

Update...



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

08 Pipiri/June 2023

Upcoming Dates

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
18 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



Lyanna Lemalu- Having a positive attitude, sharing her knowledge and culture with others.

Criz Ambooken- You have been showing perseverance and are always helping others.

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.

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 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 14 June	Room 2
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In & Around School

Room 5

Room 5 learned about Siapo, which is a traditional Samoan fabric. The word Siapo means fine cloth, which is normally made from the bark of the Paper Mulberry tree. Room 5 creatively chose their own designs and scrunched their paper before adding it to the black piece of paper to add texture. Here is the result of our classroom Siapo.



Sports

Term 2 Events:

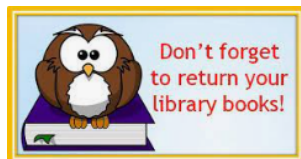
Week 8 - Tuesday 13 June - Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

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

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

Board of Trustees Newsletter

Please find a newsletter from the Good Shepherd School Board. [Link](#)

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](#)

Good Shepherd School Uniform

The children should now be wearing their winter school uniforms. Uniforms are purchased through Elizabeth Michael Uniforms although we do keep a supply of second hand uniforms for purchase at the school. Online orders can be made through Elizabeth Michael's website with the code GS132.

Can we please give special attention to footwear over the winter months? The uniform shoes are black, worn with black knee high socks. We

encourage students to bring in and wear sports shoes for sports but they must wear their uniform shoes to and from school.

As we approach winter and the colder weather, we strongly recommend that children wear the school uniform jumper and there is also a school jacket available. A warm singlet could also be useful. Please name all uniform items.

Finally, children are asked to bring in a change of clothes if they want to play on the field as it quickly becomes very muddy.

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.



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.

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 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. 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 **18th November 2023** (please note change of date).

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

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 if you're keen to join us.