



Te Kura o Heparā Pai

*Care Manaakitanga
Respect Whakautē
Honesty Pono*

Newsletter 03

29 February/ Hui-tanguru 2024

From the Principal

Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

As we reach the halfway point in our school term, I have been so impressed with how our children have been settling in and making the most of opportunities available to them.

Our year 4 swimming intensive taking place over weeks 5 and 6 is facilitated by two of our teachers Rhiannon Williams and Peyton Evans. This has been a well structured program with clear and intentional learning focuses. These teachers are a wonderful resource to the school and we appreciate them sharing their skills and knowledge to boost our tamariki's water confidence.

Our year 5 and 6 competitive swimmers travelled to Diocesan School for Girls on Tuesday 27 February to compete in the Eden / Albert Zone Swimming Competition. We are extremely proud of their efforts and the way our children represented Good Shepherd School. A big thank you to Heather McLeod who coordinated this. You can read more about our achievement at this event later in the newsletter.

This term we have had Kapa haka tutor Liv Mallon working in our kura each Monday with both the junior and senior school students for 30 minutes at a time. A special acknowledgement to Matua Tainui, Ms Carla Parry and Mrs Alice Ryan who initiated Kapa haka at GSS in 2023. It is wonderful to see our

children fully embrace this opportunity and we look forward to seeing them perform during the year.

Looking ahead to week 6 we have some of our teachers attending Religious Education professional development at the Pompallier Centre to support the special character of our school. On Tuesday 5 March we have children representing GSS at the Eden / Albert Touch Rugby Zone tournament - we wish them all the very best.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual enrichment and a journey that brings us closer as a school Whānau.

Ngā Mihi,

Ben Fahey

Upcoming Dates

05 March	Eden/Albert Touch Zones
06 March	Reconciliation 6pm
07 March	St Paul's Open Day
17 March	Feast of St. Patrick
19 March	Feast of St. Joseph 9.30am Mass
19 March	GSS Tabloid Sports 11.30am
20 March	Eden/Albert Cricket Zones
22 March	Kahui Ako Conference (school closes 12pm)
26 March	Three-Way Conferences (school closes 2pm)
27 March	Three-Way Conferences
29 March	Good Friday (School Closed)
31 March	Easter Sunday
01 April	Easter Monday (School Closed)
02 April	Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
12 April	Term 1 Ends
29 April	Term 2 Starts
	Whole School Prayers in Term One:
	Friday 2.40pm in church
	Week 6 - Room 7 (note 2.30pm start for leadership badge presentation).
	Week 8 - Room 3 (Thursday afternoon)
	Week 10 - Room 6
	Assemblies in Term One:
	Friday 2.15pm on turf
	Week 5 - Room 3 (starting at 2pm)
	Week 7 - Room 5

Please look carefully, as some of these dates have changed

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

Room 3 Cake Raffle!!!!

Bring along your spare coins and buy your raffle tickets before and after school. The lucky winner will be drawn at Friday's assembly.

\$2 for 1

\$5 for 3



Special Character

Good Shepherd Awards



Arlo Gajadhar - For being a role model student in Room 4. He consistently demonstrates the Good Shepherd values and is a lovely friend to everyone.

KC Celso - KC has shown Care and Respect including leading the waita in daily prayers. She does this with confidence and reverence.

Whole School Prayer Time and Leadership Badge Presentation



Reminder that our whole school prayers now take place on a Friday afternoon, once a fortnight. Whānau are more than welcome to attend. Classes take turns leading the prayer and the Good Shepherd Awards are handed out at this time as well.

Older children are dismissed from the church, while younger children are collected from their classrooms as usual.

The Friday prayer alternates with class assemblies on a Friday afternoon. Assemblies will still take place on the turf, weather permitting.

Please note that our Year 6 leaders will be receiving their leadership badges during our week 6 prayer next week. We will therefore start at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

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.

Preference of Enrolment Certificate Forms to be Signed

Parents who have preference enrolment forms to complete can visit Monsignor Bernard Kiely in the Parish office (corner of parish hall) Thursday 07 and Friday 08 March 8:15 - 9:15 am. Please bring along your child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised at Good Shepherd.

Sports

Eden/Albert Swimming Zones

On Tuesday a group of 11 children represented Good Shepherd School at the Eden/Albert Swimming Zones. They all competed extremely well in their races and had some brilliant results. The following children made it into finals:

Willem Greenhough - Y5 Boys 25m freestyle final and Y5 Boys 25m backstroke final

Jamie Dixon-McIver - Y6 Boys 25m freestyle final

Ronan Farrell - Y6 Boys 25m breaststroke final

Ryan Lin - Y5 Boys 25m freestyle final and Y5 Boys 25m breaststroke.

A huge congratulations to Ryan, who came first place in the Y5 Boys 25m breaststroke final.



Look Who's Back!

Our teachers and qualified swimming instructors - Rhiannon Williams and Peyton Evans were off to a

wonderful start this week with our yearly intensive year four swimming instruction programme. This is taking place each day in our school pool and progress is already noticeable!



Eden/Albert Touch Zones

Week 6 - Tuesday 5 March

Eden/Albert Cricket Zones

Week 8 - Wednesday 20 March

Swimming Sports Certificates

These will be handed out at Room 3's assembly this week on Friday afternoon. Please note the earlier start time of **2pm** for this assembly. The assembly will be on the turf.

In & Around School



At Garden Club this term we have been cleaning out weeds that grew over the summer. We were delighted to discover squash that had grown over

the summer despite the dry, hot conditions. Today we harvested our potatoes, which also grew well despite the conditions! We are excited about cooking them next week at Garden Club!



Information for Whānau

Principal's Open Office 8:30am - 9:30am

If you would like to see Mr Fahey please email the school office admin@goodshepherd.school.nz to secure a time between 8:30am - 9.30am.

Caring Committee



If you would like to be a part of our wonderful Good Shepherd Community Caring Committee please

email Chelsea at: admin@goodshepherd.school.nz
or Heather at: hmcleod@goodshepherd.school.nz

The caring committee provides support to families in our community who are going through some tough times and need some extra support, e.g. meals, lunches, baking, school transport.

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.

WhatsApp and Facebook

WhatsApp and Facebook are excellent ways for whānau to keep in touch together. Classroom WhatsApp addresses **have not changed** this year - you will need to leave your child's 2023 class group, and join their 2024 one. Please find the information sheet with instructions here.

[GSS WhatsApp and Facebook Information.pdf](#)

Absences - MAKE SURE YOU NOTIFY US



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Please notify the school office of any student absences and the reason before 9:15 am on the day of absence. Notify by phone on 09 620 4962, email admin@goodshepherd.school.nz or log on to your 'School App' and notify absence. Remember to inform the school of the reason so we can code your child's absence accordingly.

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.*

Before & After School OSCA Programme

If your child attends the OSCA programme and is enrolled during the afternoon session, Alex would appreciate it if parents contact him if your child is doing extra curricular activities during these hours such as St Peters Music Programme, sport training or pre arranged care with friends. averqis@goodshepherd.school.nz.

Attendance Dues 2024

Attendance dues for 2024 have been sent out by email to each family. Please click on this [link](#) for more information. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please contact Ilana in the office by email accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz or stop by to make arrangements.

Good Shepherd Uniform

ALL children are expected to be in their full Summer Uniform in Terms 1 and 4. This includes black sandals and a navy 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.



Children with long hair **MUST** have their hair tied back, during school hours. A watch and plain silver or gold ear studs are the only jewellery permitted with the school uniform.

Uniforms are purchased through Elizabeth Michael Uniforms. Online orders can be made through Elizabeth Michael's website with the code GS132. We do keep a supply of second hand uniforms for purchase at the school office for \$5 per item

Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Respect Whakautu	Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025	+
Care Manaaki	NOW OPEN	
GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL	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.

GSS PTA NEWS



The Good Shepherd PTA had its first meeting of the year, and AGM, on 21 February. We congratulate the following parents on their election as office holders and thank them for their service to the school:

Sarah Diver - Chairperson

Aimee Greenhough - Vice-Chairperson

Daniella Holschier & Madeleine Langley - Share the role of Secretary

Andrew Whale - Treasurer

We also thank Peter Buckthought for the work he has done as PTA chair in 2023 and also Alan McArdle for his work as Treasurer of the PTA.

Little Shepherds - Come Along!!

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

Sushi is available to order for lunch most Fridays. The sushi is provided by Nagoya Sushi on Morningside Drive. We also have Pizza Day twice a term. The pizzas are supplied by Dominoes in Sandringham. Orders are taken online via Kindo. If you do not have a Kindo account, it is quick and easy to set one up by going to [Kindo](https://www.kindo.co.nz) and going to *Join Up*. Thanks to those who have volunteered so far.



Orders are open now for the sushi days for this term. They close at 8.30am on the day of delivery. You can order in advance for as many weeks as you like. You are able to cancel orders up until 8.30am on the day of the delivery. Don't forget to include a fork in your child's lunchbox if you have ordered teriyaki katsu chicken on rice.



The NEXT Pizza Day will be available on the following date this term Tuesday 09 April.

Moosies are available most Fridays They cost \$2 and can be ordered on Kindo or bring the coin to school.



If you have ordered a Moosie from Kindo, please remind your child they **MUST** line up outside Room 2 at lunchtime, after they are released from sitting/eating time. Moosie monitors are not able to find children and remind them.

Catholic Schools - Open Day Season



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

**THURSDAY
7
MARCH
2024**

**CLOSING DATE FOR
2025 APPLICATIONS
FRIDAY 15 MARCH
2024**

Enrolments open on **Monday 12 February 2024** for Year 7 and 9 students and a small number of places at other year levels.

11 NEW STREET, PONSONBY, AUCKLAND
Commencing 2.30pm & 6.30pm
Both sessions deliver the same information
Paul Keane Gymnasium

St Mary's College has no zoning restrictions

FOR MORE INFORMATION



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

CONFORTARE ESTO VIR

YEARS 7-13 CATHOLIC CHAMPAGNAT MARIST SCHOOL FOR BOYS


OPEN DAY

Enrolments for Years 7, 8, and 9 in 2025
Limited enrolments at other levels

Thursday 7th March 2024 | 9:30am or 1:45pm

Assembly in the College Chapel, followed by a tour of the school

STPAULSCOLLEGE.CO.NZ | 183 RICHMOND ROAD, PONSONBY
(Parking available on-site)




Celebrate Connecting
with our Seas

Seaweed


Full event details:
seaweek.org.nz

Auckland Events March 1-10


Friday 1 st	Seashore Explore	Sir Peter Blake MERC, Long Bay 5:30 - 8p	Explore intertidal rock pools team MERC and learn about the marine life!
Saturday 2 nd	Coastival	Western Reserve, Orewa 11am-4p	Collaborative event where MERC is offering free stand up paddleboarding
	Lynfield Cove Cleanup	Lynfield Cove Beach, Auckland 9:30-12p	Friends of Wairaki Stream Seaweed clean-up followed by free pizza
	Undersea Landscapes	Te Manawa, Westgate 2-4p	Create an under the sea diorama with upcycled materials with Re-Creators
Sunday 3 rd	Goat Island Snorkel Day	Cape Rodney-Okakari Pt Marine Reserve, Leigh 10:30 - 3:30p	Guided snorkel tours hosted by Experiencing Marine Reserves
	Wonderful World of Marine Food Webs	Albany Village Library 2:30-3:30p	Marine food web themed interactive learning & crafts with MERC educators
Wednesday 6 th	Whangateau Snorkel Day	Whangateau Harbour 12-3:30p	Free guided snorkel tours hosted by Experiencing Marine Reserves
	Seaweed Sunset Groove Session	Point Chevalier Beach 6:30-8:30p	Silent disco on the beach & activities with Papaya Stories for Seaweed
Thursday 7 th	Fish & Ocean Puppets for Seaweed	Mt Roskill Library 3:30-5:30p	Craft cute puppets and chat about sea creatures with the Re-Creators.
	Wonderful World of Marine Food Webs	East Coast Bays Library, Browns Bay, 5:30-6:30p	Marine food web themed interactive learning & crafts with MERC educators
Saturday 9 th	Waiake/Torbay Night Snorkel	Rock Isle Beach 6:30-9:30p	Free guided snorkel tours hosted by Experiencing Marine Reserves
	Tree Rescue	Wairau Estuary, Milford 9:30-12:30p	Help out Conservation Volunteers NZ with wedding a coastal restoration area
	Marine Food Webs & Upcycled Sea Creatures	Mahurangi East Library, Snells Beach, 10a - 3p drop-in crafts	Interactive learning & craft session with Tinker Designs, upcycling items into art!
	Wonderful World of Marine Food Webs	Orewa Library 1-2p	Marine food web themed interactive learning & crafts with MERC educators
Sunday 10 th	Paper Mache Sea Creatures	Otāhuhu Library 10-12p	Make sea creatures from paper mache with the Re-Creators!
	Discover Takapuna Reef	Takapuna Beach 10-3p	EMR Collaborative event includes: guided snorkel, paddling, reef exploration & more
Sunday 10 th	Sea MERC Day	Sir Peter Blake MERC, Long Bay 12-4p	Free water activities, marine education activities & more




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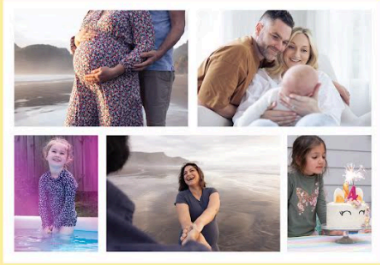
Advertisements

Sea Week 01 March - 10 March 2024

Free events happening all around Auckland, including an event at MERC (where we went to camp). Sea MERC Day - Sunday 10 March 11.30am - 3.00pm Link can be found here: [SEAWEEK](https://seaweek.org.nz)

Make Your Special Memories Timeless

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We are thrilled to be hosting our 2024 **futureFERNs** 'Give it a Go' days at two venues this year - St John's and Windmill Park. No registration is required for your child - simply bring them along to our free session to learn new skills, play netball, and have fun! No netball experience is needed, and all boys and girls are welcome (Years 1-8), so it's a perfect chance for the whole family to come along together.

[St John's Session](#)

Saturday 9th March

1pm - 3.30pm

Years 1 - 8

7 Allison Ferguson Drive, St John's

[Mount Eden Session](#)

Saturday 16th March

1pm - 3.30pm

Years 1 - 8

48 Windmill Road, Mount Eden

You can expect:

- Games, skills, and matchplay
- Our cafe open
- Ice creams
- Spot prizes
- Q&A opportunities for parents