



## *Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga*

*Respect Whakautē*

*Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 05

27 Paenga-whāwhā/ April 2023

### From the Principal

Kia ora te whānau

A very warm welcome back to school to everyone, and a special welcome to our new students and their whānau. In the last newsletter we talked about the relationship between regular school attendance and student achievement, and the importance of being at school every day possible. The colder weather presents a bit of a challenge, so just a reminder to keep up to date with appropriate immunisations, test for COVID if you are feeling unwell and stay at home if you are sick. At school we will be keeping the classrooms well ventilated so encourage your child to bring in warm clothes if they are feeling cold. We will all be working hard to keep everyone well and at school as much as possible.

As always, there is lots of exciting learning ahead of us this term. The whole school will be engaged in a guided inquiry drawing from the new **Aotearoa New Zealand Histories** curriculum. The theme for this unit is

To tatau whenua, To tatau iwi  
Our country, Our people

and it will also involve the Science and Technology curriculum areas. We hope that you enjoy learning more about our unique history alongside the children and teachers.

You may not know that there is only one Good Shepherd School in New Zealand! Jesus Christ, the

Good Shepherd, is at the core of our school charism and Catholic identity, and what better model could our community have of someone who cares for others and puts their needs before his own? As we practise the values of respect, care and honesty, the entire community works together to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Sunday 30 April is the Feast of the Good Shepherd. It is timely, therefore, that we are gathering for our Parish/School Mass the day before, Saturday 29 April.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless

*Jane Hahn*

## Upcoming Dates

29 April	Parish/School Mass
30 April	Feast of the Good Shepherd
3 May	Confirmation Whānau meeting
7 May	Confirmation session
9 May	PTA Meeting
14 May	Mother's Day
14 May	Confirmation session
16 May	Eden/Albert Football Zones
18 May	Feast of the Ascension
18 May	Eden/Albert Football Zones Save Day
21 May	Confirmation session
23 May	School Board Meeting
28 May	Pentecost Sunday
28 May	Confirmation
29 May	Samoan Language Week
31 May	GSS Cross Country
02 June	Teacher Only Day
05 June	King's Birthday Holiday
09 June	GSS School Disco
13 June	Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones
14 June	PTA Meeting
15 June	Zones Cross Country Save Day
19 June	Book Week
30 June	End of Term 2
17 July	Beginning of Term 3
22 September	End of Term 3
9 October	Beginning of Term 4
15 December	End of Term 4

## Special Character

### Parish/School Mass Saturday

#### 29 April at 6pm

We are looking forward to gathering as a parish and school community this coming Saturday. Those who are serving on the School Board will also be formally commissioned at this Mass. Because there is an expectation that all Good Shepherd children and their families attend the Parish/School Mass, please advise

Mrs Hahn in writing if for some reason you are unable to join us.

[principal@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:principal@goodshepherd.school.nz)

The children must wear their school uniform and will sit with their families.

Please bring along a can to donate to St Vincent de Paul. We will also have the regular parish collection.

### Sacramental Programme - Confirmation Whānau meeting

There will be a meeting for all whānau enrolled in the Sacramental programme at 6:30pm on Wednesday 3rd of May. The first session will take place after Mass on Sunday May 7th.

### Whole school prayer

Our school week begins with the whole school gathering for prayer, prepared by different groups and taking place under the canopy. For the first week our Special Character leaders led us in a beautiful celebration of Easter. We love having whānau join us at this special time if you are able. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

Monday 1 May	Room 7
Monday 8 May	Room 3
Monday 15 May	Room 8
Monday 22 May	Room 4
Monday 29 May	Room 9
Tuesday 6 June	Room 2
Monday 12 June	Room 5
Monday 19 June	Room 6
Monday 26 June	Special Character

### Class Weekly Mass

Most weeks a class is scheduled to attend 9.30am Mass on Wednesday with Good Shepherd parish. Here is the timetable for the rest of the term:

Wednesday 3 May	Room 6
Wednesday 10 May	Room 4
Wednesday 17 May	Room 7
Wednesday 24 May	Room 9
Wednesday 31 May	Room 3
Wednesday 7 June	Room 8
Wednesday 14 June	Room 2
Wednesday 21 June	Room 5

### An ANZAC connection to Good Shepherd PRIVATE JOHN MATTHEW O'BRIEN R.I.P.

John O'Brien received his primary education at the Convent of the Good Shepherd and the Marist

Brothers School, Vermont Street and attended Sacred College during 1937 and 1938. He was always of a pleasant and obliging disposition and very popular with his school mates. While at SHC he took a prominent part in Rugby swimming and Cricket.

Before entering the Army at the age of eighteen, John was an apprentice plasterer. He spent some time in the Air Force in New Zealand before being transferred back to the Army and leaving for the Middle East with the 15th Reinforcements.

From the Middle East he was sent to Japan with the New Zealand Occupation Forces. John died tragically on 9 August 1946.



### In and Around School

#### Garden Club Produce Sale

Garden club will be selling the produce from the Good Shepherd gardens after school on Friday 5th May outside the school gates. Please come along with your cash to purchase our produce and worm wee fertiliser.



### Sports

#### Term 2 Events:

**Week 4** - Tuesday 16 May - Eden/Albert Football Zones

Save Day - Thursday 18 May (subject to field availability)

**Week 6** - Wednesday 31 May - GSS Cross Country

**Week 8** - Thursday 13 June - Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

Save Day - Thursday 15 June (subject to field availability)

#### Cross Country Training

Next week the whole school will begin training for our school cross country. Children will need to bring a pair of running shoes to school each day.

### Information for Whānau

#### Education Review Office (ERO)

Good Shepherd School, like all schools in Aotearoa New Zealand, is externally reviewed by ERO. Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that ERO is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to

evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus on one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on [ERO's website](#).

### Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako Pasifika Mass

We warmly invite you to the first Pasifika Mass for our Kāhui Ako.

LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT  
Let all that you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
AUCKLAND CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC KAHUI AKO'S  
FIRST PASIFIKA COMMUNITY MASS

Afio mai, Bula, Fakaalofa atu, Kia Orana, Mälö e lelei,  
Mauri, Noa'ia, Tālofa and 'Ulu tonu mai!

A Mass for Pasifika students and their families within our  
Kāhui Ako.

Conducting this service: Father Iosefo & Father Talipope  
Thursday, 8th June  
St Joseph's Church, Grey Lynn  
7 - 9pm  
Followed by refreshments  
and talanoa in the church hall.

### Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako Samoan Speech Competition

Our Kāhui Ako is holding a Samoan Speech competition for children in Years 5-8 to celebrate Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. If you think your child would be interested in this please email Miss Evans for more information

[pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:pevans@goodshepherd.school.nz)

Samoa Speech Competition

To celebrate Samoan Language Week, the ACCKA is holding a Samoan Language Speech Competition!

Click or scan the QR code or visit the upcoming events page to find the sign up links and more details.

Final date for speech submissions is:  
Wednesday, 24th May, 2023.  
May 24th, 2023 at 5.00pm @online

### 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-school-s-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 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 are expected to be in full winter uniform in Term 2 until the end of Term 3 22 September.**

## Sushi & Moosies

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

Moosies are available most Fridays (we do not sell on other days) for two dollars, and are managed by our Year 6 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.**

This term, sushi will be available on the following dates:



Friday 28th April  
Friday 5th May  
Friday 12th May  
Friday 19th May  
Friday 26th May  
Thursday 2nd June  
Friday 9th June  
Friday 16th June  
Friday 23rd June  
Friday 30th June

**First Pizza Day Tuesday 9th May!**  
**Orders will close on Thursday 4th May at 12 noon.** Pizzas will be supplied by Dominoes and are mini pizzas, 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

Ordering for sushi and pizzas is done through [Kindo](#) only. If you do not have an account, it is quick and easy to sign up [here](#). You can order your sushi each week before 8.45am on the day you are ordering for or you can order for as many weeks in advance as you like. You can cancel your sushi order up until 8.45am on the day that it has been ordered for.

Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers that make the lunch ordering service possible by volunteering during the term to collect and distribute the lunches!

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**  
**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](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)