



*Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 07

18 Haratua/ May 2023

### From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the PTA meeting on Tuesday night. In my report to the PTA I reported back on our recent homework review, along with other school happenings and developments. It was very interesting to examine the feedback from whānau, teachers and children about their experiences of homework and we encourage you to have a look at our school's procedures on our [website](#). We welcome discussion on this topic and are happy to talk to you and answer any questions you may have about homework.

This week is Bullying Free New Zealand Week, with the theme: ***Together we can prevent bullying in Aotearoa.*** Good Shepherd School has very thorough procedures around the prevention and response to bullying situations and we work very closely with our community in this area. These procedures are on our school [website](#) for you to view. We are looking forward to seeing lots of pink on Pink Shirt Day tomorrow when the Good Shepherd community shows that we Speak Up, Stand Together, to Stop Bullying.

Meanwhile, don't forget that coming along to PTA meetings is a great way to get to know your school, your teachers and other parents.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless  
*Jane Hahn*

## Upcoming Dates

19 May	Pink Shirt 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
08 June	Kāhui Ako Pacific Mass
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
14 July	Matariki
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

## Special Character

### Good Shepherd Awards



**Madeline Rewcastle-** *You are positive and considerate towards those around you*

**Mathews Jomon-** *You have been a good shepherd to others by helping and guiding your classmates.*

### 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 on Monday mornings after morning roll call. We love having whānau join us at this special time if you are able. The timetable for the rest of the term is:

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 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

### Pink Shirt Day Tomorrow



On Friday 19 May 2023, Aotearoa will become a sea of pink as schools, workplaces and communities join the [Pink Shirt Day](#) movement. By taking part you will be helping to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.

*Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora!  
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!  
Kua rite koe? Are you in?*

## Sports

### Term 2 Events:

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

**More parent volunteers needed please!!!!**

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

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

### GSS Cross Country - Wednesday 31 May

**On Wednesday 31 May 2023**, Good Shepherd School will be holding our School Cross Country. Parents and supporters are encouraged to come and join us. The event will be based at Good Shepherd School and surrounds, beginning at 9.30am and should be finished by lunchtime.

**All students are to come to school wearing appropriate sportswear. Children won't need their school uniform that day.** Years 1-3 are encouraged to wear their house colours. Years 4-6 must wear their school sports uniform. All students need to bring:

- A warm jersey or jacket / tracksuit
- Footwear is **compulsory** (no running shoes, no race)
- Hats/sunscreen if it is a hot day
- Rain jacket

**In order for this to be a truly successful event we need parent helpers to be marshals. Please email Heather McLeod if you can assist on the day.**

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

Thank you for your commitment to our students and their sport. We hope many of you can come along to support your child/ren.

Heather McLeod  
Sports Coordinator

### 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.

## Eden/Albert Football Zones

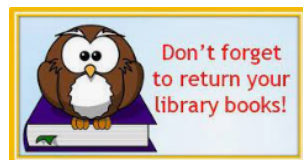
On Tuesday two teams represented Good Shepherd School at the Eden/Albert Football Zones tournament at Keith Hay Park. We entered a team in the boys A grade and a team in the boys B grade. Both teams competed extremely well and played some brilliant football. We had some wins, draws and losses. A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to referee, coach, manage and transport the team. Also a big thank you to Harper, who agreed to play for another team, when they were short of players. Way to show your GSS values, Harper!!!!



## Library

### Overdue books

Please have a big hunt around your house and see if you can find any library books hiding out at your place. If your child has 3 or 4 overdue books, they can't issue any new books from the school library. If the books issued under their name have



been lost or already returned, please come and see Mrs McLeod at school.

## Information for Whānau

### Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa.

Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas for holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

## 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 mā!

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

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



### 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-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.**

## 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 19th May



Friday 26th May  
Thursday 2nd June  
Friday 9th June  
Friday 16th June  
Friday 23rd June  
Friday 30th June

Ordering sushi 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sashamadas@hotmail.com)



## **Join the Holey Fathers**

The Holey 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.

Please contact [holeyfathers@gmail.com](mailto:holeyfathers@gmail.com) if you're keen to join us.

Marcellin College  
Production of

Disney  
**Aladdin JR.**

7pm Thursday, 18th May

7pm Friday, 19th May

7pm Saturday, 20th May

Māngere Arts Centre

Tickets \$15

Tickets can be purchased from [iticket.co.nz](http://iticket.co.nz) from 5/5/23

Music by  
Alan Menken

Lyrics by

Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin

Book by

Chad Beguelin

Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio  
and directed & produced by Ron Clements & John Musker

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia).  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.



## become a FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ Ball Kid



Calling all young athletes! If you are aged 14 to 17 years and have some football experience, your team or club can enter for their chance to become FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ Ball Kids. Tell us in 100 words or less why you think your team or club should join the action.

For full details of the experience and prizes, see T&Cs on the website.



1. Scan the QR code

2. Or use the link below:

<https://www.rebelsport.co.nz/competitions/world-cup-ball-kid/>

3. Enter to WIN

