



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

Care Manaakitanga

Respect Whakautē

Honesty Pono

Newsletter 09

16 Pipiri / June 2023

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Last night we had a good turnout on a rather cold winter's night for our PTA meeting. Anybody who saw the fun had by our children at the disco last Friday knows how important this group is to our community. They organise the weekly sushi lunch orders and other regular fundraisers, and they are also responsible for the amazing work done by our Caring Committee. If you are not already involved in some way with the PTA and its various activities, please consider doing so, especially in this School Fair year. It is truly not just about providing the amazing resources and opportunities given to our children, but also about continuing to build a strong and vibrant community. It's also a lot of fun!

Do you sometimes wonder why we make some of the decisions we do? Or are not sure about some school activity or event? Now's your chance to ask those questions! We are going to extend our 'open doors' even further by inviting you to come into my office on Friday mornings between 8.30am and 9.15am to chat about anything that you have been wondering about.

We are all very excited about Book Week next week and looking forward to seeing all the book characters in the parade on Friday. We hope you can join us.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless

Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

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

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Esme Shaw- *You display great leadership by being responsive and attentive to those around you.*

Isaac Kurian- *You show care for others by being inclusive, helpful and supporting others in their learning.*

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:

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 21 June	Room 5
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Auckland Central Catholic Kāhui Ako Pasifika Mass

A big thank you to all the GSS whānau who attended the first Pasifika Mass for our Kāhui Ako at St Joseph's Grey Lynn last week. Well done to Ayrestyn-Skye Leger and Nimilote Fotofili who represented our school in the procession and the prayers of the faithful.



In & Around School

Garden Club

At the Garden Club last week, we harvested the carrots that we planted at the end of Term 1. This week we peeled and cut up the carrots and made Kiwi Onion Dip to dip the carrot sticks into. Yum!
<https://www.maggi.co.nz/recipes/original-kiwi-dip/>





[Good Shepherd School Highlights](#)

Room 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 have been posting on our [Highlights](#) website lately. Jump on and have a look...



Sports

Cross Country Certificates

On Friday at assembly we will be handing out certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place from our GSS cross country.

Eden/Albert Cross Country Zones

On Tuesday a group of 18 children represented Good Shepherd School at the Eden/Albert cross country zones at the Auckland Domain. It was a beautiful morning and perfect running conditions. All the children showed great enthusiasm and perseverance in completing the challenging course. A big congratulations to Luciana Alfonso-Garzon for placing 8th in the girls year 5 race.

Library Book Week



Book Week
Week 9

Next week is our annual Good Shepherd Book Week. We are all very excited about this event, especially the book character parade on Friday morning. This will take place on the turf at 9am, if it's wet it will be in the hall. Parents are welcome to watch. Children are to dress up and come to school as their favourite book character. We will also be running a scholastic book fair in the library. The book fair will be open Monday to Wednesday, from 8.30am - 9.00am and from 3.00pm - 3.30pm. **Payments can only be made by eftpos.**

Information for Whānau 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.



Let's Keep in Touch

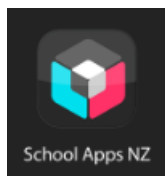
We use WhatsApp and Facebook to facilitate communication among whānau. There is no obligation to join these informal groups, but whānau find them very useful for asking and reminding each other about school happenings - not to mention tracking down lost property! This document contains links to our groups, including classroom and PTA WhatsApp groups, and school and PTA Facebook groups.



[GSS WhatsApp and Facebook Information 2023](#)

Absence Notification

'School Apps NZ' have been discontinued for absence notifications.



Our school has a new app that is linked with teachers and our admin staff. Please download the app '@school'. Every parent will be sent their own child/s personal login next week, if you have not set it up already. Please contact the office on admin@goodshepherd.school.nz if you require your unique login information. Please also see a previous [newsletter](#) with the set up instructions.



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.

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.

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 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!!

The PTA will once again celebrate our community by hosting the **Good Shepherd School Fair on 18th 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

Please join the facebook school fair page by scanning the barcode below or search '**Good Shepherd School Fair 2023**'



Save the Date

GSS MOTHER SUPERIORS EVENT
THURSDAY 27TH JULY
7PM ONWARDS
VENUE TBA
SCAN THE QR CODE AND
JOIN THE WHATSAPP GROUP

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 MOTHER SUPERIORS

The Mother Superiors is the mum's version of the Holey Fathers. There hasn't been much going on since Covid but there are some mums keen to get it going again and have set a date for a first casual get together. Please join the WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code to stay up to date with details. This is a great way to get to know other mums at GSS and we are looking forward to this first catch up.

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.

Auckland Netball School Holiday Programme Link attached to picture

We will keep them entertained!

JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
BOYS & GIRLS | AGES 5 - 13 YEARS

Auckland Netball Centre, St Johns
Multi-Activity Programme
Netball Skills 3 Half Day Programme
Combination Programme | 6v6 Umpire Course

Maungawhau School, Mt Eden
Netball Skills 3 Half Day Programme (week 1)

www.aucklandnetball.co.nz

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