

Update...



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

04 Haratua/ May 2023

Upcoming Dates

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
11 November	GSS School Fair
15 December	End of Term 4

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

Special Character Good Shepherd Awards



Magdalena Nimo- *Showing the GSS way and being a fantastic role model*

Marcus Kennerley- *You are a respectful and hard working member of the class.*

Religious Education

This term within our classroom RE programmes students will be learning about the Holy Spirit and the Church as well as celebrating important Liturgical events like Pentecost and the Ascension.

Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental programme resumes this term as our students prepare for Confirmation. Sessions will be held straight after Mass on Sunday 7th May, 14th May and 21st of May. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at 6pm on the 28th of May.

Parish/School Masses

Thankyou to all the whānau who joined in our celebration of the Feast of the Good Shepherd on Saturday night.

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.**

Whole school prayer

Our school week begins with the whole school gathering for prayer, prepared by different groups and

taking place under the canopy. We love having whānau join us at this special time if you are able.

The timetable for the rest of the term is:

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 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

In & 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 **We need parent volunteers for this event.**

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

Week 6 - Wednesday 31 May - GSS Cross Country

Week 8 - Tuesday 13 June - Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

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

Cross Country Training

The whole school has begun training for our school cross country. Children will need to bring a pair of running shoes to school each day.

Information for Whānau

Join the Holy Fathers

The Holy Fathers are a group of Good Shepherd School dads, who get together from time to time for social catchups and to help out at the school with the occasional working bee. We'd love to welcome some new faces to the group, especially dads who have just joined the Good Shepherd School community. It's a great way to get to know other dads at school and have a bit of fun along the way.

We are planning a catchup at Morningside Tavern on Tuesday, 9th May at 7pm. Please contact holeyfathers@gmail.com if you're keen to join us and we'll see you on Tuesday night!

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, Mālo e lelei,
Mauri, Noa'ia, Talofa 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



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 last term, 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.

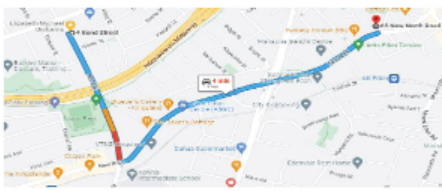
[OSCA 2023 Form & Parent Info](#). Forms can also be picked up from OSCA. OSCA is payable in **advance** to bank account 12-3067-0208272-03 on the Friday before the booking is needed.

- 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.

Reminder: All students are expected to be in full winter uniform in Term 2 until the end of Term 3 22 September.

Winter health and vaccination reminders

Te Whatu Ora encourages whānau to vaccinate their tamariki for pneumococcal disease, Meningococcal B, measles, and flu, alongside their three COVID-19 vaccines to provide the greatest level of protection heading into winter.

Tamariki aged six months to 12 years are eligible for free flu vaccinations. For more information, visit:

[Flu immunisation for tamariki – KidsHealth](#)

[Measles, mumps, and rubella \(MMR\) vaccine – Te Whatu Ora](#)

[COVID-19 boosters for over 30s and those at increased risk of severe illness – New Zealand Government](#)

You will still need to isolate for seven days if you have COVID-19 to reduce the risk of spread. For further information:

[If you have COVID-19 – New Zealand Government](#)

Please inform the school if your child has tested positive for COVID-19.

GSS PTA

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 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

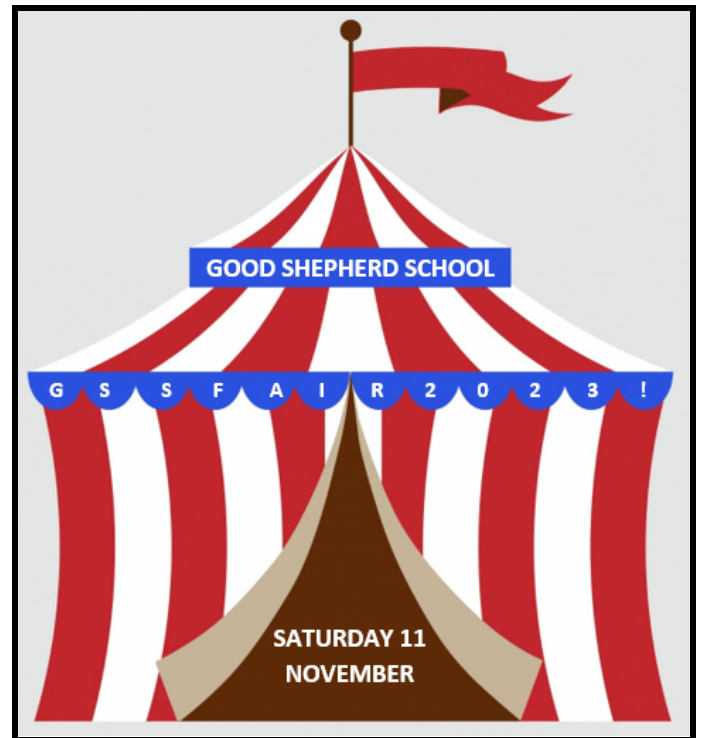
Ordering for sushi and pizzas is done through [Kindo](#) only. If you do not have an account, it is quick and easy to sign up [here](#). You can order your sushi each week before 8.45am on the day you are ordering for or you can order for as many weeks in advance as you like. You can cancel your sushi 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. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers and House Captains, who help make this lunch service possible.

SCHOOL FAIR!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



After several years of disruption, the PTA will once again celebrate our community by hosting the Good Shepherd School Fair on 11th November 2023.

Previous years have seen the fair raise well needed funds for the school and have helped establish the covered turf area, install an outdoor fitness trail and fund sustainability initiatives. This year the fair is raising funds for shade sails for exposed areas to protect our kids.

Many hands make light work so this is a call to any parents and caregivers who can volunteer to help out, such as:

- Helping to organise the fair (committee member)
- running a stall on the day (including those that have done so previously)
- helping out generally on the day
- be part of the clean up crew
- those with food and beverage experience helping to plan this aspect
- help with promotion and marketing
- source or provide sponsorship and prizes
- help organise or perform as part of the fair day entertainment.

If you are unsure how you can help but would like to anyway, please get in contact.

Contact Aimee Greenhough by email or text if you can help in any way, with your contact details and how you can help. If you are unsure how you can help but would like to anyway, please get in contact.

Email: aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz

Phone: 021763002

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

