

# Update...



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono*

**09 Poutū-te-rangi/ March 2023**

## Upcoming Dates

8-10 March	Year 6 Camp
10 March	Assembly Rm7
12 March	Reconciliation preparation
14 March	Eden/Albert Touch Zones
16 March	Eden/Albert Touch (Save Day)
17 March	Feast of St Patrick
19 March	Feast of St Joseph
23 March	Sacrament of Reconciliation
24 March	Assembly Rm6
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

*Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed.*

## Special Character Good Shepherd Awards



**Rose Gray** - *You are kind, caring and always willing to help others.*

**Emilia Joyce** - *You are friendly and show the GSS Way in all you do.*



**Week 5 GSS Recipients**  
**Isaiah Ioane**  
**Jacob Gribble**

## 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. Sunday Mass is at **9.30am**.

### Class Weekly Mass: 9.30am on Wednesday

15 March: Room 3/4

22 March: Room 2

29 March: Room 6



## In and Around School

### Birthdays

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



- ★ Benicio San Martin
- ★ Carlo Eclarino
- ★ Cecelia Niuula
- ★ Felix Taito
- ★ Felix Wilson
- ★ Gabriella Custodio Wilson
- ★ Kyrie-Eleison Leger
- ★ Lewis Mann
- ★ Luciana Alfonso Garzon
- ★ Lyanna Lemalu
- ★ Marcus Kennerley
- ★ Matthias Kautoke
- ★ Matthew Jansen
- ★ Promise Thomsen
- ★ Roman Wilson
- ★ Rory Barbour
- ★ Samantha Corrales
- ★ Tyler Fasala

### Opera in Schools

We were all riveted last Friday, watching the *Opera in Schools* team perform a contemporary version of

an old favourite - *Sleeping Beauty*. Great to see the wonderful role models on stage, and hear the thoughtful questions that our tamariki came up with. Some interesting challenges to some traditional ideas, such as those around gender roles...



### We are having an AWESOME time at Camp!!





Thank you for your patience, we understand the inconvenience this delay has had on drop off and pick up times.

### Side Gate Near Room 1 & 2 Closed

The external school gate near the swimming pool will be permanently locked for the safety and security of all students and staff.

All whānau who have keys to the swimming pool will be able to access the side gate with the swimming pool key that they hired from the office. We ask that you lock the gate after entering the pool and leaving the premises.

### Year 4 Swimming Programme

Over the past week our year 4 students have had swimming lessons every day. The main focus was stroke progression and freestyle breathing technique. It was a lot of fun and we were so lucky to have the weather on our side!



## Sports

### Eden/Albert Swimming Zones Results

Good Shepherd School finished 4th overall out of 10 schools. A fantastic result from our 3 swimmers.



#### **Henry Katongo**

*3rd year 6 boys 25m freestyle*

#### **Sio Sundin**

*2nd year 6 boys 25m freestyle*

*3rd open boys 50m freestyle*

#### **Cassie Bray**

*1st year 6 girls 25m freestyle*

*1st year 6 girls 25m breaststroke*

*1st open girls 50m freestyle*



## Information for Whānau

### Volcanic Street Carpark - Closed

Volcanic Street carpark entrance will reopen Monday 13 March





### 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](mailto:stpetersprimarymusic@gmail.com).

### 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.

### Attendance Dues and Donations 2023

**Attendance Dues** are a compulsory payment approved by the Minister of Education under the terms of the Education and Training Act 2020. They are a condition of enrolment at Good Shepherd School, as they are in all Catholic schools in Aotearoa New Zealand. Attendance Dues are collected by Good Shepherd School on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. They can be paid in full at the beginning of the school year, per term or by regular automatic payments.

Good Shepherd School also asks for **donations** from whānau. We rely on these donations to provide the extra learning opportunities, such as the *Opera in Schools* performance last week, and the exceptional resources available to our students, such as one-to-one devices in our classrooms. These donations include *Trips and Activities* and, where relevant, camp donations so that we can offer our students a range of rich education outside the classroom experiences. As a small school, we very much appreciate these contributions to our limited budget.

### 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](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz).

As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau.

### 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).

### 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.

### 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.

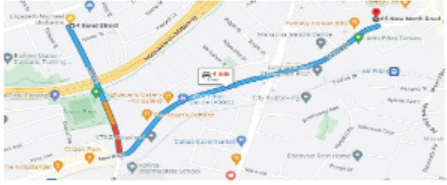
[OSCA 2023 Form & Parent Info](#). Forms can also be picked up from OSCA. OSCA is payable in **advance** to bank account 12-3067-0208272-03 on the Friday before the booking is needed.

- 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.

### Receptionist/Administrator – Catholic Social Services, Ponsonby.

Catholic Social Services is looking for a part-time (3 days) Receptionist/Administrator based in Ponsonby. As a faith-based professional service Catholic Social Services provides social work, counselling, out-reach and support to individual people and families.

The successful applicant would be required to provide efficient, effective, and professional reception and administrative services to the team at Catholic Social Services.

For further details please go to our website [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz), staff vacancies.