



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 16

12 October / Whiringa-ā-nuku 2023

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

The beginning of a new term is so exciting and it was great to see our tamariki in their summer uniforms, even if the weather is not really playing the game.

This term we will truly see our strong and vibrant community in action. We have been unable to hold our (usually) biennial school fair since 2019 so the excitement is building as we return to this significant school event. The fair raises much needed funds for our school that benefit all our children, current and future. School fair projects have included providing classroom technology (smart boards and individual student devices), fitting out classrooms with modern furniture, installing the all-weather turf and shade sale, building the fitness trail and helping our environment by installing two water tanks.

The school fair brings our whole community together for a common purpose and the relationships that are built by working together are as important as the material benefits. Whether it be selling all your raffle tickets, providing goods for sale, taking charge of a stall or being available on the day, I urge you to get in behind our amazing fair team and enjoy this outstanding community event.

Ngā manaakitanga
Jane Hahn

Principal's Open Office

Don't forget to pop in to see Mrs Hahn 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

13 October	Colourful Clothes Day-Preserves
14 October	General Election
25 October	PTA Meeting
27 October	Room 5 Assembly
8 November	2024 New Entrants Visit
10 November	Room 1 and 2 Assembly
13 November	Teachers Only Day (School Closed)
14 November	GSS Athletics Day
15 November	School Photos
18 November	GSS School Fair
24 November	Performance Assembly TBC
6 December	End of Year Mass
12 December	Farewell Assembly
15 December	End of Term 4

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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

A VERY Special Assembly

We would like all of our Good Shepherd whānau to join us for an assembly at 2pm on Tuesday 12 December to celebrate the extraordinary leadership of our beloved principal Jane Hahn; and to wish her well as she departs for the next stage of her journey. We also take the opportunity to farewell our other valued teachers - Michelle Taylor and Leisel Inglis. After the assembly we will be serving a light afternoon tea, including a drink and biscuit for the tamariki. For this we need an indication of numbers (including children) so please RSVP to Chelsea: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui,
Megan Dyer



Suyara talking with Mrs Hahn

Colourful Clothes Day- Tomorrow

On Friday 13 October, we will be having a Colourful Clothes day. Below is a message from the Fair Committee regarding what to bring:

We're asking our tamariki to bring the following:

- Plants
- Preserves
- Produce (ingredients for the preserves)

This can be in any form you have available to you, including jars, ingredients, homemade preserves, or store bought is also okay. Plant donations can include seedlings or potted perennials, just whatever you think will help sales and raise funds for our community – we welcome it all!

If you can't help with any of the above, that's no problem just bring along a gold coin donation, that way we can help stall holders purchase what they need.

Again, your ongoing support is much appreciated.
GSS Fair Committee

Personnel Update

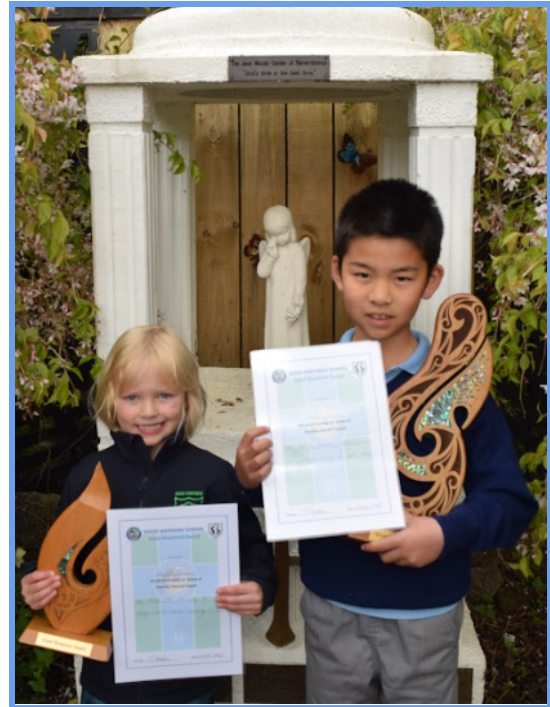
We welcome Margie Andrews to our teacher aide team this term. We are also very grateful for the support of Lindsey MacGilvray who is a regular helper in Room 2.

Special Character

Caritas World Day of the Poor Sunday 19 November

Sunday 19 November will be the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with people in need. Caritas Aotearoa NZ has created resources for the day. Go here: [www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-pool](http://www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor)

Good Shepherd Awards

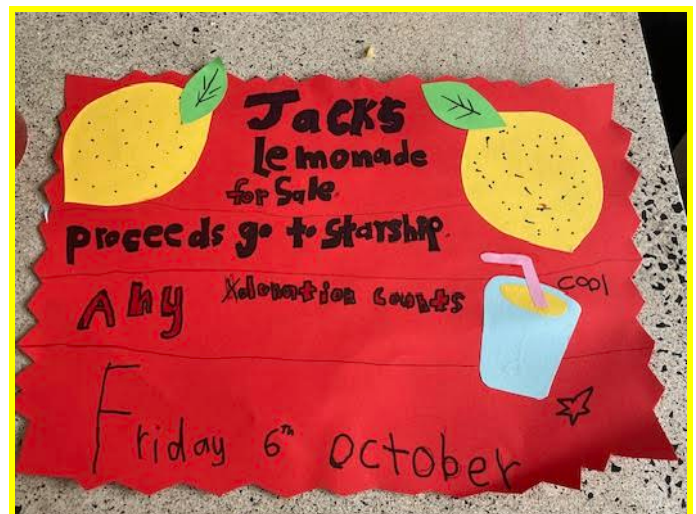


Harriet Davies- *You follow the GSS Way by being a kind and caring classmate.*

Aaron Liu- *You are a focussed learner who is always willing to help others.*

Jack Buckthought's Holiday Fundraiser

Our school has amazing tamariki, and Jack Buckthought had a thoughtful idea in the school holidays and decided to fundraise for Starship Children's Hospital. Jack decided to do a lemonade stand at his dad's work to help raise and donate \$582. A kind and appreciated gesture Jack. Ka mau te wehi.





The Weetbix Tryathlon entries are open!



Same as previous years, we are getting a group together to enter the South Auckland Tryathlon in Manurewa. This year it's on Wednesday 22nd of November. It's a great event, all the kids who enter enjoy it, and tailored to each year level.

I have created a group for Good Shepherd School to join. The link below should take you to the group directly, otherwise search for Good Shepherd and you should find the group I started, listed under my professional name, Andrew.

[Registration link here!](#)

All triathletes receive the below

- Official Weet-Bix Kids TRY Champions T-shirt*
- TRY Champions Medal
- Event tote bag*
- Event swim cap*
- Goodies from our awesome sponsors*
- Complimentary Weet-Bix Breakfast at event
- PLUS lots of cool giveaways, spot prizes and the chance to meet some of New Zealand's leading sports stars!

When you go through the process, there is an option to either have your Try pack couriered to you, or to the school for a discount.

Any questions, give me a shout - digitalbugsy@gmail.com or 027 523 7374

In & Around School

Room 5

Room 5 has been learning about the general election and debating. It's fantastic timing to be considering the election process and why it is important to vote and to have your say. We were able to try debating different topics and in particular "why students should have cellphones or shouldn't". Look out parents - we're equipped with some great arguments! The reasons from both sides were very interesting and taught Room 5 about accepting different perspectives.

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**.

Sport Athletics

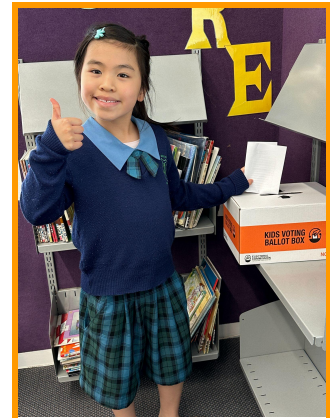
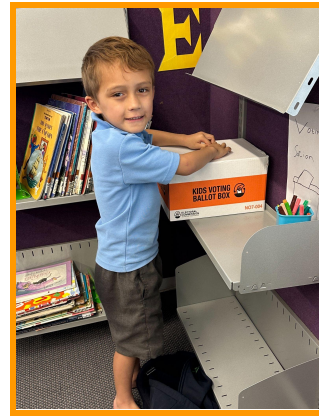
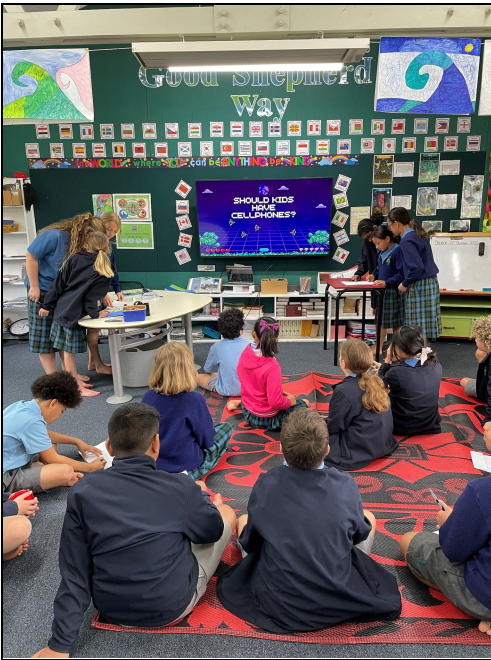
Next week the whole school will begin training for our school athletics day. Our training days will be Monday and Tuesday for Rooms 5-9 and Tuesday for Rooms 1-4. It would be great if children could bring a change of clothes to wear for these sessions.

GSS Athletics Day - Tuesday 14 November at Margaret Griffen Park. A notice will be coming home with all the information soon.

If you are able to help out on the day please email Heather McLeod on:

hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

Eden/Albert Zones Events - Our Eden/Albert primary sports committee have amended our zones events and from Term 4 onwards only Year 5 and 6 children will be attending all zone sporting events, including athletics zones this term and cross country going forward. Our decision keeps it concise and it means that all events during the year are open to only Year 5 and 6 students.



ELECTION MANIA

Thank you to our very own Election Officers, Carlo and Sio, for running such an efficient mock election at GSS this week. Please see below for the 3 front running parties at our school. More detailed statistics to follow. It will be interesting to see how they compare to Saturday's results.

DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR SAY!



GSS HIGHLIGHTS

Don't forget to check out this site to see photos of GSS children learning and having fun.

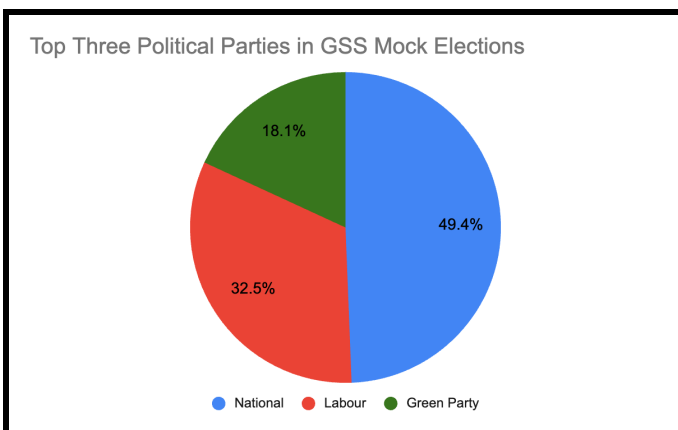
Library Books

Please have a hunt around your house for any stray library books and return them to school this week. Children are able to issue library books for the school holidays if they don't have any overdue books at home.

Information for Whānau

Attendance Dues Paid by 04 December

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.



We are in our final term of the year so payment before 04 of December 2023 is appreciated.

Good Shepherd School also asks for **donations** from whānau. We rely on these donations to provide the extra learning opportunities, 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.

Dropping off and Picking up Children

We have had a noticeable number 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.

Please have a discussion with your child at home about waiting at the church steps until they are picked up by a whānau member. Although we have supervision from a staff member, we also need to consider that it is very busy and crowded after school.

Good Shepherd Uniform Summer Uniform in Term 4

Term 4 ALL children are expected to be in their full summer uniform.

Summer Uniform: Students wear summer uniforms in Terms 4 & 1. This includes black sandals and a wide-brim hat. **NO BASEBALL CAPS!**

If a child does not bring their hat to school they must sit in the shade during morning tea and lunchtime breaks.



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.

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 - MAKE SURE YOU RING



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

A banner for 'Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025' at Good Shepherd School. It features the school's logo, a cross, and the text 'NOW OPEN'. Contact information includes phone number 09 620 4962, website www.goodshepherd.school.nz, and email admin@goodshepherd.school.nz. The address is 30 Telford Avenue, Balmoral, Auckland 1041. The school's motto 'Te Kura o hepara pai. Together we Learn and Care' is also present.

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.

Procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints at Good Shepherd School

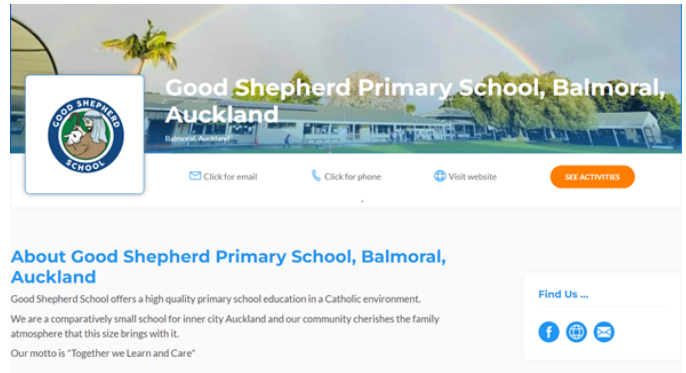
We value our community culture at Good Shepherd School. When dealing with any concerns and complaints that may arise, we keep at the forefront our core values of care, respect and honesty. If you have an issue, please follow this [link](#) which can guide you in how to proceed in order to resolve it with us.

Before & After School Care

The Good Shepherd OSCA programme is an important service that we offer to our school

community and we're adopting [Enrolmy](#) to help streamline the booking and payment process. Emails will be sent in the coming days and weeks with more information to assist with the setting up process.

ENROLMY



Below is a link to the current 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.



GSS PTA NEWS

Sushi & Moosies

Sushi and Moosies Can Now All Be Ordered On Kindo!

Exciting news!

We have a new sushi supplier for Term 4. You will notice some changes to menu items and pricing. We will have the following items on offer:

- Teriyaki Katsu Chicken on Rice 240g \$8.50
- Salmon Sushi - 4 pack \$6.50
- Salmon Sushi - 6 pack \$8.00
- Salmon Sushi - 8 pack \$9.50
- Chicken Sushi - 4 pack \$6.00
- Chicken Sushi - 6 pack \$7.50
- Chicken Sushi - 8 pack \$9.00
- Tuna Sushi - 4 pack \$6.00
- Tuna Sushi - 6 pack \$7.50
- Tuna Sushi - 8 pack \$9.00
- Vegetarian Sushi - 4 pack \$6.00
- Vegetarian Sushi - 6 pack \$7.50
- Vegetarian Sushi - 8 pack \$9.00

Orders are taken online via [Kindo](#). Sushi will be every Friday this term and orders need to be in before 8.45am on Friday morning. It is possible to order in advance for as many weeks as you like and you can also cancel your order 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.

Pizza days will be on Tuesday 7th November and Tuesday 12th December this term. Orders for the first Pizza Day are now open and will close on Thursday 2nd November at 6pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Emma Chan chanemmanz@gmail.com

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.**

Reminder to parents that when you order successfully from Kindo you will receive a confirmation email

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 **are now open!**

ORDER NOW!

Products & prices:

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

www.kidsartworks.com

enter your code, which looks like this - KZ850-23XXX

Order forms with codes came home with your child but you can contact Anna directly also to get your code(s)

Questions? Anna 021 029 70532 annalshaw@gmail.com



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

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.