

Update...



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

23 Poutū-te-rangi/ March 2023

Upcoming Dates

24 March	Assembly Rm6
28 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
29 March	Three Way Conferences
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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 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

29 March: Room 6

Good Shepherd Awards



Aurelia McHardy- You consistently show the GSS Way by being optimistic and enthusiastic in all you do.

Silongou'a Fotofili- You are kind, respectful and always willing to help others.

Parish/School Masses

Good Shepherd is a parish school and we look forward to those times when we can come together with our parish community to celebrate the Eucharist. Please put these dates into your calendar for the remainder of the year:

Saturday 29 April at 6.00pm

Saturday 22 July at 6.00pm

Wednesday 6 December at 5.30pm (tbc)

Sacramental Programme

On Tuesday we had the very special celebration of First Reconciliation for a number of our children. Their families and many others in the Good Shepherd community also took the opportunity to reflect on the times when we 'miss the mark', as we prepare for the Easter season. Please continue to keep our tamariki in your prayers as the focus moves on to Confirmation.

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.

In and Around School



Garden Club News

Congratulations to Atreo, Harper, Jamie, Alicia and Bella, who ran a very successful worm wee fertiliser sale last Friday. They worked collaboratively and largely independently to advertise the sale, set up their stall and sell their product! They managed to raise \$27, which will go towards purchasing seeds and seedlings for the Garden Club to use. Thank you to those who purchased worm wee fertiliser from the stall. We hope that you have success using it as a fertiliser in your garden. We will run another worm wee fertiliser stall later in the year.

This week at Garden Club, we baked scone bread using the herbs we have grown in the garden. The children loved making and eating their herb bread! We are including the recipe for the bread in the newsletter, as our Garden Club members are hoping to try baking it again at home and they also thought some of their friends who are not in the Garden Club may also like to try baking it too.



[Rustic Round Herb Bread Recipe](#)

Sports

Netball- Yr3-Yr6 Registration 2023

Winter Netball Season starts in Term 2. Please follow the link if your son or daughter would like to play. [Registration](#)



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aimee Greenhough on 021-763-002 or aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz.

Information for Whānau

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 29 and 30 March- BOOKINGS OPEN

A reminder to book time in your busy calendars to meet with your child and child's teacher to talk about their learning this term.

Please follow this link to [BOOK HERE](#)

School closes at 2.00pm on Wednesday 29 March to allow the conferences to begin (normal 3.00pm closing on Thursday 30 March). After school care will be available from 2.00pm on Wednesday. All children not at OSCA on Wednesday need to be collected at 2.00pm.

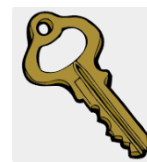
Side Gate Near Room 1 & 2 Closed

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.

Swimming Pool Key

A reminder to families who hired a GSS swimming pool key for the season that the pool closes next week on Monday 27 March 2023 and keys need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 06 April 2023. Incorporated in the key hire charge is a bond of \$30.00 which is refundable if the key is returned to the school office. If the key is not returned by this date, you will lose your bond.



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](#)

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. Thank you to all of our families that have made payments already and to our families who have made per term, per week and per fortnight arrangements.

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 in week 5, 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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest, or Auckland Common Fund Ltd at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland on 09-360-3069 for further information. Application forms for this assistance are available from school and parish offices, or can be downloaded from the Catholic Diocese of Auckland Website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/>

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.

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 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

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

Online orders can be made through Elizabeth Michael's website with the code GS132. 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 24th 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.

GSS PTA

Caring Committee

Good Shepherd PTA, as part of its school community focus, has a Caring Committee that gives support to families within the school by providing meals, school lunches, baking and other services. Families can be in need for a variety of reasons such as sickness, loss of a family member or wakeful newborns. If you are interested in being

on the email list, please email sashamadas@hotmail.com

HEY DADS, BE PART OF THE HOLEY FATHERS!

Dads, if you're keen on helping out, this is your chance to be part of the Holey Fathers in 2023. There's no better way to do your bit for the school and have fun getting to know lots of other guys like you. So if you're keen to get in on the action, just drop an email with your name and mobile number to the [school office admin@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)



school office

Thank you!

Thank you to all the Good Shepherd dads (and their supporters) who were able to come along last Saturday 18 March to the working bee.



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Quick Fire Wheel • Silent Auction

- Fabulous Food • Entertainment
- Books • Clothing • White Elephant

Sunday 26 March • 9am-2pm
Parking available via Gate 4



NZ SURF ACADEMY **Holiday Surf Programme**
Orewa Beach

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the April School Holidays at Orewa Beach. This is open to 6-16 year olds

Fun, Active & Healthy

6-16yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions
Orewa Beach | 10-14 April (including Easter Monday) | 17-21 April 2023

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment.

Limited spaces | Please email to book
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www.nzsurfacademy.co.nz



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- for 5 to 13 year olds
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