



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

Care Manaakitanga

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Newsletter 08

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From the Principal

Talofa lava

Welcome to Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2023. This year's theme for the celebration of the third most spoken language in Aotearoa is

'Mitamita i lau gagana, mau'a lou fa'asinomaga'
'Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity'.

We are enjoying the sound of the language of Samoa being heard all around the school, and thank the children and families who are sharing their expertise in Gagana Samoa with everyone.

The week started with Pentecost Sunday and the wonderful celebration of Confirmation for a number of our children. As a parish family we prayed for those being confirmed to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit; we thank them, their whānau and Msgr Bernard for making this such a special and reverent occasion.

Yesterday we ran the school cross country. It was a beautiful day and the event was well-supported by whānau coming along to support the runners. It was an opportunity for those children talented in this area to shine and we congratulate those who were placed in their age groups. Just as important, however, were the examples of perseverance and resilience shown by so many of the runners as they completed the course. We are proud of you all!

Faamanuia le Atua ia outou uma.

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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
18 November	GSS School Fair
15 December	End of Term 4

The following 2024 term dates were approved at the last meeting of the School Board:

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tuesday 30 January	Friday 12 April
2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July
3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September
4	Monday 14 October	Friday 13 December

School Closed Friday 2 June & Monday 5 June

Please remember that Good Shepherd School will be closed tomorrow, Friday 2 June, for a Teacher Only Day as our teachers continue their professional development.

Monday 5 June is the King's Birthday public holiday. We wish all our whānau a restful long weekend with your families.

Special Character

Come Holy Spirit Prayer- Veni Sancte Spiritus

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

By water and the Holy Spirit

In baptism you freed your

Sons and daughters

From sin and gave us new life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon me to be

My helper and guide.

*Give me the spirit of **wisdom and understanding,***

*The spirit of **right judgement and courage,***

*The spirit of **knowledge and reverence.***

*Fill me with the spirit of **wonder and awe** in your presence.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Good Shepherd Awards



Luciana Alfonso Garzon - You strongly uphold our school values by committing to tasks and getting involved in everything.

Ethan Gomes - You demonstrate the GSS way through taking responsibility for your learning and helping your peers.

Confirmation

We celebrated Pentecost Sunday by gathering to support a group of children in our Parish as they received the sacrament of Confirmation. It was a beautiful evening and we look forward to supporting them as they continue their faith journey.



Pink Shirt Day

Thank you for your support of this anti-bullying initiative. We look the part, don't we?



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 on Monday mornings after the 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:

Tuesday 6 June
Monday 12 June
Monday 19 June
Monday 26 June

Room 2
Room 5
Room 6
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 7 June	Room 8
Wednesday 14 June	Room 2
Wednesday 21 June	Room 5

In & Around School

Garden Club

This week at Garden Club we made cheese and sage scones with sage from the herb garden. They were delicious! Thanks to Grace's mum Andrea for coming along to help. Here is the recipe

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/cheddar-sage-scones>



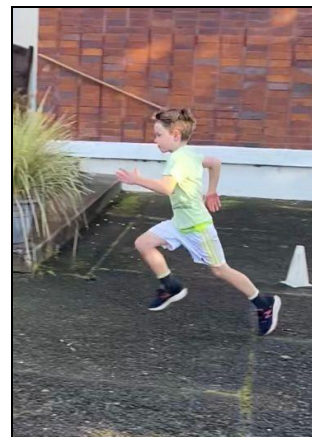
Sports

Term 2 Events:

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

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

Cross Country Fun



Samoan Speech Competition

Well done to Uiti Lemana and Naima Tuivaiti for entering the ACCKA Samoan Speech competition. This was a competition celebrating Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa for children from multiple schools across central Auckland. The theme for the competition was 'My Identity'. Congratulations Naima for taking out 1st place in the Years 5-7 category!

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.



Structured literacy in action - Ākonga use small whiteboards to record their learning.

Information for Whānau

Learning well through structured literacy

New Zealand literacy is receiving a lot of media coverage currently. At Good Shepherd we thoroughly understand where each of our ākonga are placed in their reading and writing and where they should be heading. We continue to perform well above national averages, however we know that continuous recent disruptions to learning, and possibly other factors, have left their legacy. We are committed to addressing these shortfalls.

One of our tools is explicitly teaching structured literacy. Structured literacy is designed to help students improve their reading and writing skills, especially those who may be struggling. This approach breaks down language into smaller, manageable parts and teaches ākonga the rules and patterns of written language.

While structured literacy is a valuable tool, it forms only one part of our balanced literacy program. There are many other important elements, such as reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and writing skills.

Our kaiako are trained to implement structured literacy effectively. In our junior school, students receive daily instruction, while senior school students have three scheduled sessions each week. Please see your classroom teacher if you would like to know more about this programme and how you can support it.

Prizes prizes prizes!

It may be bribery, but these little trinkets are a powerful and positive tool for learning times tables, modifying behaviour and acknowledging accomplishments. Big fa'afetai to all whānau who have contributed - most recently Lynne Carlin (Tom & Bella's grandmother) for her generous donation of very appealing prizes. Any further contributions gratefully received (smallish or pocket sized prizes please).



Measurement mathematics

For the final two weeks of term GSS will be measuring - specifically length, volume and capacity. This will



be a very hands-on undertaking, and we would love to borrow your equipment for this. We need plastic measuring cups and jugs - marked with metric measurements or unmarked. We are also looking for older style kitchen scales, with a pan and a needle (no batteries) which you calibrate. Old tape measures and rulers, specific weights like sinkers, and balances, would also be useful. Please don't send anything that is valuable to you, and please name items clearly if you would like to have them back.

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 at 7pm on Thursday the 8th of June at St Joseph's Church Grey Lynn.

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, 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.

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 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

Click picture below for further information



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.