



## Te Kura o Heparā Pai

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### Newsletter 10

29 Pipiri / June 2023

### From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Last year we had a comprehensive survey of our school community about the strategic direction of Good Shepherd School. This resulted in [four strategic goals](#), one of which is a focus on Wellbeing: *Our students develop habits and skills to support their physical, emotional, spiritual and mental wellbeing*. This fits in well with the actions we have taken over the last few years to build resilience and Growth Mindset in our tamariki and, of course, is very timely as we work together to minimise the impact of the pandemic on our children. A key action we have taken to achieve this goal is to adopt the Mitey school wide approach to teaching mental health education. Please use this [link](#) to find out more about Mitey and what it means for Good Shepherd School.

Part of sustaining all of our wellbeing is to take time out over the next two weeks to relax with your children and allow them (and yourselves) a break from the school day routine. We hope that part of this time out will be with some good reading material - it's such a gift for any person to be taken into another time and place through reading. In addition to this entertainment aspect, we cannot emphasise enough the importance of regular reading habits on children's achievement levels.

Matariki, marking the Māori New Year, is celebrated during the holidays. Closely connected with the maramataka (the Māori lunar calendar), the

reappearance of the Matariki stars in the early morning sky brings the past year to a close and marks the beginning of the new year. Matariki is about reconnecting with your home and whānau (family). The school holidays give us a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the Māori New Year and observe the rising of Matariki. More information can be found [here](#). Have a wonderful and safe holiday period and see you back in term 3.

Te Atua ki a koe / God bless

Jane Hahn

### Principal's Open Office

Don't forget to pop in to see Jane in her office between 8.30am and 9.30am on Fridays if you have any questions about school life, or you just want to catch up.

### Upcoming Dates

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 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 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**.

#### Please Keep in Your Prayers....

We ask for God's blessing on all those members of our community who are suffering illness or loss in their families at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Good Shepherd Awards



**Lola Perretta-** Being friendly and settled into school with a good work ethic.

**Finn O'Sullivan Blanch-** Showing respect to his peers and caring towards his classmates.

## Parish/School Mass Saturday 22 July at 6pm

We are looking forward to gathering as a parish and school community in the first week back at school. Please make sure you are available as a family to attend this celebration as we ask God's blessing on our community and the new term.

## Sacramental Programme - First Holy Communion Whānau meeting

There will be a meeting for all whānau enrolled in the Sacramental programme at 6:30pm on Wednesday 19 July, the first week back at school. The first session will take place after Mass on Sunday 23 July.

## In & Around School

### Garden Club

At the Garden Club this week we made bath salts using dried herbs and flowers from the garden.

We mixed together:

3 cups of rose scented Epsom salts

1 cup of himalayan salt

1/2 cup baking soda

1/4 cup dried sage (chopped)

1/4 cup dried lavender (chopped)

rose petals from 2 roses (chopped)

The children enjoyed the lovely scents involved in chopping up the dried herbs and flowers and were very much looking forward to soaking in the bath at home with their bath salts!



## Book Week

Thank you so much for all your support during Book Week. Over the 3 days of the bookfair we sold just over \$1500 worth of books, so our school receives a reward of \$400 to spend on resources for our library. Thank you Mrs McLeod and our head librarians Esha and Samantha for making the week so special. See the photo below for a small sample of the large and exciting collection of free books we acquired from last year's Book Week!

As always a highlight was the parade at the end of the week. Ngā mihi to *The Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly* for her fascinating MC performance, and to our whānau, tamariki and kaiako for throwing themselves into it as usual.

**Visit our [GSS Highlights](#) site if you would like to see a video of your child's class showing off their stuff.....**





encouraging your child to audition if they enjoy singing. It will be quite an experience!

### Kāhui Ako

There has been a lot happening with our Kāhui Ako this term, check out the latest newsletter for updates and upcoming events [Kāhui Ako Newsletter for Term 2.](#)

We are looking forward to another great term celebrating more language weeks and the Māori Mass in September.

### 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



### 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. Early next term Ms Fengmei Li, our choir trainer, will be conducting auditions for senior students to be part of this choir and we would appreciate you

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.

## 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.tewhatauora.govt.nz%2fgo%2dwell&umid=03f15db0-214a-489f-8314-00eb263ff8f0&auth=a274b9305a0a6774f29265a98f8f893dbaf>

[e8641-7336a07cf314fecfd43e11828bcc2ef38514cf6e9](https://www.tewhatauora.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!***

A big thank you to Sue Lupis who has been assisting with the sushi admin role this year. The children really appreciate you ensuring that they get their sushi for lunch on a Friday! Sue is unable to carry on with this role so we are looking for someone who is able to take over from July onwards. It only takes about 5 minutes to carry out the required tasks but needs to be done on a Friday morning between 8.45 and 9am. Please contact Emma Chan [chanemmanz@gmail.com](mailto:chanemmanz@gmail.com) if you are able to take over this role or if you have any questions.

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 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.

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 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.

# Save the Date

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



## Join the Holy Fathers

The Holy 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 [holyfathers@gmail.com](mailto:holyfathers@gmail.com) if you're keen to join us.

## Research Project

Language maintenance and shift in the Latin migrant community in New Zealand: perspectives from Latin migrants whose first language is Spanish (aged 18 and above). See posters and links below for more information.

English link:

[https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6DnBSxQMGI39MvY](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6DnBSxQMGI39MvY)

Spanish link:

[https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eyrHXyWu22aKG](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eyrHXyWu22aKG)



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## Research Project

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**THE PURPOSE**  
The purpose of this study is to investigate how the experiences of Latin migrants whose first language is Spanish impact their attitudes towards the Spanish language and how this, in turn, influences language maintenance or language shift.

**You are welcome to participate if:**

- You are 18 years and over
- Spanish is your first language
- You immigrated to New Zealand from a Latin country

**WHAT IT INVOLVES**

- You will complete an anonymous **survey** online that will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete
- You will have the opportunity to take part in a semi-structured follow up interview which will be held online or face to face in a public location and time of your choice.
- Your identity and personal information will be kept **confidential**.

If you are interested in participating in this research project, please complete the survey at [https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6DnBSxQMGI39MvY](https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6DnBSxQMGI39MvY) or contact Renée (student researcher) for more details.

Renée Arrasco-Ward  
School of Psychology  
rarr504@aucklanduni.ac.nz

As a thank you for your time, you will be able to enter a draw to be gifted with one of two \$50 petrol vouchers upon completion of the online survey.

APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HUMAN PARTICIPANT'S ETHICS COMMITTEE ON 02/08/23 FOR THREE YEARS. REFERENCE NUMBER: UAHPEC25887

## 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](http://www.aucklandnetball.co.nz)

**AUCKLAND NETBALL**



## Sacred Heart College Hostel Tours



**Sacred Heart College**  
AUCKLAND



FATHER  
CHAMPAGNAT  
HOUSE

### Hostel Tours

Sunday 23 July, 2pm

You're invited to join us for tours of our boarding Hostel.  
Register at: [www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostelopenDay](http://www.sacredheart.school.nz/hostelopenDay)

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AVONDALE

Calling all ex-students, staff and supporters of St Mary's Avondale. Momentum is gathering for our school's 100th birthday celebrations with lots of exciting events planned for Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September 2023.

Friday 8th September - early afternoon	Liturgy to open the weekend of celebrations, student led school tour and open classrooms, special assembly led by the current students and afternoon tea for the Adults/Guests. (Times TBC)
Saturday 9th September	Back to the Future Gala run by ex students 11am – 3pm Junior Rugby League Tournament on the field
Saturday 9th September	Mix n Mingle Social Event From 6pm – 11pm at Avondale RSA R16
Sunday 10th September	Mass of Thanksgiving 10am on the field followed by a potluck picnic

If you are interested in attending any of the events sign up [here](#) to ensure you are kept up to date



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### friends & family deals

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Limited time | 3rd - 16th July 2023

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# SPLASH

## One day water safety programme

Lifejacket Safety | Boating Safety | Beach Safety  
Snorkelling | Bystander Rescue - 4R's

Holiday Programme for 8-10 year olds & 11-15 year olds

July School Holidays  
9.30am - 2.30pm

Various pool facilities  
around Auckland

**Drowning  
Prevention  
Auckland** 



**REGISTER NOW**

(Max. 25 participants)

[dpanz.org.nz/holiday-programme](https://dpanz.org.nz/holiday-programme)