



## Te Kura o Heparā Pai

**Care Manaakitanga**  
**Respect Whakautē**  
**Honesty Pono**

### Newsletter 03

30 Poutū-te-rangi/March 2023

### From the Principal

Kia ora te whānau

Next week we enter Holy Week / Te Wiki Tapu, beginning with Palm Sunday this weekend. This is the most sacred week in the liturgical calendar and we invite you to join us each morning next week to remember the Passion of Jesus and celebrate His Rising. Please note, too, the Holy Week and Easter liturgies available at Good Shepherd parish over this time.

The cooler weather and lovely autumn days signal the end of another full and learning-filled term! The nature of learning has changed so much, even since most of you were at school, and today there is much more emphasis on the 'soft skills' described in the key competencies - **Thinking, Using language, symbols and texts, Managing self, Relating to others, Participating and contributing** - that drive our New Zealand Curriculum. As we know, learning is not confined to school and there will be many opportunities for you, as your children's first teachers, to encourage and affirm these competencies as you spend time with them over the holidays.

As we look ahead to the beginning of term 2, we also want to emphasise how important it is for children to be present every school day possible. The evidence is clear that every day of school matters, and that missing school leads to lower achievement. This [article](#) from the Education Review Office has some useful information for parents and whānau on the importance of school

attendance, and how you can support your child's attendance.

We wish you all a blessed Holy Week and Easter season, and a relaxing break with your children.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless

**Jane Hahn**

### Upcoming Dates

30 March	Three Way Conferences
2 April	Palm Sunday
2 April	Daylight Saving ends
4 April	BOT Meeting 7pm
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
29 April	School Mass 6pm
30 April	Feast of the Good Shepherd
30 June	End of Term 2

### Special Character

#### Good Shepherd Awards



**Jacqvin Jomon Chakkalakkal-** *You are caring and considerate of classmates and demonstrate the Good Shepherd values in all that you do.*

**Janice Jin-** *You have a contagious positive attitude towards all you do.*

### Holy Week and Easter Liturgies at Good Shepherd Parish

**Passion (Palm) Sunday 2 April** - usual Mass times

## Reconciliation

Saturday 1 April: 8.15am - 9.15am

Wednesday 5 April: 6pm

**Holy Thursday** 6 April: Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7pm

**Good Friday** 7 April:

10am Stations of the Cross in the church grounds

3pm The Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday** 8 April:

7pm The Great Easter Vigil and First Mass of the Resurrection (you are invited to bring along a candle). Note: no 6pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday** Mass at 9.30am.

## 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.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MONSIGNOR BERNARD!



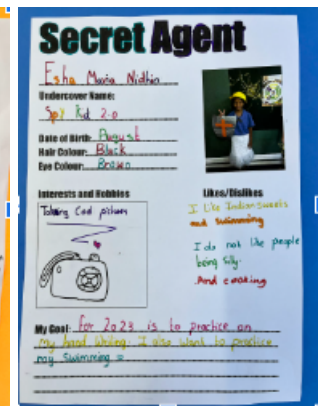
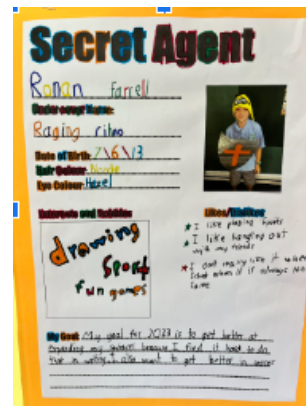
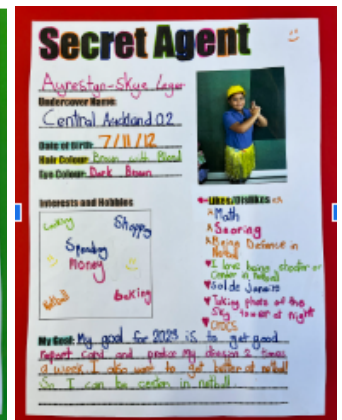
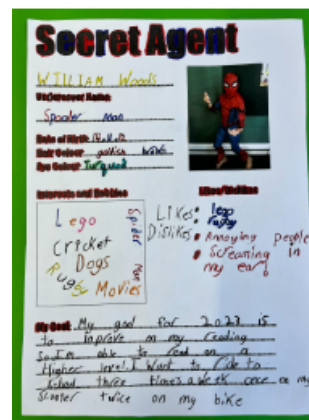
A special person in our Good Shepherd community is having a birthday tomorrow! Birthday wishes go to Monsignor Bernard who is not only our parish priest but also a person who overflows with kindness, laughter and love to all those around him.

## In and Around School

### Room 6



It has been a busy term in Room 6. This term we have been learning about how we all need to work together to achieve our goals. We have used the whakatauki "He waka Eke Noa", which means we're all in this together. Throughout our studies into the importance of waka and hoe waka to Māori we created a visual display to represent ourselves and our class as a whole. We have also been working on some 'Secret Agent' posters with Mrs Suggate!



## Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences 29 and 30 March

It has been such a pleasure to welcome our parents and whānau into the school for the Three Way Learning Conferences this week. We hope you enjoyed talking with your child's teacher, preferably with your child as part of the discussion, about their learning. Please remember that you do not need to wait for these formal opportunities to touch base about your child and their learning. You can arrange

to catch up with our kaiako if you have any concerns or questions.

## 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](#). Registrations close Sunday 2 April 2023. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Aimee Greenhough  
[aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz](mailto:aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz)  
021 763 002



### Term 2 Flippa Ball - Yr3-Yr6

Come and give it a go:

**Saturday 01 April 2023**  
**Three King's School**  
**4pm - 5pm**

Are you interested in playing Flippaball in term 2? See what the sport is all about and try it out for yourself. Come in togs and bring a towel. No goggles or jewellery, please ensure nails are short and long hair is tied up or in a cap. If you're interested please contact:

Debbie Wright  
Abby's Mum Y5  
[Debbiesandrawright@gmail.com](mailto:Debbiesandrawright@gmail.com)  
021 110 3636

### Eden/Albert Cricket Tournament

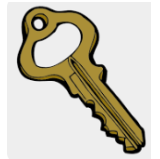
As you can see from these photos, it was a great day to play cricket on Tuesday this week. Our team showed some real skill, with both club players and those new to the game putting in their best efforts. A huge thank you to the whānau who spent the day with us, coaching, managing, umpiring and scoring - we could not have provided this opportunity without you.



## Information for Whānau

### Swimming Pool Key - Pool Closed

Pool 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.



### OSCA (Out of School Care) Assistant: Morning Programme

Our wonderful Alex is no longer available to run the morning programme 7.30 - 8.30am. If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who would be interested, please contact Mrs Hahn.

### Student Achievement at Good Shepherd School

At our PTA meeting last week this [report](#) for parents and whānau on student achievement, based on the PAT Mathematics Assessment conducted in term 4 last year, was discussed. The PTA meetings are a great opportunity to talk about important school matters such as student achievement so please come along to the next one to hear more about your school community.

### 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](mailto: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](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

**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
Sat	9am - 3pm

7, 14, 21, 28 January 2023  
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.

**Reminder: All students will be expected to be in full winter uniform from Term 2 April 26 until the end of Term 3 22 September.**

## Sushi & Moosies

**Both Sushi and Moosies Can Now Be Ordered On Kindo!**

If you do not have a Kindo account it is quick and easy to set one up [here](#).

Moosies are available most Fridays (we do not sell on other days) for two dollars, and are managed by our year six House Captains. If you prefer your child to pay for their Moosie with a coin, please instruct them to keep it a safe place before lunchtime. Don't send tamariki with large amounts of money, as change can easily get lost at school.



If you have ordered your child's Moosie on Kindo please remind them that they must line up for it next to Room 2, straight after they finish eating their lunch. **House Captains will not search around the school for missing Moosie customers.**

For the rest of the term, Sushi is available on the following dates:  
Friday 31st March  
Thursday 6th April



Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.

If you have any questions, please email Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com). Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers and House Captains, who help make this lunch service possible.

## GSS PTA

### Caring Committee

Good Shepherd PTA, as part of its school community focus, has a Caring Committee that gives support to families that are in need for a variety of reasons such as sickness, loss of a family member or wakeful newborns. This service is usually given as meals or baking for the family. When the committee gets notified of a family, an email is sent out to everyone on the committee, and whoever can help on a certain day for a meal then you get rostered for that day. No conditions or pressure even if your name is on the committee, only help when you can. If you are interested in being on the email list, please email [sashamadas@hotmail.com](mailto: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)



the village square school holiday programmes

- 11 - 21 April
- open 7.30am to 6pm
- on-site activities & trips
- for 5 to 13 year olds
- Balmoral, Epsom & Parnell

[villagesquare.org.nz/shp-enrol](http://villagesquare.org.nz/shp-enrol)



# CARLTON JUNIORS RUGBY



CARLTON JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB  
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GIRLS AND BOYS  
Ages: 4-13  
Tackle and non contact rippa