



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono

Newsletter 02

02 Poutū-te-rangi/March 2023

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

In the past week two important Good Shepherd School community meetings were held - the first PTA meeting of the year last week and the School Board meeting this week. Although they serve very different purposes, both groups provide opportunities for whānau to get involved in their school. You are automatically a member of the PTA if you are part of the school community. By coming along to PTA meetings you get the opportunity to form friendships with other school parents, to learn more about how your children spend their days at school (check out the student achievement report presented at the last meeting on our website), and to contribute to providing some of the excellent resources that support our children's learning.

The core role of the school board, on the other hand, is to govern the school. In consultation with the community, it is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the kura. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the people who put their hand up for roles on the PTA and school board. They give up their time and offer their gifts to benefit all students at Good Shepherd School.

Attendance at school has been in the news a lot lately. There is strong [evidence](#) showing the close correlation between academic success and attendance. There is no doubt that every day at school makes a difference to achievement, and it is

very important that school and home work closely together to ensure that all children are at school, on time, every day possible. This is particularly so after the interruptions over the past three years, and the unexpected school closures this year. It has been an unsettling time for everyone and has particularly impacted on some of our tamariki. Please let us know if we can help.

Te Atua ki a koe
God bless
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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

Good Shepherd Awards

Isaiah Ioane: You have had a great start to the year by being brave and ready to learn.

Jacob Gribble: You display the Good Shepherd Way by showing leadership.

Photos to follow next week

Season of Lent

On Ash Wednesday we began the Liturgical season of Lent - a time of preparation for the Risen Lord (Easter). This involves looking deep within ourselves and making promises to God in the hope of becoming better people who make better choices like the Good Shepherd. Jesus loved the world so much he sacrificed himself so that we too could reach eternal life with Him in Heaven. Good Shepherd children will be learning all about Lent through their RE lessons in class, as well as participating in the Caritas Lent Action Plan

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**.

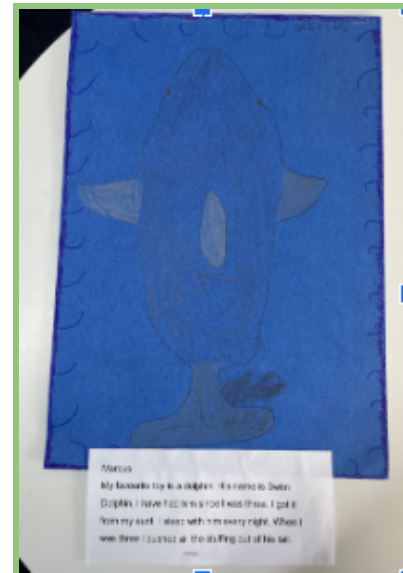
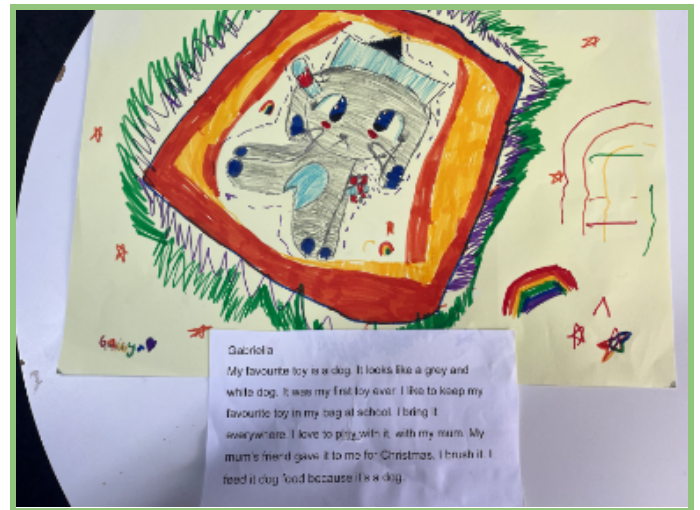
Class Weekly Mass: 9.30am on Wednesday

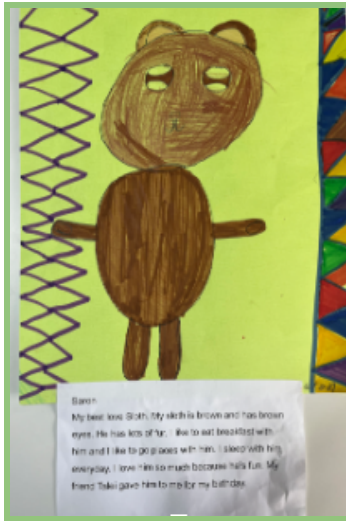
8 March: Room 7
15 March: Room 3/4
22 March: Room 2
29 March: Room 6

In and Around School

Room 8

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Room 8. We have been getting to know each other during the past few weeks by participating in lots of different and fun activities. We would like to share some of our writing with you. We listened to the story "The Best Loved Bear" and then wrote about our own favourite cuddly toys. Here are a few examples:





St Peter's After School Music Programme

We are very lucky to be able to offer out of school music tuition to our students on a Thursday afternoon through the St Peter's After School Music Programme.

The St Peter's After School Music Programme is now accepting new enrollments for 2023. Please fill in the form <https://forms.gle/jTnPjoCmZvambik58> or to find out more you can email stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com.

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.

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](#)

Dropping off and Picking up Children

This is just a reminder that children are under the care of their parents or caregivers after 3pm, unless they have been booked into our Out of School Care programme. They are, of course, supervised on the Church steps until approximately 3.15pm, by which time parents will have picked them up. Similarly, we have Out of School care between 7.30am and 8.30am for those children whose parents need to get away to work early. Children are not closely supervised in the playground before 8.30am.

Birthdays

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



- ★ *Analise Turner-Padgett*
- ★ *Angelique Custodio Wilson*
- ★ *Darin Dong*
- ★ *Finn O'Sullivan Blanch*
- ★ *Honour Tuitama*
- ★ *Isaiah Raumati-Greenhalgh*
- ★ *Jacob Cardoz*
- ★ *Jennylynn Jomon*
- ★ *Jerome Joshy*
- ★ *John Joshy*
- ★ *Manaiki Rogerson*
- ★ *Oliver Gullery*
- ★ *Uiti Lemana*

Information for Whānau

Volcanic Street Carpark - Closed Tomorrow until Tuesday 7 March

Due to the back carpark being resurfaced, Volcanic Street car park will be closed tomorrow 3 March until Tuesday 7 March.

Arrivals at School

We are noticing a number of very young children arriving at school early, sometimes before 8am. Although we do understand the pressure that parents and whānau are under in getting to work, please be aware that teachers are busy preparing for their school day and cannot supervise children arriving early (see notice below about dropping off and picking up children and about our OSCA programme).

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.

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.

Good Shepherd OSCA - Before & After School

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. OSCA is payable in **advance** to bank account 12-3067-0208272-03 on the Friday before the booking is needed.

- Please fill in all forms for OSCA accurately and keep us up to date with changing medical conditions for your child.
- Remember to let us know by email to admin@goodshepherd.school.nz if your

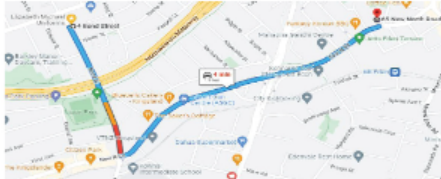
plans change, for example if your child is being picked up by another parent.

Thank you to Alex and his team for all the good work you do in OSCA.

Elizabeth Michael Uniform- Has moved

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

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 1. There will be sushi available on the following dates:

*Friday 3rd March
Friday 10th March
Friday 17th March
Thursday 23rd March
Friday 31st March
Thursday 6th April*

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.

Open Days - Enrolments 2024

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 Paul's College



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE
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YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS

OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2024
Limited enrolments at other levels

Thursday 9th March 2023 | 9:30am or 1:45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY
(Parking available on-site)

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

Link provided

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