



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

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Newsletter 18

09 November/ Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023

From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

Wherever we are, we are called to create community

What beautiful words coming from St Mary MacKillop, the co-founder of the Josephite Sisters who established Good Shepherd over one hundred years ago. 'Community' is created when people come together for a common purpose, and is made strong when they get involved with doing things together. What better example could we have than the deep sense of community generated by preparations for the school fair in less than two weeks! Please help in any way you can - we are a small community that needs everyone to contribute, and the rewards are huge!

We are looking forward to a wonderful experience that will bring lasting benefits to all Good Shepherd tamariki and to the community as a whole.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jane Hahn

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

Upcoming Dates

10 November	Room 1 and 2 Assembly
10 November	Diwali
13 November	Teachers Only Day (School Closed)
14 November	GSS Athletics Day
15 November	School Photos
17 November	School finishes 2PM (Fair Preparation)
18 November	GSS School Fair
24 November	Performance Assembly TBC
25 November	Albert/Eden Cultural Festival
28 November	Eden/Albert Athletics Zones
6 December	End of Year Mass
12 December	Farewell Assembly
14 December	Christmas Concert
15 December	End of Term 4

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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-poor

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



Thomas Erickson - Very enthusiastic about his learning, very diligent, applying himself to everything, showing maturity.

Julian McCann - Demonstrating the Good Shepherd Way by trying very hard in his work and Kapa Haka.

Baptism Programme - Expression of Interest

The school and parish is preparing a Baptism programme for this term. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to be baptised, please send an email to Jane Hahn principal@goodshepherd.school.nz.

This expression of interest in the Baptism programme would need to be received by Monday 13 November.

Sacramental Programme 2024

We are now accepting applications for the 2024 Sacramental programme. If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like them to be involved in the Sacramental programme please look at the attached [timeline](#) and [application form](#). If you have any questions. Please contact Jane Hahn principal@goodshepherd.school.nz.

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.

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 Room 7's favourite teacher - Michelle Taylor.

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



Sport

Athletics

GSS Athletics Day - Tuesday 14 November at Margaret Griffen Park

Morning Programme: 9.45am - 11.45am approx.

Year 4-6 - Running Events

Year 0-3 - Field Events

Afternoon Programme: 12.00pm - 2.00pm approx.

Year 4-6 - Field Events

Year 0-3 - Running Events

Eden/Albert Athletics Zones - Tuesday 28 November at Margaret Griffen Park
Save Day - Thursday 30 November

In & Around School

Room 8

Last week we loved celebrating our cultural diversity week in Room 8. We have so many different cultures and ethnicities to value, celebrate and learn about. During the week we all wrote an information report about a culture of our choice. It was so interesting to research and learn about different cultures. It was great to see the children proudly share their culture and identity with others. Some chose their own culture and some chose a culture of their friend or one they were interested in. We found out that we

all have something to share and be proud of, in our own culture and identity.



We extend a very warm welcome to the following student who started at Good Shepherd recently:

Devin Fonseka

Library Books

Please have a hunt around your house for any stray library books and return them to school this week.

Mitey

Why the Need?

Mental health concerns and issues amongst NZ youth have doubled in the past 10 years and we all agree that unhappy students don't learn.

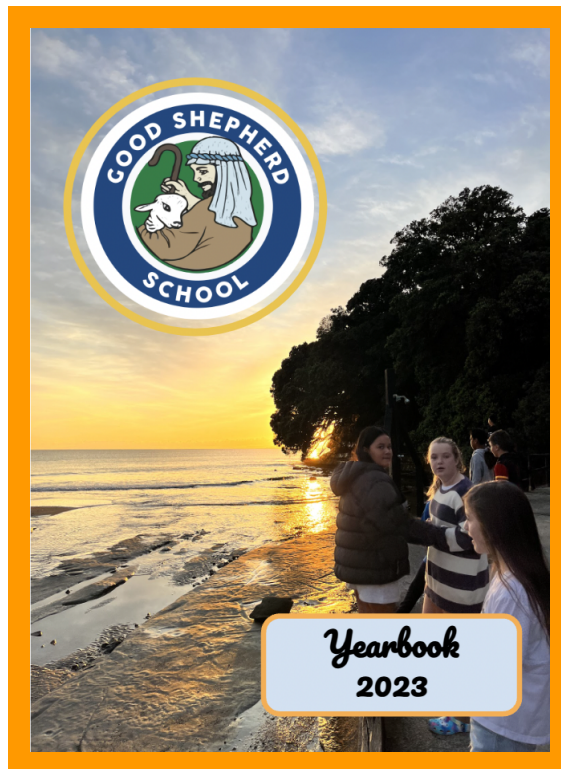
Youth suicide rates in NZ are among the highest in the world. Partnering with Mitey allows our school to be part of a transformational change for young people by enabling them to nurture their mental health – and that of others – for the rest of their lives.

YEARBOOK TIME IS HERE!!!

Our 2023 yearbook provides you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at school. All of our junior and senior

students are celebrated in this glossy, professionally bound book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers.

Yearbooks cost \$25 and can be purchased on [Kindo](#). To open a Kindo account please follow this [link](#) and select join up.



Information for Whānau

Year Six Leaving Party - Save The Date!!

Year 6 2023 Good Shepherd graduates are invited to a last celebration with their friends and whānau, for a pool party:

Where: Point Erin Pools Shelly Beach Road, Herne Bay

Date: 15th DECEMBER 2022 (last day of school)

Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

To make this an amazing day for our children I am after parent volunteers for driving and helping with food. Please contact Fleur (Rose's mum).

My contact details are:

roberts_fleur@hotmail.com

021388646

Swimming Pool - Volunteers Over The Holidays

We are needing 2 people from our community to help with the upkeep of the school pool in the

summer months (particularly in the Christmas holidays). If you would like to help please contact Sharyn, shodge@goodshepherd.school.nz

Albert/Eden Schools Cultural Festival 2023

Saturday 25 November 11am-5pm

Rocket Park, Mt Albert



This is the major performance event for our junior and senior Kapa Haka groups for this year. We would love you to come along to support our tamariki, and also to enjoy performances by our neighbouring schools, the great food stalls and extra activities.

Our groups are performing on the Outside Stage at the following times:



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.

Dogs at School

This is a reminder that, if you are bringing your dog onto the Good Shepherd site to pick up or drop off your child, it must be kept on a lead at all times. Dogs are not allowed on the 'Up Top' playground at any time.

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 stay 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](#)

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

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Pre Enrolment Applications
2024 and 2025

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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.

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.

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Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland

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About Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland

Good Shepherd School offers a high quality primary school education in a Catholic environment. We are a comparatively small school for inner city Auckland and our community cherishes the family atmosphere that this size brings with it. Our motto is "Together we Learn and Care"

Find Us ...

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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 been given great responses from the tamariki that the new sushi supplier is delicious. Have a look at the new menu options on Kindo.



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.

Next Pizza day will be on Tuesday 12th December this term.

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.