

Update...



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakaute
Honesty Pono*

24 Here-turi-kōkā / August 2023

Upcoming Dates

29 August	Fair Stall Holders Meeting
1 September	Colourful Clothes Day-Jolly Jars
3 September	Tongan Language Week
5 September	Catholic Schools Cross Country
11 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
15 September	Grandparents Mass
22 September	End of Term 3
24 September	Daylight Saving begins
9 October	Beginning of Term 4
13 October	Colourful Clothes Day-Preserves
14 October	General Election
18 November	GSS School Fair
6 December	End of Year Mass
15 December	End of Term 4

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed.

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

Principal's Open Office

Our apologies but Jane won't be in her office this week. Please 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.

Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Ryan-Chris Kelvin - Being sensible and working hard in class to show our Good Shepherd ways.

Alice Pearce - You show care for others by being inclusive, helpful and supporting others in their learning.

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 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**.

In & Around School

Kōrero Kapai!

Our ākonga have been outside of their comfort zones recently, practising and delivering their speeches, and we applaud them all! Special congratulations to today's speech finalists and huge ngā mihi to the tamariki and kaiako who helped to make everything run so smoothly.

The judges commented several times on the calibre of the speeches and the difficulty of their task today. Here are our speakers, topics and placings.

Speakers, Topics and Placings
Year 1 1st Place: Aurelia McHardy: Different is Beautiful 2nd Place: Arlo Ryan: My Family Farm 3rd Place: Arthur Blakemore: Sky City Tower
Year 2 1st Place: Louie Rooke: Lottie 2nd Place: Francesco Kastelan: Chameleons 3rd Place: Ted Tuibenu: Germs
Year 3 1st Place: Emily Clark: Dogs 2nd Place: Johana Diljith: The Brain 3rd Place: Siaki Sundin: Pokemon
Year 4 1st Place: Lucia Hodgson: Fairy Tales Are More Important Than You Think 2nd Place: Promise Thomsen: I Think My Dad Is a Secret Agent 3rd Place: Elria Gomes: Miracle, Miracle, Miracle, Miracle
Year 5 1st Place: Atreo Fernando: Robots 2nd Place: Analise Turner-Padgett: Aliens Existing 3rd Place: Josie Spencer: The Lost City of Atlantis
Year 6 1st Place: Eva Barry: The Reasons for the Four Houses 2nd Place: Thomas Erickson: Kaitiakitanga - Guardians of our Environment 3rd Place: Thomas Carlin-Shadbolt: Ancient Egypt (Absent)

Sport

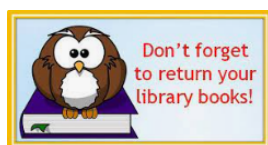
Term 3 Sporting Events are:

Catholic Schools Cross Country - Tuesday 5 September

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

Good Shepherd Uniform

The children are in their winter school uniforms until Term 4. Uniforms are purchased through Elizabeth Michael Uniforms although we do keep a supply of second hand uniforms for purchase at the school for \$5 per item. Online orders can be made through Elizabeth Michael's website with the code GS132.

Can we please give special attention to footwear? 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 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.

Class WhatsApp Groups

Stay in touch with what's happening in your child's classroom.

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](#)

Absences



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Please notify the school office of any student absences **before** 9:15 am on the day of absence by

phone on 09 620 4962, by emailing admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or using the app to enable us to complete our school roll. Our school uses an app that is linked to teachers and our admin staff. Please download the app '@school' and 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.



Signing in Late/Signing out Students

If your child will be arriving late for school you must stop by the School Office to sign them in before you take them to class. Similarly if you are picking your child up from school for an offsite appointment you must also sign them out at the school office.

- *If you do not come through the office when your child is late, your child will not be marked on the morning roll which may result in a phone call from the office. To avoid confusion, if your child arrives after 8.50am ALWAYS come through the office before going to class.*



Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

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Pre Enrolment Applications
2024 and 2025

NOW OPEN

Contact us:
Phone: 09 620 4962
Website: www.goodshepherd.school.nz
Email: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Visit us:
30 Telford Avenue
Balmoral
Auckland 1041

GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Te Kura o hepara pai.
Together we Learn and Care

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

We have had a noticeable amount of children entering school very early and being picked up after school much later than 3.15pm. If you know you are needing to drop your child to school earlier than 8.00am or be picked up later than 3.15pm you can arrange for your child to go to the OSCA programme. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter as it does interfere with school staff preparing and still working before and after school time. 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.

Mitey-Community Engagement



This year we again are excited at Good Shepherd School to partner with the Sir John Kirwan Foundation to deliver Mitey – a NZ specific, evidence-based approach to teaching mental health education in our classrooms. Please use this [link](#) to

find out more about Mitey and what it means for Good Shepherd School.

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.

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, 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.



GSS PTA NEWS

Sushi, Pizza & Moosies

Sushi, Pizza and Moosies Can Now All Be Ordered On Kindo!

Sushi and Moosies are available for lunch most Fridays in Term 3. Pizza is available as an alternative to sushi twice this term on the dates noted below.

Due to a recent price increase from our supplier, the price of each sushi pack will increase by 50 cents effective this week

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



Our pizza day last week was a huge success! We will be having another pizza day on Tuesday 19th

September. Orders are now open for this on Kindo and will close on Thursday 14th September at 6pm. We are looking for a parent volunteer who can collect the pizzas from Dominos in Sandringham at 12 noon and sort them into class baskets in time from the 1pm lunch time. Please email Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com if you are available to help.

Sushi is available on the following dates for the remainder of Term 3.

- Friday 25th August
- Thursday 31 August
- Friday 8th August
- Friday 15th August
- Friday 22nd August

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 in 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.

Calendar Art 2023



CALENDAR ART 2023

Online orders for the PTA Calendar Art fundraiser will open in early September.

Products & prices:

2024 Calendars	\$18
hardback, A5 diaries	\$20
8 x cards & envelopes	\$18
A5 softcover sketchpad	\$18
Mousemat	\$20

A notice will come home next week including all the info you need to order.

Example products can be viewed in the School Office.

Questions? Anna 021 029 70532
annalshaw@gmail.com

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 Holy Fathers. If you are interested, please add yourself to the Whatsapp group or keep an eye out in the newsletter for the next event.

[Mother Superior's 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 if you're keen to join us.



Please join the facebook school fair page by scanning the barcode below or search

'Good Shepherd School Fair 2023'



MAJOR PRIZES FOR SCHOOL FAIR

With just under 3 months until the GSS Fair we are reaching out to our families and friends to ask for your help. Every year we have major prizes up for grabs at the fair. Raffle tickets are sold for these major prizes and we promote the prizes (and donors) on the tickets, in the lead up to the fair and on the day. In previous years, we have had amazing support from our school community and from our local friends and businesses donating prizes. We have offered some amazing prizes such as overseas trips, scooters, laptops, luxury weekend getaways, signed sports memorabilia, thrilling drives in luxury cars, and even jewellery. These prizes have played a big role in creating buzz and excitement about the fair.

This year, we would love to be able to offer 3-4 major prizes to promote the fair and drive raffle ticket sales and this is where we need your help! We would like to ask for your assistance in reaching out to friends, family or businesses within your network who might be able to donate a prize. We would like to have our major prizes confirmed by the end of September so we can have time to have the prizes printed on the raffle tickets.

If you are able to help please call or text Michelle Herlihy (021 720 857) or Aimee Greenhough (021 763 002)

Fair Stall Holders Meeting

A quick reminder with only 13 WEEKS UNTIL THE SCHOOL FAIR, next week Tuesday 29th August, 7.30pm in the school staff room there will be a fair information evening.

We would really love for anyone who has put their hand up to help run a stall or anyone who would like to help run a stall to attend, even if you would just like a little more information we would love to see you. The school fair has always been a great way for our school community to connect and do some amazing fundraising for our tamariki. This meeting will give everyone a bit more clarity on the path forward for each stall.

Please come along for a wine, cheese and to continue the amazing community spirit we have always had at Good Shepherd School. We need you all to make our school fair a success.

Parents, Toddlers and Coffee

