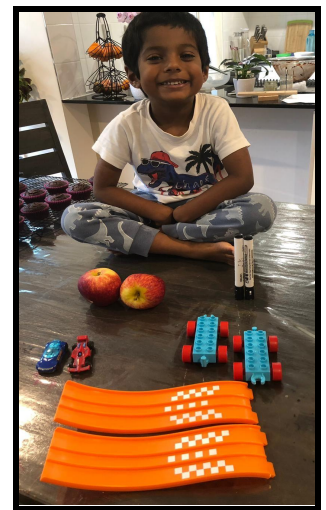
Ka pai!

What an impressive effort we made with our enforced home learning over the last couple of weeks. Huge ngā mihi to kaiako and whānau. If anything we have gained momentum. All of our digital systems including Google Classroom are set

up ready to enhance classroom learning just as they do at home. Whānau communication is up and running well and it was great to see the support coming through.

If you have not yet joined your WhatsApp groups, use [this document](#) to find the links.

Check out our [GSS Facebook page](#) for more great photos.





GSS PTA Meeting and AGM

Tuesday 21 February 7.30pm in Staff Room

We invite you to become part of this strong, vibrant group within our school community. The PTA is very important in helping us to provide the best possible resources for all our tamariki; it is also a great way to find out more about your school, and get to know other whānau and form lifelong friendships.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with the School Fair scheduled for term 4 and lots of great community-building events before then. The AGM and first meeting of the year is coming up next week. All parents and whānau are invited to come along. Reminder – as a parent you are automatically a member of the PTA. If you want to contribute to the proceedings – just come along!

*Join our PTA WhatsApp on
<https://tinyurl.com/2p846jkm>*

St. Peter's After School Music Programme 2023

The St Peter's After School Music Programme is now open for new enrolments for 2023. More information and enrolment form can be found on our website

<https://stpetersprimarymusic.mymusicstaff.com/Our-Music-Programme>,

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.

Sport

GSS Y4-6 Swimming Sports

Tuesday 21 February 9.45am - 12.30pm

Jellicoe Pools - Onehunga

Parents will be notified if their child is attending this event. We are only taking competitive swimmers in Year 4-6.

The rest of the children will remain at school.

Spectator Cost - \$1.60

We are using the outdoor pool for this event.

More information in the notice that was emailed out last Friday.

Let's Keep in Touch

We use WhatsApp and Facebook to facilitate communication among whānau. There is no obligation to join these informal groups, but whānau find them very useful for asking and reminding each other about school happenings - not to mention tracking down lost property! This document contains links to our groups, including classroom and PTA WhatsApp groups; and school and PTA Facebook groups.



[GSS WhatsApp and Facebook Information 2023](#)

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.

OSCA - Before and After School Care

The Good Shepherd OSCA programme is an important service that we offer to our school community.

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](#)

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

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.

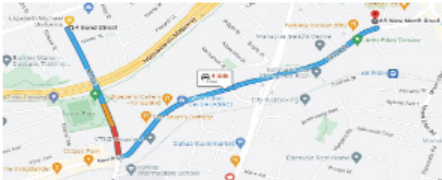
Elizabeth Michael Uniform- MOVING

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

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

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

Sushi & Moosies

Sushi is ordered through Kindo. If you do not have a Kindo account it is quick and easy to set one up

[here](#). This is a PTA fundraiser run by parent volunteers. We will begin this weekly service once we have found someone to help out with the sushi admin. We need someone who can download the orders from the ordering site on a Friday morning and export the information into an excel template to send to Cafe Sushi and also to the PTA treasurer. It is straightforward and doesn't take long but needs to be done around 9am every Friday. If you are available to do this job, please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com.

Moosies are available to buy most Fridays starting 24 February, for two dollars. Please make sure your child has their coin in a safe place before lunchtime.



Open Days - Enrolments 2024

Baradene College

Wednesday 1 March and Thursday 2 March 2023
BOOKINGS online **REQUIRED** (opening 9.00am Monday 20 February)

Tour times: 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.30am

Book at www.baradene.school.nz/enrol

Book your time by 3.00pm Monday 27 February
 Enrolments for Year 7, 2024 and for limited places in other Year levels are being accepted now and will close at 3pm on Friday 17 March, 2023.

Educating and empowering confident young women



Baradene College of the Sacred Heart is a Catholic Girls School providing educational excellence for students in Years 7-13. Baradene is part of a global network of over 140 international colleges of the Sacred Heart.

Applications for Year 7 2024 are being accepted now and will close 3pm Friday, 17 March 2023.

Academic and Special Character Scholarships available. For enrolment information visit www.baradene.school.nz/enrol

For an enrolment pack please contact
 Felicity Lister.
 E: flister@baradene.school.nz
 T: 524 6019 ext 713



OPEN DAYS 2023
 Wednesday 1st March & Thursday 2nd March

237 Victoria Avenue, Remuera, Auckland 1050 | Book online at www.baradene.school.nz | Bookings will open at 9am Monday 20 February.

Marist College



MARIST COLLEGE

Catholic Girls School, Years 7 to 13

Open Day Tours Wednesday, 1st March 2023

Tour 1 - 9:00am, Tour 2 - 11:30am

A centrally located non-zoned Catholic girls secondary school, Years 7 to 13

www.maristcollege.school.nz

St Mary's College



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

Enrolments for

St Mary's College are now OPEN for 2024

Our St Mary's College Open Day will be held on

Thursday 9 March 2023

We are holding two sessions - **2.30pm and 6.30pm**

Both sessions contain the same information and tour – No registration is required

Enrolments close **Friday 17 March 2023**

St Mary's College is a Catholic Year 7-13 School for Girls - join our Mercy family
21st Century Woman of Mercy

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

Sacred Heart College



Sacred Heart College
AUCKLAND

Open Day



Wednesday 8 March, 2023

Join us at our Open Day. Sessions are at 10am and 1pm, beginning with a presentation in the Auditorium followed by tours of the College.

A Sacred Heart education provides a foundation of faith and an aspiration to succeed at the highest level in personal and professional life.

Places are available in Year 7 and Year 9, 2024.

Boarding is available in Years 9 to 13.

Applications close **Friday 31 March 2023**.

For further information visit our website:

www.sacredheart.school.nz

Enrolments: Ph (09) 529 3660 extn 714

Email: enrolments@sacredheart.school.nz

250 West Tamaki Rd, Glendowie, Auckland

St Peter's College



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

Mountain Road, Grafton
Tel: 524 8108

Catholic School for Boys Years 7 – 13

OPEN DAY

For Year 7 Enrolments in 2024

Limited enrolments at other levels

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2023

9:30 am or 1:00 pm

in the College Hall (main school entrance – Mountain Road)

followed by a conducted tour of the College by senior boys

St Peter's College provides an education in the CATHOLIC tradition by building a strong foundation in the ACADEMIC, SPORT & MUSIC areas.

The College has a dual pathway of assessment with both Cambridge International Examinations and NCEA offered at senior year levels.

The College is well served by public transport from all parts of Auckland

"ST PETER'S BUILDS OUTSTANDING MEN"

(Weather permitting, limited parking available on the top field, main entrance Mountain Road)
www.st-peters.school.nz