



### *Te Kura o Heparā Pai*

*Care Manaakitanga  
Respect Whakautē  
Honesty Pono*

## Newsletter 04

14 March/ Poutū-te-rangi 2024

### From the Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

The buzz around Good Shepherd School continues as we come to the conclusion of another busy week. It has been great to see children stepping out of their comfort zone to take on new challenges and opportunities as they arise.

On Thursday 07 March our Touch Rugby teams travelled to Grammar Carlton Rugby Club to represent our school in the Eden / Albert competition. Our A team missed out on making the final narrowly by just one point! Both teams displayed exemplary sportsmanship and should be proud of their efforts. A special thanks to our coaches Steven Farrell and Cuchullain Gallagher as well as Heather McLeod for her organisation and support on the day.

Our school leaders for 2024 were presented with badges at our Prayer Assembly last Friday 8 March. This was a great opportunity to acknowledge our student leaders as they assume their roles of responsibility for the year. We wish them luck and support them in their efforts!

This morning we were lucky enough to have ‘Opera in Schools’ visit us in our Parish hall. The children learnt the key roles needed to create an Opera, the different types of voices which make up an Opera and how the stage is set. We thank Opera in

Schools for the engaging and entertaining learning opportunity.

Next Tuesday the 19th of March we will celebrate St Joseph’s day. There will be a school Mass held at 9.30am in our Parish Church which Whānau are very welcome to join us for. Later that day children will enjoy tabloid sports on our school field.

On Wednesday 20 March our school choir will be performing as part of the Josephite Schools concert held at St Michael's school in Remuera. We thank Fengmei Li and Carla Parry for training and preparing the choir children for this event.

I look forward to seeing a sea of green tomorrow as we celebrate St Patrick’s day as a school!

Ngā Mihi,

Ben Fahey

### Upcoming Dates

15 March	Wear Green - St. Patrick’s 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 ( <b>school closes 12pm</b> )
26 March	Three-Way Conferences ( <b>school closes 2pm</b> )
27 March	Three-Way Conferences
29 March	Good Friday ( <b>School Closed</b> )
31 March	Easter Sunday
01 April	Easter Monday ( <b>School Closed</b> )
02 April	Easter Tuesday ( <b>School Closed</b> )
09 April	Pizza Day
12 April	Term 1 Ends
29 April	Term 2 Starts
	<b>Whole School Prayers in Term One:</b>
	<b>Friday 2.40pm in church</b>
	Week 8 - Room 3 ( <b>Thursday afternoon</b> )
	Week 10 - Room 6
	<b>Assemblies in Term One:</b>
	<b>Friday 2.15pm on turf</b>
	Week 5 - Room 3 ( <b>starting at 2pm</b> )
	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

## St Patrick's Day - TOMORROW Friday 15 March



Children can wear anything green to school to celebrate St Patrick's Day. They can either wear all green clothes or their school uniform with green accessories. It's not a colourful clothes day, **only green!!!!** If they don't have anything green to wear or any green accessories, they just wear their school uniform to school.

## Little Shepherds - Parents & Toddlers Catch Up Tomorrow



## Room 5 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

# ★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to the following children who celebrate their birthday in March:

*Luciana Alfonso Garzon*  
*Gabriella Custodio Wilson*  
*Harriet Davies*  
*Tyler Fasala*  
*Devin Fonseka*  
*Matthias Kautoke*  
*Marcus Kennerley*  
*Laurika Lealofi*  
*Kyrie-Eleison Leger*  
*Lyanna Lemalu*  
*Órla McArdle*  
*Cecelia Niuula*  
*Alice Pearce*  
*Benicio San Martin*  
*Felix Taito*  
*Promise Thomsen*  
*Leann Valde*  
*Cassius Wall*  
*Camilla Whale*  
*Felix Wilson*  
*Roman Wilson*

## Whole School Prayer Time



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 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) Friday 15 March 8:15am-9:15am. Please bring along your child's baptism certificate if they were not baptised at Good Shepherd.

## Sports

### St Joseph's Day Tabloids

**Week 8 - Tuesday 19 March** - On this day we celebrate St Joseph's Day with some fun tabloid sports in our house groups. Children can bring some sports clothes to change into that day. They need to wear their school uniform to school, as we will be attending mass in the morning. They can get changed at morning tea time. If children have sports clothes in their house colours they can bring those to wear.

### Eden/Albert Cricket Zones

**Week 8 - Wednesday 20 March** at Cornwall Park Cricket Club

## Good Shepherd Netball is Back Starting in Term 2!

Netball is a great team sport for boys and girls. The winter season starts in Term 2, Year 1 to Year 6 are all welcome to register their interest in the link below. [REGISTER HERE](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aimee Greenhough on 021-763-002 or [aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz](mailto:aimee@ingoodcompany.co.nz).

Not sure if Netball is for you, there is a Give it a Go Day next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Windmill Road. See details in the flyer below.



**NETBALL IS BACK**  
COME GIVE IT A GO!

FREE SESSIONS

We are thrilled to be hosting our 2024 futureFERNs 'Give it a Go' days. No registration required - simply come along to our free session to learn new skills, play netball, and have fun!

<b>St Johns Session</b>	<b>Windmill Park Session</b>
Date: Saturday 9th March	Date: Saturday 16th March
Time: 1pm - 3:30pm	Time: 1pm - 3:30pm
Ages: Year 1-8 (boys & girls) no experience required	Ages: Year 1-8 (boys & girls) no experience required
Location: 7 Allison Ferguson Drive	Location: 48 Windmill Road

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
Caitlin, Development Program Officer  
T: 09 280 4129  
E: [development@aucklandnetball.co.nz](mailto:development@aucklandnetball.co.nz)

AUCKLAND NETBALL

## In & Around School Garden Club



It was difficult to spend much time in the garden during the wet weather on Tuesday. Luckily there was a short break in the rain right at the beginning of lunchtime! We went and cut the last of our summer flowers and chose ribbons to tie around them so they would make a nice gift for someone. Next week we are hoping to get started on some Autumn planting.



has not attended OSCA before then they will need to complete an enrolment form, link can be found below or from the school office.

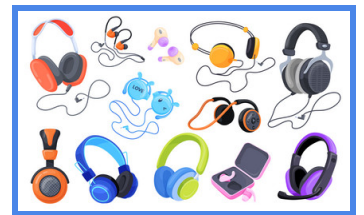
[OSCA information sheet](#)

[Behavioural policy agreement enrolment form](#)



### Headphones/Earbuds Needed

We would love your child to bring a pair of **named** earbuds or headphones to use at school if you have them available. The free kind you get on a plane would be fine. We find them useful, for example when they are listening to stories online while reading along. Ear buds do need to be wired, as we find this more manageable. Please don't send anything very valuable as small things can get lost easily. Thank you.



### Information for Whānau

#### GSS Term One - Overview

[Overview pdf](#)

#### 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](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz) to secure a time between 8:30am - 9:30am.

#### EARLY FINISH NEXT WEEK FRIDAY!!!



**On Friday 22nd March Good Shepherd school will be closing at 12pm.**

Please ensure children are picked up no later than 12pm, as teachers will be leaving to attend the Kahui Ako conference. The OSCA Programme will be operating from 12pm. If you need to make a booking please contact Alex Vergis by email [avergis@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:avergis@goodshepherd.school.nz) Or text 027-477-6722 by Thursday 21 March. If your child

### Opera in Schools

Took place in the hall this morning. This is always a winner for GSS, and it is enhanced by opera-based learning opportunities for our tamariki to undertake in the classroom as well!!









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. [avergis@goodshepherd.school.nz](mailto:avergis@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](mailto:accounts@goodshepherd.school.nz) or stop by to make arrangements.

### Good Shepherd Uniform Term 2 & 3 Winter Uniform

sunny rā paki		cloudy kapua	
rainy ua		windy hau	

It's time to organise winter uniforms!! Say goodbye to short sleeve tops and dig out your child's long sleeve polos and winter shoes.

ALL children are still expected to be in their full Summer Uniform for the rest of term 1. This includes black sandals and a navy wide-brim hat. School hats are still permitted to be worn too, please remember **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

### Rainy Days and Parking

As we approach the wet season it is just a reminder that parents aren't to park past the cones in the Volcanic St back carpark. We understand the reason that it is closer to school especially on rainy days but the cones are set up for the safety of children and whānau to have an area that is away from moving vehicles.



### 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](mailto: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](#)

### Before & After School OSCA Programme

If your child attends the OSCA programme and is enrolled during the afternoon session, Alex would

## Enrolments at Good Shepherd School

Respect Whakautu	Pre Enrolment Applications 2024 and 2025	
Care Manaaki	<b>NOW OPEN</b>	
Honesty Pono	Contact us: Phone: 09 620 4962 Website: <a href="http://www.goodshepherd.school.nz">www.goodshepherd.school.nz</a> Email: <a href="mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz">admin@goodshepherd.school.nz</a>	Visit us: 30 Telford Avenue Balmoral Auckland 1041
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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](mailto:admin@goodshepherd.school.nz)

As always we appreciate your recommendations of our school to friends and whānau.

## GSS PTA NEWS



### The Good Shepherd PTA

**Sarah Diver**- Chairperson

**Aimee Greenhough** - Vice-Chairperson

**Daniella Holschier & Madeleine Langley** - Share the role of Secretary

**Andrew Whale** - Treasurer

## Sushi, Pizza's & Moosies

Orders for the next Pizza Day are open now on Kindo. Pizza Day will be on Tuesday 9th April. Orders will close at 6pm on Thursday 4th April.

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](#) 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 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 once lunch begins.*

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**U5 to U8 Kiwitea Football** (born 2016 - 2019)

Day & Time: Friday Nights, 4.15 - 5.15 PM  
Location: Freyberg Park, Kiwitea Street, Sandringham  
Cost: \$120 for the full season  
Dates: Starts Friday 3 May 2024 and will finish late September

1 x weekly session with activities and matches

**U9 & 10 Junior Football** (born 2014 to 2015)

Trainings: Thursdays afternoons at War Memorial Park, Mount Roskill.  
Games: Saturday Mornings at various locations  
Cost: \$160 for the full season  
Dates: Saturday 27 April 2024 and will finish late September  
Girls only team options available

1 x Team training and 1 x match day a week - 7 aside

**U11 & 12 Junior Football** (born 2012 to 2013)

Trainings: Thursdays afternoons at War Memorial Park, Mount Roskill.  
Games: Saturday Mornings at various locations  
Cost: \$160 for the full season  
Dates: Saturday 27 April 2024 and will finish late September  
Girls only team options available

1 x Team training and 1 x match day a week - 9 aside

**U13 to U15 Youth Mixed Football** (born 2011 to 2009)

Trainings: Tuesday afternoons at War Memorial Park, Mount Roskill.  
Games: Saturdays at various locations  
Cost: \$180 for the full season  
Dates: Saturday 27 April 2024 and will finish late September  
Girls only team options available

1 x Team training and 1 x match day a week - 11 Aside

[www.centralunitedfc.co.nz](http://www.centralunitedfc.co.nz)  
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"Come down to Carlton Juniors and play rugby in 2024. Contact and non contact options available from the age of 5-13, Boys and Girls . Come down as a school team , register and play rugby with your mates on Saturday. It's as easy as putting in a school team, training after school and playing on Saturday. Great way to be active and play other sports in the winter. "

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*by Samuel Taylor Coleridge*



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