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Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

05 Paenga-whāwhā/ April 2023

Upcoming Dates

06 April	Rm 3/4 Assembly
06 April	End of Term 1
06 April	Holy Thursday
07 April	Good Friday
09 April	Easter Sunday
24 April	Teacher Only Day
25 April	Anzac Day
26 April	Term 2 begins
30 April	Feast of the Good Shepherd
09 June	GSS School Disco
30 June	End of Term 2

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

We wish everyone a blessed Easter season and a relaxing break over the holidays. See you back at school on Wednesday 26 April.

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**.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies at Good Shepherd Parish

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.

Good Shepherd Awards



Joanna Jinu - You have settled into GSS so well and been showing great leadership in the school.

Jake Siave - For working hard and consistently showing the GSS Way through your great sense of humour.

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 06 December at 5.30pm (tbc)

Holy Week Stations of the Cross

This week we have gathered together each morning to commemorate the final moments of Jesus' life. At each station, we are called to stop

and think about what Jesus went through as he died on the cross.



Sports

Term 2 Flippa Ball - Yr3-Yr6

Is your child interested in playing Flippa ball in Term 2?

Not played before? That's okay as long as they are confident in the water they can sign up.

Flippa Ball is the junior version of Water Polo and played in water where they will be able to touch the bottom.

We are looking for some extra players for our Y5 and Y3 teams. If you're interested please contact:

Debbie Wright

021 110 3636

Debbiesandrawright@gmail.com

Information for Whānau

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.

Brainbreak

Every morning around 10am our tamariki have a very *quick* break along with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable, which helps them to remain focused through to 11am morning tea. Please note, the children are **not allowed fruit sticks, muesli bars or any other type of snack during brain break time.** The break is intended to enhance learning and not interrupt it. If your child prefers their fruit cut up please help them by ensuring it is in a separate container from their lunchbox, and is easy to access.



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.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Whanāu that have placed orders through Scholastic and have not yet received their purchase, please read the message in this [link](#) from the Scholastic Team regarding dispatch delays.

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.

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.

In Term 2, Sushi is available on the following dates:

- Friday 28th April
- Friday 5th May
- Friday 12th May
- Friday 19th May
- Friday 26th May
- Thursday 1st June
- Friday 9th June
- Friday 16th June
- Friday 23rd June
- Friday 30th June

We are looking for volunteers to help with sushi on the above dates. The job involves collecting the sushi from Cafe Sushi on Dominion Rd and sorting the order into class baskets. Please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com if you are able to help on any of these dates.

Pizza Day!!!!

We will be having a pizza day on **Tuesday 9th May!** Orders are open now on Kindo and will **close on Wednesday 3rd May**. Pizzas will be supplied by Dominoes and will be the Mini sized pizzas, which are suitable for one child.

Pizza options include:

- Mini Pepperoni \$5.00
- Mini Hawaiian \$6.00
- Mini Ham & Cheese \$5.00
- Mini Simply Cheese \$5.00
- Mini Veg Trio \$5.00

If you have any questions, please email Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

GSS PTA

GSS School Disco



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

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



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



of its school community

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CARLTON JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

GIRLS AND BOYS

Greenlane

Ages: 4-13

carltonjuniors@gmail.com

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