



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 20

15 December/ Hakihea 2023



From the Principal

Ngā mihi ki a koe me to whānau

This is a final opportunity to thank our wonderful Good Shepherd community for another great year, and to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the amazing farewell I have been given.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve you as Principal over the last ten plus years. Our school is shaped by many remarkable people and I thank you all once again. The talented, dedicated kaiako, supported by an amazing team of non-teaching staff, our parish family with Msgr Bernard always there to guide and support us, our parents and whānau and, of course, right at the heart are our quite wonderful tamariki.

Any achievements of mine at Good Shepherd have been built on the good work done by people who have gone before me, and I'm confident that Good Shepherd School will continue to flourish in the hands of our new Principal, Ben Fahey. Meanwhile,

have a safe and happy summer holiday and I wish you every blessing for this holy season.

With thanks, appreciation and love.

Meri Kirihimete me ngā mihi o te Tau Hou
Jane Hahn

Upcoming Dates

**Reminder: School closes at 2pm tomorrow,
Friday 15 December!**

14 December	Christmas Concert
15 December	End of Term 4 (2pm finish)

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

Special Character

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

5pm Christmas Eve - Children's Vigil Mass
Midnight Mass (with Carol Service from 11.30pm)
9.30am Christmas Day Mass

Good Shepherd Awards



Mary Dawit: *You show perseverance and initiative, and respect.*

Laurika Lealofi: *You are showing the Good Shepherd Way, by greeting everyone by name, and by being a good friend.*

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.

Baptism Programme - Expression of Interest

The school and parish are 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.

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.

Good Shepherd Christmas Concert TONIGHT!!!



5.30pm children report to teacher - concert to begin at 6.00pm

You are warmly invited to the Good Shepherd Christmas Concert. All classes will perform a Christmas item and we hope you will join in the carol singing in between items. Bring your own picnic dinner and the PTA will be providing a sausage sizzle. Once the concert is finished, children will be under the supervision of their parents. The event will finish at 8.00pm.

So come along with your picnic rugs, and join us as we celebrate this special time of year with the children of Good Shepherd.

Bring Your \$25 and purchase a yearbook at the same time...

In & Around School

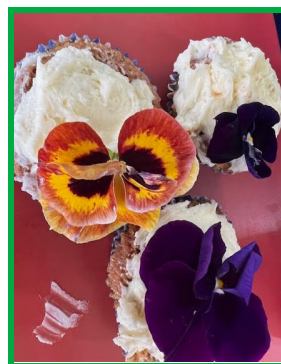
Haere rā Mrs Hahn!

Huge ngā mihi to all of the tamariki and also all of the kaiako and whānau who contributed in so many different ways to make yesterday special for Jane Hahn. Whether you contributed, art (amazing work Bridget Kahl) kai, koha, service, or simply performed your heart out; our principal was very appreciative. In fact she was quite overwhelmed! Mrs Hahn, ngā mihi mō ngā tau kei mua i te aroaro. Ka kite anō au i a koe - we owe you a huge debt of gratitude and we wish you all the very best for the future. See you soon!



all sorts of interesting shapes! Ms Chan took the carrots home and made carrot cake cupcakes. This week at Garden Club we celebrated a fantastic year of gardening by decorating the carrot cake cupcakes with cream cheese icing and edible flowers! We also thanked Andrea Hannay for all her help at Garden Club this year, with a card and a small gift.

We are already looking forward to Garden Club in 2024 and are hoping that upon return to school in Term 1, we will find a garden full of pumpkin, zucchini, squash and potatoes 🍷🍷🍷



Mitey Community Involvement

Parents and the whole school community are an integral part of Mitey's approach and, as with all our learning, your engagement and support are a key aspect of educating our students. So we welcome any feedback or questions you may have regarding the Mitey programme. Please feel free to email Heather McLeod on hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz with your questions or comments.

YEARBOOKS ARE HERE COME IN AND HAVE A LOOK!!!

Our 2023 Yearbook provides you with a permanent and colourful record of our students and their activities at school. Every single child is celebrated

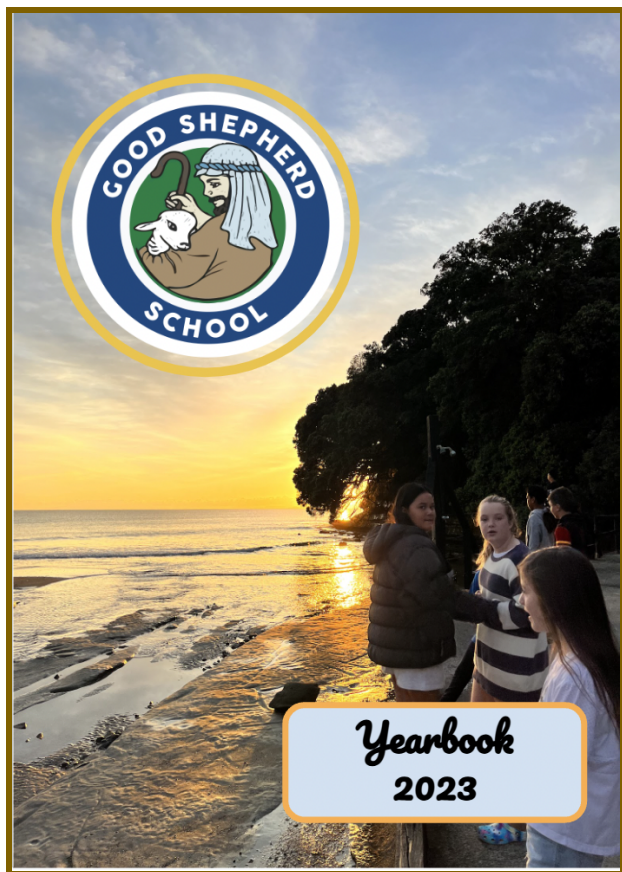


Last week at the Garden Club we harvested the carrots we had grown at Garden Club. They grew in

in this glossy, professionally bound book, with pages dedicated to each class, and special recognition for our leavers. Drop into the school office and see the yearbook for yourself.

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

Please note that pre-ordered yearbooks will be given out to children at school, and they will probably want to autograph them. Please notify Chelsea or Ilana if you prefer to pick up your unblemished yearbook directly from the office.



Information for Whānau

Class Placements 2024

Class placements for 2024 will be announced at the beginning of term 1, 2024. Organisation of classrooms for next year will be as follows:

Room	Teacher	Year Groups
2	Lana Nimmo	Years 0/1
3	Sarah Carlsen	Years 1/2

4	Bronwyn Williams	Years 1/2
5	Tainui Singh-Clark	Years 2/3
6	Carla Butcher	Years 5/6
7	Cathrine Kaur	Years 5/6
8	Rhiannon Williams	Years 3/4
9	Fengmei Li	Years 4/5

Please note that some children will stay in the same class with the same teacher. This is not a disadvantage for your child as they will be working with someone who knows them well, nor is it an indication that they have not done well in 2023. As always, our goal is that every child has a great year of learning in 2024.

Class placements for 2024 are final. We appreciate the trust you show in our professional judgement by not requesting particular placements (or attempting to change placements) for your children. We are of course, very open to discussing student wellbeing within their class, but we do request that you allow your child at least three weeks at the beginning of 2024 to settle in first.

St Vincent de Paul Giving Baskets

Each classroom in the school has a 'Giving Basket' that will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year for Christmas. Rooms 3, 5, 7, 9 are collecting wrapped gifts (please label these with boy/girl and which age group they suit) and Rooms 1, 4, 6, 8 are collecting non-perishable food items. All gifts and food items are greatly appreciated at this happy time of the year when we can give back to our local community. The boxes will be delivered to the St Vincent de Paul after the Christmas Concert.

Year Six Leaving Party TOMORROW

Please note the time change - 2:30pm - 5:00pm

ALL year six students are invited. At Pt Erin Pools in Herne Bay, \$15 please pay Fleur Roberts (Rose Gray's mum). If you need to contact her please do so on:

Roberts_fleur@hotmail.com

Mobile- 021388646 message me for the whats app group chat

Bank acc number: 12 -3629-0145729-02

Summer Reading

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they have learned or slip out of practice during the summer holidays.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions.

Try these three steps to help your child improve their reading during the summer and beyond. They will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

1. Six books to summer success: Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from going backwards. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right – not too hard and not too easy. Visit your local library. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities.

2. Read something every day: Encourage your child to take every opportunity to read.

Morning: the newspaper – even if it's just the comics or today's weather

Daytime: schedules, recipes, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc.

Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book he or she is currently reading. Have them rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help them be more fluent – able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with good expression


3. Keep reading aloud: Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so they will build listening comprehension skills. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when reading on their own.

Adapted from the article Three Ways to Prevent Summer Slide by Francie Alexander

Attendance Dues 2024

Catholic Special Character Contribution

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS



The Catholic Special Character contribution is used to fund the staff and services provided by the Catholic Education Services Board who are responsible, on behalf of the Proprietor, for safeguarding and strengthening the Catholic Special Character of our schools.

The contribution is \$15 per term per student or \$60 per student per year.

The contribution is tax deductible and a 33% refund can be claimed from the IRD.

For more information:
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-education-services/
Phone: (09) 3603091 Email: ces@cda.org.nz

Mō tātou, ā, mōngā uri ā muri ake | For us, and our children after us.

Attendance Dues Primary School YO - Y8 will be increasing in 2024 to \$129 per term (\$516 per year) including GST.

The Catholic Special Character contribution will be increasing and is a voluntary donation of \$15.00 per term (\$60.00 per annum) per student.

Attendance Dues 2023

OVERDUE NOW

Thank you to all families who have paid to date.

Good Shepherd Uniform

Summer Uniform in Term 4 and term 1 2024. 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.

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

A banner for Good Shepherd School enrolments. It features the school's logo, a cross, and text: 'Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025', 'NOW OPEN', 'Contact us: Phone: 09 620 4962, Website: www.goodshepherd.school.nz, Email: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz', and 'Visit us: 30 Telford Avenue, Balmoral, Auckland 1041'. At the bottom, it says 'GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL' and '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.

A screenshot of the Good Shepherd Primary School website header. It includes the school logo, the name 'Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland', and navigation links for 'Click for email', 'Click for phone', 'Visit website', and 'SEE ACTIVITIES'. Below the header, there is a section titled 'About Good Shepherd Primary School, Balmoral, Auckland' with a brief description and social media icons.

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



Orders are taken online via [Kindo](#).
Reminder to parents that when

you order successfully from Kindo you will receive a confirmation email.

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.

NO MOOSIES THIS FRIDAY!!



WELCOMING
All Ages 2 to 16 year olds

COME ALONG TO ENJOY

- » Running
- » Jumping
- » Throwing
- » Smiling

Coaching, Competition & Community

Roskill South Athletic Club
Summer Clubnights
October 2021 to March 2022
Tuesday Nights from 6.00pm
Margaret Griffen Park



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