



## Te Kura o Heparā Pai

**Care Manaakitanga**  
**Respect Whakautē**  
**Honesty Pono**

### Newsletter 11

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### From the Principal

Kia ora te whānau and welcome back to a new school term.

***[The Catholic school's] primary goal is "above all a question of communicating Christ, of helping to form Christ in the lives of others"***

This quote is from an important document put out by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference in 2014 called *The Catholic Education of School-Age Children*. The document describes the history of Catholic education in Aotearoa, and describes the nature and goals of the Catholic school. It talks about the high expectations of academic achievement in Catholic schools and also emphasises the importance of our shared Catholic faith and our goal of facilitating a genuine and ongoing encounter with Christ.

You chose a Catholic education at Good Shepherd School for a number of reasons and, with that choice, comes a commitment to support and participate in the Catholic special character of our school. One of the many ways we do this is by gathering as a school and parish community once a term to celebrate the Eucharist and we are looking forward to seeing all our families at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 22 July.

Te Atua ki a koe  
 God bless  
 Jane Hahn

### Principal's Open Office

Our apologies but Mrs Hahn won't be in her office for the open hour tomorrow. Don't forget to pop in to see her in her office between 8.30am and 9.30am on other Fridays if you have any questions about school life, or you just want to catch up.

### Upcoming Dates

22 July	Parish/School Mass
26 July	Three-Way Conference Finish 2pm
27 July	Three-Way Conference Finish 3pm
30 July-5 August	Cook Island Language Week
9 August	PTA Meeting
3 September	Tongan Language Week
15 September	Grandparents Mass
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 by 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



**Oliver Gullery** - You are a sensible classmate and are quick to settle into your work.

**Analise Turner-Padgett** - You have been stepping up as a leader by taking on responsibilities around the school.

### Sacramental Programme

Please keep in your prayers the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion this term.



### Three Way Conferences

Online appointment bookings for the Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are open now.

**Wednesday 26 July: 2.20pm - 7.20pm**

**Thursday 27 July: 3.20pm - 4.20pm**

Online bookings will close on Monday 24 July at 12.00pm. We allocate 10 minutes to each child's interview. If you have multiple bookings for siblings please ensure you allow 10 minutes between interviews.

Please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter code **28qhq** for the Event Code and follow the instructions. If you require assistance to make an interview booking please contact the school office.

**Remember: School closes at 2.00pm on Wednesday 26 July to allow the conferences to begin so please collect your children at 2pm. OSCA will be available from 2pm. Normal 3.00pm closing on Thursday 27 July.**

### Happy News

It is with great excitement that we inform you that Ms Evans is expecting a baby in November! We congratulate Ms Evans and her husband on this happy news and wish them every blessing for the birth of their baby. Ms Evans will be with us until early November and plans are already underway for someone to come in to take over her role as Room 6 classroom teacher. We will confirm details as soon as possible.

### School Council Bake Sale

#### Wednesday 2 August

This year the School Council has decided to raise money for some good causes, including endangered animals and the Catholic Caring Foundation. Please support us by bringing in baking in the morning of the Bake Sale, and giving your children some money to buy some yummy baking on the day.

*Cassie, Joanna, Thomas (School Council Leaders)*

### New SENCO

From term 3 Megan Dyer will take on the important role of Special Education Needs Coordinator (SENCO) at Good Shepherd. We thank Michelle Taylor for her work in this area over the last 18 months.

### Calling all Singers - Eden/Albert School Choir

This year we will be taking part in the Eden/Albert Schools Choir Performance. This will take place on 19 October at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell. Ms Fengmei Li, our choir trainer, has been conducting auditions for senior students to be part of this choir and we thank you for encouraging your child to audition if they enjoy singing. It will be quite an experience!

### Information for Whānau

#### 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](mailto: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](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.

## 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.

In this 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.

### Health Message from Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand

This winter, between Monday 12 June and Saturday 30 September, participating community pharmacies in Auckland will provide a Minor Health Conditions Service for Māori and Pacific people, children aged under 14 years, and community service card holders.

The service allows pharmacists to have a clinical consultation and provide advice as well as medication if needed for a select set of minor health conditions at no cost to the patient.

It also includes whānau members of a child with similar symptoms. For example, if the pharmacist determines your child needs treatment for scabies and they have older brothers or sisters, or you yourself also have symptoms, they may provide advice and medication for all of you.

The following health conditions are included in the Minor Health Conditions Service:

- Acute diarrhoea
- Dehydration
- Eye inflammation and infections
- Scabies
- Headlice
- Pain and fever
- Eczema/Dermatitis
- Minor skin infections

If your condition needs further support, the pharmacist can tell you the best place to go to get further help.

Let's spread the word to our friends and whānau about this new service! It's also important to remember that you can always speak to your local pharmacist for free health advice, even if you are not eligible for this service.

Participating pharmacies can be found by going to HealthPoint and searching "Minor Health Conditions". You can also find a list here <https://smex12-5-en-ctp.trendmicro.com:443/wis/clicktime/v1/query?url=www.tewhatuora.govt.nz%2fgo%2dwell&umid=03f15db0-214a-489f-8314-00eb263ff8f0&auth=a274b9305a0a6774f29265a98f8f893dbaf>

[e8641-7336a07cf314fec43e11828bcc2ef38514cf6e9](https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/health-conditions-service).

### 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!***

Sushi and Moosies are available for lunch most Fridays in Term 3. As Friday 15th September is Grandparents' Mass, sushi will be available on Thursday 14th instead. Orders are taken online only via [Kindo](#). You will need to set up a Kindo account if you are ordering for the first time. Orders will close at 8.45am on the day of the sushi delivery. You can order weekly or for as many weeks in advance as you like. You are also able to cancel sushi orders up until 8.45am on the day of the delivery.



We have pizza days planned for Tuesday 15th August and Tuesday 19th September. Orders for the first pizza day are open now and will close at 6pm on Thursday 10th August.

Sushi and pizza days would not be possible without our parent volunteers. A big thank you to Laura Kennerley who is stepping into the sushi admin role of sending off the orders to Cafe Sushi on a Friday morning. Thank you as always to our parent volunteers who take turns to collect the sushi/pizzas and ensure they are distributed to our grateful tamariki. There are still a few spots that we are still needing to find parent volunteers for in order for these to go ahead. Please email Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com) if you are able to assist.

Here are the planned dates for sushi and pizzas this term.

Friday 21st July (sushi)  
Friday 28th July (sushi)  
Friday 4th August (sushi)  
Friday 11th August (sushi)  
Tuesday 15th August (pizza) **Still looking for a parent volunteer**  
Friday 18th August (sushi)  
Friday 25th August (sushi)  
Friday 1st September (sushi)  
Friday 8th September (sushi)  
Thursday 14th September (sushi) **Still looking for a parent volunteer**  
Tuesday 19th September (pizza)  
Friday 22nd September (sushi) **Still looking for a parent volunteer**

Remember if your child orders Teriyaki chicken on rice, please send them to school with a fork in their lunchbox.

Moosies are sold 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.**

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers and House Captains, who help make this lunch service possible.

## SCHOOL FAIR NEWS

The PTA will once again celebrate our community by hosting the **Good Shepherd School Fair on 18th November 2023.**

### [Fair Newsletter- Issue 1](#)

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



## 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 MOTHER SUPERIORS

The Mother Superiors is the mum's version of the Holy 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.



**Save the Date**

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

The Mother Superiors  
WhatsApp group



### 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.



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**01–03 August 2023**  
**11.45am – 1.30pm**

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[www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz) or  
scan the QR code

